

Administrators' Message



We hope you have all had a relaxing and safe Easter break.

The clean up from the weather event a few weeks ago looks like it is finally coming to an end for many of our towns. Wilson's Promontory is still in the midst of fixing walking tracks, the Tidal River Boat Ramp and some campsites that had been damaged due to the torrential rain. We extend our best wishes to the team working at the Prom and hope that it is smooth sailing to repair the damage. At this stage, these parts of the park will be closed until this work is complete. To stay up to date on the work, please visit the Parks Victoria website:

www.parks.vic.gov.au

Last week, we had the great pleasure to take part in a Business Leaders Luncheon. It was a fantastic opportunity for presidents of Business Associations and Chambers of Commerce from our local towns to talk to us about what is happening in their communities. It was also a terrific opportunity to reflect on how our towns dealt with and are recovering from COVID-19.

The idea behind this luncheon was to give business leaders and community leaders an opportunity to have an open and honest conversation with Council about what can be done when we work together. Not only is it a matter of reflecting on what has happened, but planning for the future and exploring what that looks like with Council and business working in harmony.

We have been doing some fantastic work through our Economy, Arts and Tourism department and the Community Strengthening team – that work will never stop, but simply adapt to what the community needs at any given time.

Events such as this relate back to Council's strategy *Objective 1: A United Shire*, demonstrates the commitment of Council to work with the community and highlights the magnificent human beings that volunteer their time for the betterment of their community.

The luncheon was a combination of new faces, some that have been around for a few years, and those that have been around for many, many years. All of these people are shining examples of South Gippsland and how much we have to look forward to in the coming years. We have some amazing events coming to fruition and we have people who want to get involved and do their bit for their community. It truly is a special time and we would like to thank you all for being part of it.

We have also seen the Korumburra Hub matter settled in VCAT this week. The project can now proceed with a clear path once an amended planning permit has been developed and reissued. The updated permit will address the height of the fence adjoining the neighbour's property, disabled car parking spaces and comparison of the natural ground level with finished building floor levels. It is also anticipated that the tender for this project will be going out in May. We are keen for the project to continue moving forward now and we know the people of Korumburra are too.

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