

Mayor's Message



This week, Council has proudly announced our participation in the Youth Live4Life program. It is a remarkable program that provides regional and rural young people and their communities with the tools to identify, understand and assist when mental health concerns arise. It holds young people at the centre by providing them the opportunity to challenge the stigma and support their peers through youth-led and directed projects.

One of the many things that the pandemic has highlighted for all of us is that our young people need support and a program like this is a step in the right direction.

Last week I highlighted an opportunity for you all to engage with Council, through the Regional Profile survey.

This survey is very important for us to gain an in-time snapshot of what our community loves about South Gippsland, and our challenges and priorities. The results will then be used to develop a regional profile that will be used to guide policy, future planning, decision making, strategy and program development. As you can see, there are a lot of great reasons to participate.

Some households will receive a survey in the mail, while others won't, but that doesn't mean we don't want to hear from you. If you have received a physical copy, please fill out that one or follow the link you were given. It will help us understand who completed a survey from the random selection part of the process.

If you haven't received a copy, you can jump online and complete yours at yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au. The survey closes on 20 February so please make sure you complete it as soon as possible.

Last Wednesday, Councillors held a submission hearing where community members could come and tell Councillors their thoughts on the proposed road discontinuance of Gardner Lane, Poowong. I would like to thank all those who came along and talked us through the impact this discontinuance would have. It helps all Councillors take in views that they may not have considered before. This kind of participation is something we thrive on and are committed to continuing during our term as Councillors.

To finish off this week's message, I would like to remind you all that the first Council Meeting for 2022 will take place on Wednesday 16 February at 2.00pm at Council Chambers, Leongatha.

All Councillors are so excited to be back and can't wait to get into a full year of meetings, briefings, community meetings and everything in between.

If you would like to learn more about the Council Meeting, you can attend in person, or watch the live stream by visiting www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

Cr Mohya Davies – Mayor