

Mayor's Message



Speak Up and Show Up

Council is ramping up the opportunities for you to provide feedback on a range of topics which include the General Local Law review and Children and Families Plan.

There have already been four General Local Law Review pop-ups in communities across South Gippsland, with four still to come. The next ones are in:

- **Leongatha** on Friday 16 June from 9.00am to 12.00pm in front of Memorial Hall.
- **Welshpool** on Friday 16 June from 1.30pm to 4.30pm at the Rural Transaction Centre.
- **Foster** on Saturday 17 June from 8.00am to 12.00pm at the Prom Country Farmers Market; and
- **Nyora** on Tuesday 20 June from 4.30pm to 6.30pm at the Nyora Hall.

This is stage one of feedback and closes on Monday 26 June. Further opportunities will be available throughout the remainder of the process.

The Children and Families Plan engagement has had a terrific response thus far, but it is important that we hear from more people in our community. We particularly want to we hear from parents of children up to 12 years of age. This is a comprehensive look at the services we provide, how they currently work for South Gippsland's families and how we can plan for the future. There is plenty happening in this space, including advocacy work, which makes this an extremely timely opportunity to hear from you. Feedback closes on Monday 19 June.

To provide your feedback on any of these plans, please visit: <https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au>

Leongatha Early Learning Centre Now Open

This is an exciting new development that offers 121 places for childcare and kindergarten services for families in South Gippsland.

Thank you to Parliamentary Secretary for Early Childhood Katie Hall MP, Tom McIntosh MP, Councillors, our Chief Executive Officer and everyone else who came along to celebrate this special day.

What a beautiful facility this is and I have no doubt it will be an important asset to our community for many years to come.

Meet the Mayor and Deputy Mayor

The Meet the Mayor and Deputy Mayor meetings were held again last week with a number of people taking the opportunity to come along and talk to us about a range of topics including women's sheds, planning and infrastructure.

The next meeting date will be advertised soon. I encourage you to book in a time and come along, even if it is just to have a general chat to us.

Of course, these aren't the only opportunity you have to speak with us, or any other Councillor. Our contact details are on the website and we welcome anyone to reach out.

King's Birthday Long Weekend

It was great to see so many people out-and-about in South Gippsland.

I attended the Loch Food and Wine Festival and the Korumburra Southern Lights at Coal Creek, and was happy to see some familiar and many new faces enjoying the day out.

Looking for some weekend plans? Check out the Visit South Gippsland website:

www.visitsouthgippsland.com.au

Cr Nathan Hersey – Mayor