

# Mayor's Message



This week, I attended the Bass Country Women's Association's (CWA) Creative Arts Exhibition in Loch. I took my granddaughter along with me, and we both had such a fabulous time looking at all the wonderful pieces of art and crafts that were on display. The competition was fierce and the level of work was incredible! I had never been in the Loch Hall until that day and it truly was a beautiful sight to behold and a fitting place to hold this event. I would like to sincerely thank the CWA for hosting the exhibition and making it such a lovely event to attend.

Some of you may have already heard that part of the South Gippsland Highway at Koonwarra (east of Caithness Road) is going to be made redundant and reclassified as a municipal road. This means that a new name is needed for that section of road. Council has already sent letters to affected residents to have their say on the proposed new names, and we would like to hear from you all before 5.00pm Monday 2 May 2022. Currently the names proposed are Barguss Road and Milsom Road. Both of these names have been provided by the Leongatha and District Historical Society.

For all the details and to complete a short survey, please visit [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/naming\\_roads\\_places\\_and\\_features](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/naming_roads_places_and_features)

A few months ago, we told you about a streetlight replacement that was going to take place from 7 February 2022 until the end of March. Well, it is mostly done! There are just 270 remaining and it will be completed later this year.

The new lights are estimated to be 86 per cent more efficient than the lights that were previously installed, which will help Council save up to \$160,000 per year and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 300 tonnes per annum.

Not only is this project of great benefit to our environment, it is also a great financial saving and ensures our community feel safer in our local townships. This would not have been possible without the work of Council staff who thought collaboratively and worked closely with other councils to produce savings for the communities we serve.

Wednesday 20 April is our next Council Meeting day, and this one is set to be a big one! It is so important that you, the community, get involved however you can in the meetings by either coming along to the public gallery, or watching any time via the live stream link on Council's website [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live) This is the best way to keep up to date with what is

going on at Council and you can also hear about what the Councillors have been up to during the month when they give their updates.

If you don't have time to watch the entire meeting, you can subscribe to Council's newsletter, In the Know. By doing so, you'll receive updates from the Council Meeting as well as a fortnightly newsletter with some key community information. To subscribe, simply visit

[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/intheknow](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/intheknow)

On Wednesday, we also have our second citizenship ceremony for the year. At the ceremony, we will be welcoming 14 new citizens who have chosen to call South Gippsland home. This is the third ceremony I will preside over as Mayor, and they have all been lovely to be a part of.

Catching up with people and hearing their stories of coming to and becoming a citizen of Australia are so fascinating to me. I am always filled with a sense of awe and appreciation for living where I live and feel humbled to be able to share this place with many others.

I hope you all enjoyed your Easter break and have a safe and wonderful week ahead.

**Cr Mohya Davies – Mayor**