

Administrators' Message



It's been a huge week as we have seen some significant shifts in COVID-19 restrictions, particularly for those in Metropolitan Melbourne. We are thankful to see the case numbers for COVID-19 remain low and now have additional liberties with local gyms and fitness studios open, indoor pools open to all ages and indoor non-contact sports return for children. We also look forward to welcoming back tourists from across the state in the next few weeks that will provide a much-needed boost of activity for our local businesses.

Our libraries have also reopened to the public with visitors now able to browse for up to 15 minutes or book a public computer. Staff are working within the COVIDSafe plan to ensure everyone remains safe and other services including postal deliveries, click and collect and online programs are still available.

We are seeing our volunteer group starting to 'awaken' after their forced break during the pandemic. This is fantastic as it starts to bring regular connection back to our everyday routines. This is extremely important for our wellbeing so we encourage everyone to return to their regular activities in a COVIDSafe way where you can.

As we come into November it is natural for us to start thinking of Christmas and how we intend to close out the year. Although we don't know what a COVID Christmas will look like just yet we would like to urge everyone to shop local for family and friends this year. Local businesses need our support and spending local is the best way for each of us to do that. South Gippsland is blessed to have a lot of great offerings available, so it is a chance to get creative! If you need some inspiration you can visit www.shopsouthgippsland.com.au

This week we also had our Council Meeting where a number of important issues were raised such as the COVID-19 Community Support Package and grants for local roads and infrastructure projects. We did run into some technical difficulties which delayed the meeting so we apologise to anyone who this may have inconvenienced. Despite the delay the livestream still went ahead capturing the full meeting, you can watch the replay on demand at www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

Finally, we hope you all have been staying healthy and well. It is wonderful to sense some optimism after what has been a difficult time. Despite some normality returning it is still very important that we keep looking out for one another – as we are stronger when working together.

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