

Administrators' Message



National Volunteer Week started on Monday 17 May and is a great opportunity for us all to reflect on the impact volunteers have on our community. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers across South Gippsland. Whether it is in life-saving, sporting, the arts, health support or social and community organisations, the impact you have on our community is substantial. Many groups and organisations could not function without the help of these amazing people. Many members of the community also volunteer to help deliver Council services, and we would also like to say thank you to these fantastic members of our team.

South Gippsland has an amazing record for volunteering – in the 2016 Census, South Gippsland had a participation rate of 29.3 per cent, which was well above the national participation rate of 19 per cent. That is a phenomenal number of people who give back to their community.

If you know a volunteer or receive help from them, say 'thank you' to them this week.

If you are not currently a volunteer but are looking for an opportunity, you can find a list of community organisations who might need your help on Council's website here:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/communitydirectory

This week will also see Council's Loch Lunch and Launch event take place on Thursday 20 May. The event is being held to help shape the available leisure activities in South Gippsland and will also feature the launch of the film *The Rusty Cricketers*.

The film features a mixed group of people who come together to play cricket in Loch during the warmer months. Council's Shift the Work Life Balance project has supported the production of the film in order to highlight the different ways sport can be incorporated into a range of different lifestyles.

The Shift the Work Life Balance project can also support other individuals and groups who wish to set up different activities in their own area – from sport to music, book clubs, social craft and more. If you would like to talk to someone about it, please contact Heather Butler on 5662 9200 or via email heather.butler@southgippsland.vic.gov.au

This Wednesday is Council Meeting day at South Gippsland Shire Council. While we are back to face-to-face meetings, you can still watch the meeting live on Council's website here:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

We hope you all have a happy, safe and healthy week.

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