

# Administrators' Message



This week, we took the time to reflect and pay our respects to the service men and women who bravely fought for our nation. ANZAC Day is very significant for our country, it is an opportunity for us all to pause and show our deep appreciation for their service.

We are thankful to have had Administrator Brown attend the morning service in Korumburra and lay a wreath on behalf of all of us in Council. Our Chief Executive Officer Kerryn Ellis also attended the Korumburra Primary School Honour Roll and ANZAC Service. The honour rolls list the names of those who attended the school and served for us all. We should all be very proud of these people and their families that supported them and also to the Korumburra RSL who organised such a wonderful project.

It was fantastic to also see so many community members attending the many local ANZAC Day events that were held across our region, particularly as we could commemorate together this year.

Speaking of opportunities for us to all come together, as Administrators we are extremely thankful to be able to attend community events and connect with community groups once again.

Administrator Brown also attended the Gippsland Country Music Festival at Mossvale Park last weekend. The festival was the first in Gippsland and was a great success with the limited 5,000 tickets sold out over two months ago. There was a great balance of performers between well-known identities, including the Davidson Brothers, national bluegrass champions, who grew up in Yinnar, and local talent. We would like to congratulate the event organisers for their hard work and thank them for bringing such a fantastic event to our region.

We also all had the opportunity to visit local Men's Sheds across South Gippsland this week. These groups are fundamental to the health and wellbeing of many local men as they provide a safe and busy environment where men can find community connection in an atmosphere of old-fashioned mateship. It truly was inspiring to see the connection in these groups and what they create. If you are interested we encourage you to head on down to your local Men's Shed, details can be found at [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/mensshed](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/mensshed)

The Great Southern Bale Trail has also been gaining a lot of interest since its official opening last fortnight, particularly with local media outlets. The project joins agriculture and art, which as

we all know are two very important industries here in South Gippsland. It also showcases the work of talented artists and the hospitality of the local farmers who generously volunteered the use of their properties for the project. It is our hope that with the added exposure of this project we will have additional visitors come and experience our region. For those wanting to take a look at the project for themselves you can find more at [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/GSBT](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/GSBT)

Finally, we must note that the Proposed Council Budget and Financial Plan are currently out for community feedback. The Proposed Budget and Financial Plan are foundational documents for Council as they provide the basis from which we will deliver on the goals and aspirations of the Council Plan and beyond. Community members have until 5.00pm 17 May to make a submission at [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/financials](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/financials) or via email to [submissions@southgippsland.vic.gov.au](mailto:submissions@southgippsland.vic.gov.au). So far, we have had 57 community members view the online submission form and one submission made, so we highly encourage everyone to take the time to look over these vital documents while they can as the more community feedback we receive the better outcomes we can create for our region.

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