

# Administrators' Message



At Council's next meeting on Wednesday 14 April, we will be considering the budget for the new financial year. This is an important document that outlines Council's intentions for the year ahead – how we plan to provide for our community through both services and facilities. We strongly encourage you all to watch the meeting, view the agenda paper on Council's website and provide feedback when the time comes.

While the development of plans and strategies is a usual part of Council's operations, there are certain strategic documents that are so fundamental to the ongoing success and prosperity of our Shire that they really stand out.

It almost seems like perfect timing, after a tough 2020 and restricted visitor numbers through our region, that we have the opportunity to refresh our Economic Development and Visitor Economy strategies.

These strategies will be developed with the support of the Economic Development and Visitor Economy Advisory Groups and aim to position South Gippsland as a prosperous and thriving economy and key visitor destination. As part of their development, the strategies will respond to the most significant challenges and opportunities that our region is expected to face over the next 10 years.

Council is inviting all community members and visitors to join the conversation on how we can ensure our region flourishes into the future. As with any direction that Council takes, we aim to have our community at the heart of what we set out to achieve, and seeking your input is one way we can accomplish this. Helping our region be the best it can be is truly a partnership between Council and the community.

As Administrators, we feel very humbled to be part of the development of these important strategies that will serve the South Gippsland community long after our term.

To provide your feedback, please visit: [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/thrivingsouthgippsland](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/thrivingsouthgippsland)

With a lot of news coverage about the COVID-19 vaccine, it can be easy to forget about getting your flu vaccine. Please remember to book in to get your immunisation before winter hits to protect your loved ones as well as yourself.

Our Immunisation team is ready to help with bookings by calling 5662 9200 and further information about sessions is available at [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/immunisation](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/immunisation)

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