

# Administrators' Message



This week, we endorsed the Proposed 2021/22 Council Budget and Proposed 2021/22 to 2030/31 Financial Plan at the 14 April Council Meeting, which is now available for community comment.

The Council Budget and Financial Plan are fundamental to Council's function as they outline how future operations will be funded. The 2021/22 Budget is just one part of the 2021/22 to 2024/25 budget and includes a range of exciting priorities for this financial year. Some of these projects are getting the funding they need to be completed or at least take some major steps towards that goal.

This is one of the largest capital works programs our shire has ever seen, which has been made possible by additional State Government funding due to COVID-19 and trying to keep our economy going. However, it is important to remember that the level of funding in this budget will not necessarily be seen again. The additional State Government support will not go on forever, but while we have it, it will be used to complete projects that have been ready for some time and finish off those that are of priority to the community.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the team of Council employees who have worked on this budget and the projects within it and encourage the community to view the documents and provide their feedback. Without community feedback, it is difficult to know if we are on the right track.

Over the weekend, Julie was fortunate enough to attend some in-person events that really highlighted the community we have here in South Gippsland.

She attended the Loch Bowling Club who have done a fantastic job at regenerating their club with the introduction of twilight barefoot bowls. They have 15 teams who thoroughly enjoy their weekly roll.

The Country Women's Association (CWA) held their Arts and Crafts event for the Bass region clubs at Loch. There were hundreds of incredible crafts, which were judged according to the strict CWA guidelines. Everything from jams to knitting, quilting and recycling were on show with one lady who even made a scarf out of tea bag strings. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and congratulations to all who took part and the winners of each section. This event was

a fantastic example of people's abilities and the social benefits of being involved in club life.

The Korumburra Croquet Club celebrated their centenary on the weekend as well. A wonderful anniversary cake was provided for all guests to enjoy.

It was great to be out and about in the community and attending events. They are all examples of the benefits of being part of social groups and getting back into our community. When you attend events like these, it is clear that in-person events have been missed.

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