

Mayor's Message



This week I attended my first Australia Day Awards Ceremony as Mayor. Events such as these are extremely humbling to be part of and it really hit home to me how lucky we are to have such passionate community members.

I would like to congratulate again our 2022 Citizen of the Year Juneen Schulz and Young Citizen of the Year Jye Davey alongside all our Australia Day Awards nominees.

Being nominated for an Australia Day Award is a real honour and each nominee should be extremely proud. All the nominees dedicate their time, skills and energy selflessly to benefit our South Gippsland community.

Passionate people like Jye and Juneen are the lifeblood of our communities – South Gippsland is very blessed to have so many people who love their region and are willing to dedicate their time to make it the best it can be.

I would also like to thank the Meeniyan Mechanics Institute for hosting the awards at the fabulous Meeniyan Hall and the Council staff that put the event together. This event could not have been possible without them.

While we are on the topic of Australia Day, there are a range of events happening on Australia Day right across South Gippsland. From BBQs to table tennis marathons, there is something for everyone so you can celebrate Australia Day your way in your community.

This year, I'll be attending events in Leongatha at the Citizenship Ceremony, and Mirboo North for the Pool Opening. With so many other events available, who knows where else I'll end up in our beautiful region, but I do know it will be a fantastic day. More information on the events scheduled can be found at www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/australiaday

On Australia Day, the winners of the South Gippsland Shire Council Film and Photography competition will be announced via a virtual screening. If you wish to view the screening, please visit www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/australiaday I wish all the entrants the best of luck.

The work of Council and the community in partnering to develop our Community Vision 2040 continues after the community pop-ups, online survey and registrations for the community panel have ended. On 2 February at 6.00pm, an online forum will take place. This is a great opportunity for the community to get involved, whether that be for the first time or not. It is so

important for everyone to be part of this process. I strongly encourage you all to get involved in the online forum and any other opportunities that come up. In order for this Vision to capture the uniqueness of our community, we need to hear from all of you.

To register for this forum, and for more information on the project, please visit www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/vision

Cr Mohya Davies – Mayor