



## Ministerial Visit to South Gippsland

South Gippsland Shire Council was pleased to host a visit from two Federal Ministers this week. The meeting followed on from a recent advocacy trip to Canberra by Mayor Nathan Hersey, Deputy Mayor Clare Williams and CEO Kerryn Ellis.

Kristy McBain, Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories and Melissa Horne, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Roads and Road Safety, Minister for Ports and Freight visited South Gippsland to talk about key issues impacting the South Gippsland community. This included discussions surrounding renewable energy and securing engagement with the local community, as well as transport and regional development. Cooperation between different levels of government.

The visit marked the first time in many years that federal ministers have visited South Gippsland, which is yet more evidence that our organisation is moving in the right direction. It comes off the back of our recent trip to Canberra where we advocated for our community around issues such as renewable energy, transport and regional development.

Constructed by Precision Skate Parks, the design includes a quarter pipe, a raised middle section to provide momentum to transitions, rainbow rail and a flat bank.

Temporary fencing is still in place but will be removed by the supplier after Easter.

Landscaping works, a small retaining wall, and footpath installation will also be carried out in the coming weeks.

The adjacent carpark is also expected to be reconstructed as part of the Venus Bay Tourism Precinct project, however the majority of the carpark is remains open, aside from the loop section.

Please note the safety guidelines and signage located in the skate park area. The new facility is located in Jupiter Boulevard Park in Venus Bay.

### ***Quote attributable to Kerryn Ellis, CEO South Gippsland Shire Council:***

*“We are pleased that the new Venus Bay Skate Park and basketball half court has been constructed and is now open. We look forward to seeing people – of all ages – using the facility over the school holidays and beyond.”*

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