

Mayor's Message



Council Meeting

The first Council Meeting for 2023 is 15 February.

For the first time, Council will be having a Welcome to Country and a smoking ceremony conducted by local Indigenous groups to open the start of the meeting year.

Involvement and collaboration with Indigenous people in South Gippsland was highlighted as an action from our Community Vision 2040. This is a positive step forward for our region in recognising and celebrating the diversity of our community.

The Council Meeting will have numerous items, including our Planning Scheme Review and the petition tabled in December 2022. There will also be recommendations to consider appointing Councillors to committee positions. This is in addition to the range of strategic boards and committees where Councillors represent the views and ambitions of our community.

I would like to encourage you to attend the Welcome to Country ceremony at 1.30pm with the Council Meeting immediately following at the Council Chambers.

Community Planning Network

Planning for the future can be difficult and it can be rewarding to connect with others who might be doing the same or a similar thing.

To help community groups from across South Gippsland to connect and discuss ideas for the future of their towns, Council has created the Community Planning Network. The Network was launched last year with the main objective of teaching participants how to create community plans and how to deliver them effectively. Due to the success, the Community Strengthening team have kept it going for this year.

If you would like to be part of this amazing initiative, please get in touch with Council's Community Strengthening team on 5662 9200.

Gut Health Month

This month is Gut Health Month.

This week, I was proud to be part of the launch of this important campaign in Poowong. As a result, there was extensive media coverage and I was interviewed and/or shown on ABC News

24, ABC Gippsland, ABC Perth, ABC Drive Radio, 9 News Melbourne, Prime News, 7 News and WIN News Gippsland with the audio and video being used by publications across the country.

It is fantastic that this campaign has helped us shine a light on one of our towns, our region and also conveying an extremely important health message.

Cr Nathan Hersey – Mayor