

Administrators' Message



South Gippsland is an amazing community to be part of. After a tough 12 months, it is exciting to see our region rebounding with some great events that have been made possible thanks to community members collaborating.

If you have an artistic flare, there is certainly a lot happening throughout the shire that you might be interested in.

The ArtsACTION workshops are still available for those artists who would like some professional development. So far, it has been delivered to over 300 people and has been very well received by those who have participated. Not only is it a great opportunity for personal development, but for connecting with other creatives across our region. There is a free six-part resource pack available at any time until the end of June and online workshops being run in May that you can attend. If you wish to attend a free workshop, you can register here: popupart-artsaction.eventbrite.com

There are also a number of local artist exhibitions at galleries across South Gippsland. Whether you are in Toora, Korumburra, Foster, Meenyan, Fish Creek or further afield, there is likely an exhibit near you that you can go visit. We have some truly talented people in South Gippsland and it is a great opportunity to support them and their work.

If you are more of a writer, Coal Creek Community Park and Museum is currently taking submissions for their Literary Festival Writing Competitions. Poets and short story aficionados are encouraged to submit a piece before October for a chance to win a cash prize.

Coal Creek Community Park and Museum also have a fabulous exhibit called *Women of Woorayl: Women's Clothing from 1860 to 1920* that showcases garment from their collection. This exhibit is only open until 17 May 2021, but is well worth going to and seeing how our society has shifted its clothing styles over the past century. For both of these events held by Coal Creek, please visit their website for more information: www.coalcreekcommunityparkandmuseum.com

Not to mention there is also the Great Southern Bale Trail that is an absolute joy to do. There is certainly a lot happening that we should all be very excited about.

With Council elections coming up in October 2021, now is the time to think about whether you

would like to run. Being a representative of your community is a hugely rewarding role. If this is something that is of interest to you, we encourage you to visit Council's website. This is where you can find a host of election information including timelines and resources about what it means to be a Councillor. To find all that information, please follow this link:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/election

We hope you all have a safe and lovely week.

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