

Mayor's Message



I am always impressed by our people who put their own efforts, knowledge and skill into establishing and running businesses and enterprises in our region.

It's because of our hard-working business owners, operators and employees that our local economy remains strong, our unemployment relatively low and that abundant opportunities are available.

Having started and operated three businesses along with my wife, I know the stress and risk involved and admire our business operators who often put their hard-earned savings and assets on the line and give it a go.

Local Manufacturing

Councillors and our Executive Leadership Team spent a day visiting manufacturing businesses across South Gippsland on Wednesday. A big thank you to GEM Industries in Leongatha, Burra Steel, Burra Brewing Co and Schreurs and Sons in Tarwin Lower who all took time out of their busy and impressive operations to share their local successes and ways that Council can further support local industry and manufacturers.

Manufacturing is an important part of the South Gippsland economy, contributing 18 per cent of our local output.

Attracting additional manufacturing businesses and supporting those that are already here, is a major part of what we do at Council. It is one of the key actions described in the Economic Development Strategy, which has already had 95% of actions completed or significantly progressed.

South Gippsland Youth Council

The Youth Council returned last week, with their first meeting being held on Tuesday.

The South Gippsland Youth Council was re-established to represent the diverse voices and interests of young people across our Shire. It will see members discuss issues affecting their peers and advocating for what they need.

Thank you to those who put their hand up to shape a better future for the young people of South Gippsland. I look forward to seeing you all contribute your unique perspectives and ideas through this group.

Community Leadership Program Graduation

On Wednesday evening, a celebration of learning was held to acknowledge the 2023 Community Leadership Program participants.

Over the past five months, community members from all corners of South Gippsland have been focussing on developing their leadership skills. This program was completely funded by South Gippsland Shire Council to help develop members of our community in these areas, so they can continue to make a difference to our region.

I would like to personally thank everyone who participated in this year's program for your commitment to your own professional development. I wish you all the best with these new skills.

Hard Waste Collections

Requests for the 2023 hard waste collections are closing on Friday 15 September.

To ensure you are on the list for a collection and for more information, please visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/hardwaste

Cr Nathan Hersey – Mayor