

Mayor's Message



Community Satisfaction Survey Results

The Community Satisfaction Survey results for 2023 have been released and show that South Gippsland Shire Council are moving in the right direction, with five out of the nine result areas showing an increase.

Council's best result was in the overall council direction category where a score of 61 was achieved. This is 10 points higher than last year's result, 17 points higher than the average for rural councils of a similar size and 15 points higher than the state-wide average. Community decisions were also ranked highly, with South Gippsland achieving a score of 54 which is six points higher than councils of a similar size and three points higher than the state-wide average.

Councillors were elected knowing that our community expected to see significant improvements in representation, leadership and outcomes. To do this, a lot of hard work and dedication has been needed to restore trust and build confidence with our local community.

We recognise that there is still more to be done and there are improvements to be made, particularly in the areas of sealed roads. The messages from our community are being heard and steps are continually being taken to improve. With the support of the South Gippsland community, we can continue to grow and succeed together.

To view the results, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/communitysatisfaction

Supporting our Community

Last weekend the Mirboo North Winterfest was held for the second time. Winterfest has been a hit with locals and tourists and is a popular activity. This year's event was supported with an Events Acquisition Fund grant, which is a program run by Events Gippsland that Council supports along with other organisations.

It was also terrific to hear that Toora Tourism Traders Association received a \$15,000 grant from the State Government to assist them with developing mental wellbeing collateral to support business operators in the town. Council auspiced the grant so this important work can happen.

Council is working to benefit our community and these are just two examples of how Council works closely with locals and community groups.

ArtCubes

If you have driven through Mirboo North recently, you may have noticed some colourful cubes in Baromi Park. These are the ArtCubes that have already been in Korumburra and Loch for the community to enjoy.

The ArtCubes will be in Mirboo North until Sunday 22 October and will be featuring some of the creative and talented locals of Mirboo North, including students from Mirboo North Primary School.

If your town would like to partner with Council to host the three ArtCubes for three months, an Expression of Interest is now open and can be found at: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/artcubes

Coastal Strategy Engagement

Thank you to those who participated in the latest round of the Coastal Strategy engagement. This is an extremely important document that will set us up to best support our coastal community into the future.

Wildlife Carers in South Gippsland

Over the course of a year, thousands of our native wildlife find themselves in the hands of a dedicated group of carers and volunteers for a multitude of reasons. When a native animal reaches a shelter, they require vet checking, x-rays and receive care for as long as it takes them to recover.

In South Gippsland, we have wildlife carers who run shelters, such as Sue Moore in Tarwin Lower and Marlene Knabe in Bena. Many carers work as well as operate shelters to help make ends meet.

These carers do what they do because they adore animals, but they do need support to continue to offer these services. If you know a wildlife carer, I encourage you to ask them if there is any help you can provide whether it be financially or otherwise.

You can get in touch with Sue Moore of Bass Coast South Gippsland Wildlife Rescue and Shelter Inc. on 0429 016 695 and/or Marlene Knabe of Bush Beings Shelter Inc. on 0407 829 931.

Cr Nathan Hersey – Mayor