

# Mayor's Message



Welcome to this week's message.

I am excited to let you know that there is a new engagement opportunity, the second stage of the Jupiter Boulevard redevelopment in Venus Bay. In this stage, we hope to create a skate park and new basketball area for the community to enjoy.

However, this isn't set in stone. We want to hear your feedback on the proposed design of this stage so we can refine it and make it a facility that will be enjoyed by the community and tourists alike. To have your say on the plans, please visit [yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au](https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au)

While I am on the topic of engagement, I want to remind you that you can register for the Your Say platform. This is where all the opportunities to provide your feedback to Council will be housed, so I will be directing you here a lot over the next few months. If you register, you will receive email updates on the projects you follow and new opportunities that have been posted so you never miss an opportunity to get involved. As a Councillor, I strongly encourage you to register so we know, when making decisions, that our community has been involved and we are making decisions in the interests of those we serve – you.

On Wednesday 23 February, Councillors had a Community Day at Coal Creek where we had excellent, productive discussions with the Community Infrastructure Advisory Committee (CIAC). It was great to get together and hear from them about their thoughts and what Council might be able to do to get there. I would like to thank the members who attended for being so honest with us and sharing information that will be vital for us all moving forward.

After the meeting with the CIAC, we had a brilliant workshop curated by Council staff in regards to the Community Vision work and how we can use the community feedback received so far within that process to create the Council Plan. It was refreshing and interesting to see our community's aspirations on paper and allowed us to think about how we can address some of this in the Council Plan.

It is an extremely important piece of work that will help both Council and the community in our work and priorities over the next four years. It not only sets out the goals we want to achieve, but what we want to be known for at the end of it and how we get there. A vision is only as good as the steps we take to implement it. There are still opportunities to come from community members to make an impact – another reason to register for Your Say South Gippsland to stay

informed!

I would like to conclude this week by letting you all know that some of you may have received a text message from Council regarding overdue rates. This isn't a hoax and has been sent to see if you need any assistance from our Rates team. If you are struggling right now, there are payment options available which can be talked through with our team. You can also request to receive your notice via email, so the dog can't eat it and leave you guessing about when they're due and how much. You can contact the Rates team on 5662 9200 or by emailing [rates@southgippsland.vic.gov.au](mailto:rates@southgippsland.vic.gov.au)

**Cr Mohya Davies – Mayor**