

Mayor's Message



This week, I had the privilege of attending the opening for the refurbished Foster Stadium. As a regular user of the Foster Stadium, I have been watching the redevelopment with great interest.

I grew up playing basketball and other sports at this stadium and have watched all the members of my family play basketball and other activities there. To see the stadium go from what it was to a truly spectacular building and asset for the Foster community, I am really impressed.

It was a day of great pride for me seeing this project be completed and I would like to commend the Foster Showgrounds Community Asset Committee and the Council staff that oversaw the project and worked closely with the construction company to get the stadium to where it is today. It has been constructed during a time of great uncertainty and unforeseen challenges, which makes this feat all the more amazing.

The stadium and the surrounding showgrounds are vital to our local community. Like many other towns in South Gippsland, our township of Foster is heavily involved in sport and recreation and this new modernised facility will be a great asset for many years to come.

For those who need some big rubbish taken care of, you can now book your annual hard waste collection.

In South Gippsland, the hard waste collection service is operated under a 'user pays' system. Put simply, this means that to book the service, you must pay a fee. Unlike other Councils, South Gippsland does not impose a fee as part of your rates for this service. This ensures that only those who need to use the service pay for it. A user pays system also helps to encourage waste reduction and recycling, rather than throwing things away.

For more information on the cost of the hard waste collection and to book your collection to take place in October and November, please visit www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/hardwaste

Wednesday 20 July is our next Council Meeting day. As I do every month, I strongly encourage you to get involved and engage in whatever way suits you. Live streaming of Council Meetings was something we were keen to continue once we were elected to ensure more people could view the meetings. You can watch the meeting live or when you have time using this link: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

Finally, I encourage you all to take care when out-and-about.

With many illnesses circulating through our community, I encourage you to be cautious and consider having the relevant vaccinations. Fourth doses for COVID-19 vaccination are available to those aged over 30 years of age and the flu jab is available in many locations across our region. I have had my flu jab and my fourth dose.

Please, if you haven't done so already, consider getting those vaccinations. I also encourage you to wear masks in public spaces or crowded areas and take practical steps to keep yourself and your loved ones safe from what is proving already to be a particularly nasty cold and flu season.

Cr Mohya Davies – Mayor