

# Administrators' Message



A seven-day circuit breaker lockdown was announced on Thursday 27 May. It is events such as this that remind us that COVID-19 is not gone. We strongly encourage you to get tested if you have symptoms or have been to one of the exposure sites. This new strain is moving rapidly, so even a brief visit during the times listed on the DHHS website is cause for a test. Also, please arrange your flu and COVID-19 vaccinations if you are eligible. With the lowering of the threshold for COVID-19 vaccines to those over 40, please book an appointment to get vaccinated. We all have a part to play in keeping our state and our nation safe.

We were delighted to hear that Berrys Creek Gourmet Cheese won a suite of awards at the Royal Queensland Food and Wine Show (RQFWS) this week.

Their Riverine Blue took out Grand Champion Dairy Product at the show as well as:

- Champion Cow's Milk Cheese of Show for their Oak Blue.
- Champion Non-Cow's Milk Cheese of Show for their Riverine Blue.
- Gold Medals for their Riverine Blue, Oak Blue, Mossvale Blue and Buffalo Brie.
- Silver Medal for their Tarwin Blue.

It is great that a business from our region is winning awards at a national level. It really goes to show the calibre of businesses that call South Gippsland home.

Administrator Chair Julie Eisenbise has also been visiting a number of groups and representatives over the past week. When we visit groups and businesses across our region, it reinforces the deep admiration we have for all our volunteers. Their passion for our community and the projects to which they are committed is truly inspiring. As we have said before, volunteering is so prevalent in South Gippsland and we feel it adds so much to our community.

Later this year, our community will have the chance to work in partnership with our new Council to develop a new vision for the South Gippsland community. When the time comes, we strongly encourage you all to get involved and provide your input. The vision is a joint project between Council and our community and your views will be important to establishing clear and shared

objectives for South Gippsland's future.

**Julie Eisenbise, Christian Zahra AM and Rick Brown – Administrators**