

Mayor's Message



Now Open – Venus Bay Skate Park

The new Venus Bay Skate Park was opened in time for Easter and school holidays and is looking fantastic.

There are some finishing touches left to do, but it is already a terrific asset for the Venus Bay community.

The Skate Park is a Council led and managed project, constructed by Precision Skate Parks.

April Council Meeting

This month's Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 19 April at 2.00pm. The gallery is open to the public for in person attendance or the meeting can be watched online. It is a great opportunity to hear about what is happening at Council.

You can find the agenda online at www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/meetings

To watch the meeting online, please visit www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

Events

Councillors were out-and-about over the Easter long weekend, attending events such as the Easter Egg Hunt at Coal Creek and the Walkerville Ratepayers and Residents Association Meeting.

If you have an event that you would like a Councillor to participate in, please let us know either directly or by contacting Council by calling 5662 9200 or emailing council@southgippsland.vic.gov.au

Tarwin River Bridge Funding Announcement

During their visit to South Gippsland Shire, the Honourable Kristy McBain MP and the Honourable Melissa Horne MP, accompanied by Member for Eastern Victoria Tom McIntosh announced some welcomed funding from both the Federal and State Government to upgrade the Tarwin River Bridge in Nerrena.

This is a welcomed upgrade to the bridge and will ensure it is better placed to sustain current and future traffic demands. It also highlights the positive work Council has been doing communicating clearly with the State and Federal Government on what is important to South Gippsland.

Mayoral Advisory Panel

Congratulations to Councillor Annemarie McCabe from Baw Baw Shire Council for being appointed to the State Government's Mayoral Advisory Panel.

Relationships with our neighbouring councils are extremely important, and I look forward to having constructive conversations with Councillor McCabe on matters impacting our region that can be brought to the attention of the Victorian Minister for Local Government.

Congratulations Deputy Mayor Williams

Deputy Mayor Clare Williams has been appointed as a member of the Executive Committee for the Australian Local Government Women's Association – Victorian Branch. I am confident that Councillor Williams will use this opportunity to represent the Gippsland region on this important Committee.

School Holiday Activities

Despite the weather, there is plenty to do in South Gippsland to keep the kids entertained over the school holidays.

From markets and galleries to scenic walks and spectacular beaches, we have a lot on offer.

Looking for ideas? Head over to the Visit South Gippsland website for inspiration:

<https://visitsouthgippsland.com.au>

Smoke Detectors

Smoke detectors are vital for the early detection of fire in your home. If you didn't remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors when you changed your clocks for daylight savings – this is another reminder. The battery you might have bought and is still in the cupboard or on the bench is a good step in the right direction, but only working smoke alarms save lives. Also make sure you test them each month by pressing the 'test' button and replace any devices that are not working as they should.

Cr Nathan Hersey – Mayor