

Mayor's Message



Gippsland Business Awards Finalists

The Gippsland Business Awards are a great opportunity to recognise many of our thriving local businesses and the dedicated people, who both create employment and are employed in our local businesses.

Held every year, the Awards help shine a light on those who are doing extraordinary work to promote Gippsland through their business.

This year, South Gippsland has two finalists which are CPK McLaren MotorBody (Leongatha) and Burra Brewing Company (Korumburra).

I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to both businesses for making it this far and good luck at the awards presentation next month.

While these are just two businesses in South Gippsland, this is a great opportunity to highlight the work that so many people do to keep our region thriving and ticking. In South Gippsland, we are certainly making a significant contribution to the domestic and international markets; especially in dairy, agriculture and supporting industries.

Our tourism industry is also growing and this is due to amazing assets like Wilsons Promontory, the clean and green feel of South Gippsland, our inviting locals and places to explore including the coast, hills, towns, villages and hamlets. Council is pleased that the Great Southern Rail Trail has also been a key driver in activating our region and attracting visitors.

Our Shire is home to about 4,000 businesses that provide over 12,000 jobs and contribute to an economic output of over \$4 billion annually. For a community of our size, we have a lot to be proud of.

July Council Meeting

This month's Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 19 July.

At this month's meeting some of the items we will be discussing include:

- The Draft Coastal Strategy and seeking community feedback for two weeks.
- Project nominations for the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.
- Waratah Bay Caravan Park and Foreshore management.

To view the meeting live or when it suits you, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

Strzelecki Ward Councillor Catch Ups

On site 'Councillor Catch Ups' are back! Along with my fellow Strzelecki Ward Councillors, Cr Felton and Cr Keerie, we are providing opportunities for locals in our Ward to come and have a chat. We would love to see you at one of the locations below!

- Saturday 22 July 12.00pm to 1.00pm – Little Boy Brew, Loch.
- Saturday 22 July 2.15pm to 3.45pm – Moo's at Meeniyan, Meeniyan.
- Sunday 23 July 9.30am to 11.00am – R N Scott Memorial Park, Kongwak.
- Friday 11 August 12.00pm to 1.30pm – Poowong Hall, Poowong (TBC).
- Friday 11 August 2.00pm to 3.30pm – General Store, Nyora (TBC).

Advocacy Priority: Venus Bay Saltmarsh Project

The Venus Bay Saltmarsh Project has received \$80,000 funding from the Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Action (DEECA). This will help us develop a scope in partnership with DEECA to formally investigate the benefits and value of the project. This will include hazard profiles; engagement with key stakeholders, community, Traditional Owners, Landcare and government agencies; and key recommendations.

This is further evidence of our advocacy work paying off and our continued focus on how we can build a sustainable community well into the future.

For more information on this and other advocacy priorities, please visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/advocacy

Cr Nathan Hersey – Mayor