

Mayor's Message



This month's Council Meeting was held this week with some key topics considered. One of these being a submission to the Federal Government's Offshore Renewable Energy Infrastructure Area Proposal. There was lots of discussion on this topic, with every Councillor voicing the views of themselves and their community. In the submission, Council is mainly supportive in principle, but we have made it clear that we have concerns about the environment and the turbines impact on the visual amenity of our area – particularly around areas of immense significance such as Wilsons Promontory.

While Council has made a submission on this, we still encourage our community to voice their opinion before submissions close on 7 October. To do so, please visit

<https://consult.industry.gov.au/oei-gippsland>

If you missed the meeting and would like to watch it back or read the meeting minutes, please visit www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/councilmeetings

One of my favourite parts of the Council Meetings is hearing what our Councillors have been up to during the month. Getting involved in our community and attending events in an official capacity is a big part of our role as Councillors and one of the things we look forward to most. It gives us a good feel for what our community is thinking which helps us understand how to serve you best. Every now and then, we are lucky enough to see some photos of the fun, which we will aim to share with you all more often.

I want to take this opportunity to remind you that, if you would like a Councillor to attend your event, you can reach out either directly to any of us, or by contacting Kayla our Mayoral and Councillor Support Officer on kayla.chapman@southgippsland.vic.gov.au or 5662 9200.

With all of the events that have happened over the past month, it is really starting to feel like our region is opening up and recovering strongly from the pandemic. There are also lots of events already slated to happen next month from Biketoberfest in Leongatha on 29 October and the Mama Kin Community Choir Concert at Leongatha's Memorial Hall on 28 October.

The Mama Kin concert is personally exciting, and maybe a little terrifying for me and my husband John as we are part of the community choir that will be singing alongside this fabulous artist. This concert was made possible by the Regional Arts Victoria Touring Program which brought down the cost to Council. Council was able to fund this terrific event through the

Community Support Package Stage Two and is the last event to rollout after two years of delays. It is a thrill to deliver an event like this that fits our community and Live Music in Small Halls program well. It also highlights the new Arts, Culture and Creative Industries Strategy and the role the arts sector plays in bringing our community together. Tickets are now on sale at www.trybooking.com/CCXGF

Cr Mohya Davies – Mayor