

Mayor's Message



I am a proud Gippslander who, along with my wife Lucy, has chosen this magnificent region to live, operate our farm and business, and to also raise our son Hugo.

I consider serving on Council to be a great honour, and to have been elected to serve as South Gippsland Shire's youngest Mayor is particularly humbling.

I am very proud of the efforts and conduct of each of the Councillors who work alongside me in serving our community. Each of these dedicated people have been working diligently to see the return of local democracy, increased community confidence in Council and deliver necessary change and outcomes for South Gippsland. As a Councillor group, we are now more than half way through the Council term, and we know there's a lot more work to do in the short time left. Thank you to all who have stepped up to engage with us, provide feedback and input – we couldn't do it without you. Our community is truly being shaped by those who show up!

Sandy Point and Venus Bay Paths & Trails engagement

Through feedback collated during the Coastal Strategy engagement, Council recognised a need to consult further on how people can better move around these two popular coastal towns, in particular on pedestrian and bike paths.

While funding has not yet been secured for these projects, your feedback will help us better understand the needs of each town and provide support for future funding applications.

This engagement is open now until Friday 28 July. I encourage all Sandy Point and Venus Bay residents, as well as those who often visit, to provide your feedback. To do so, please visit:

<https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au>

Leongatha Railway Precinct Mural engagement

As part of the redevelopment of the Leongatha Railway Precinct, a brilliant mural will transform the rear façade of the Bair Street shops.

An extremely competitive list of interested artists has been narrowed down by the South Gippsland Arts Advisory Committee, Arts Eleven (the Project Manager) and Council's Art Development Officer to just three – Ash Taylor, Yuria Okamura and Jack Rowland, and Creature Creature and Jason Parker.

I encourage you to be involved in this exciting project. To view the concept designs and place your vote before Thursday 20 July, please visit: <https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au>

Korumburra Supermarket

The sale of a large parcel of land that includes 155-165 Commercial Street, 1 King Street and 28 Victoria Street Korumburra is now complete. This will be the site of the new IGA supermarket.

This is an important milestone and is a positive first step for the community of Korumburra. I look forward to watching this progress over the coming months.

Gippsland Events Acquisition Fund

Started last year, the Gippsland Events Acquisition Fund provides an opportunity for eligible event organisers to source additional financial support.

Expressions of Interest are now open for the next round of funding, which will aim to support events being held in 2024.

For more information and to complete your Expression of Interest before Friday 28 July, please visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/GEAF

Cr Nathan Hersey – Mayor