

# Mayor's Message



## **Council Community Day**

On the fourth Wednesday of each month, Councillors spend a day out together in our community. These days provide us with the opportunity to interact purposefully and on matters of strategic interest to our Shire.

This month, we hit the road and went on a bus tour with a focus on industrial land and future economic and industrial development of our Shire, including the opportunities for our region in relation to the offshore wind industry.

Councillors toured some of South Gippsland's key industrial land sites to gain a better understanding of the opportunities and challenges related to industrial land supply.

Councillors also heard from the Friends of Agnes Falls and Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group before heading down to Port Anthony and Barry Beach to further understand the potential these ports have to support future offshore wind development.

## **Meet the Mayor and Deputy Mayor Meetings**

It was fantastic to see some new faces at the Meet the Mayor and Deputy Mayor meetings on Thursday.

Some of the key themes included advocacy for grants, planning, roads and waste management.

Thank you to those who attended and also to those who put in an expression of interest to come once again. It is a great opportunity to hear more about what is happening in our community. The next date for meetings will be advertised in the coming weeks.

## **Reminders**

Registrations for three- and four-year-old kindergarten are now open. To register, complete the online application form and nominate your top three kindergarten preferences. You can do so at:

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

The **Candlelight Vigil** to commemorate those women and children who have had their lives taken as a result of domestic violence in South Gippsland is happening on Wednesday 3 May at 6.30pm outside Council's main office at 9 Smith Street, Leongatha. Please come along and reflect with us and bring awareness. Any life lost to domestic violence is a tragedy.

## **ANZAC Day**

Thank you to all those who organised events to commemorate Anzac Day. Councillors were honoured to attend and represent our community at services. I would like to acknowledge the massive amount of work by our RSL volunteers and others who organised the many services across South Gippsland. It was particularly heartening to see so many attendees throughout the Shire as we gathered together to reflect on the service of the men and women who have selflessly fought and served our country, protected our people and way of life. Lest we forget.

### **Proposed 2023/24 Budget Engagement**

Feedback closes on Friday 12 May at 5.00pm for the proposed 2023/24 Budget and Long Term Financial Plan. Make sure you make your voice count by visiting <https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au>

**Cr Nathan Hersey – Mayor**