

Mayor's Message



October Council Meeting

At this month's Council Meeting the 2022/23 Annual Report was presented and adopted by Council. The report highlights the work and achievements over the last 12 months.

Of notable importance is the delivery of an impressive \$34 million capital works program – one of the largest ever undertaken by Council and includes buildings that will have long-lasting community benefits such as the Leongatha Early Learning Centre and Korumburra Community Hub. In total, Council completed or progressed 96 per cent of the major initiatives in the Council Plan and 80 per cent of capital works projects.

Draft General Local Law

The Draft General Local Law was endorsed by Council to be available for community input and engagement. This follows on from the first round of engagement conducted in May and June 2023. To view the draft and provide any feedback, please visit: <https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au>

Council Advocacy Priorities

Council's 2023/24 Advocacy Priorities were also adopted at this month's Council Meeting. We achieved great success last financial year, with a number of our priorities being delivered or significantly progressed, including a commitment from the Victorian Government for a new mental health hub in Leongatha, and some extensive work in coastal protection. Our work alongside groups such as One Gippsland and the Municipal Association of Victoria is vital and allows us to show a united front on issues that affect our region and councils across the state.

To watch the meeting, you can visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

Korumburra Hub Opening

The Korumburra Community Hub will be officially opened at a ceremony on Friday 10 November at 12.00pm.

Members of the community are welcome to attend and celebrate the opening.

Starting 11 November, Myli – My Community Library, Milpara Community House and the Korumburra and District Historical Society will be hosting a number of events to keep the celebrations rolling and get the community in to enjoy this space. Further details on these will be provided shortly.

MAV State Council

Along with Acting Chief Executive Officer Allison Jones, I attended the Municipal Association of Victoria's State Council meeting. South Gippsland Shire Council put forward a Motion to "fund and implement a state-led process" to modify the Victorian Planning Scheme and strengthen the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay with the goal of managing risks in coastal areas.

The Motion was unanimously endorsed which shows how our challenges are often shared with others across the State and how advocating together can improve our effectiveness.

Congratulations to Councillor Mohya Davies, who was given a 10 Years of Service Award by the MAV. Councillor Davies has served on Council for a total of 10 years so far and demonstrates a strong commitment to the people of South Gippsland.

Local Events

As the weather warms up, South Gippsland gets a buzz of local events. The community steps out from the cooler and wetter weather to connect once more.

There is plenty happening over the coming months, including an exhibition at Coal Creek on until 4 December and Remembrance Day services across our region to name a few.

To view the events coming up, or to organise a listing for your event, please visit:

<https://visitsouthgippsland.com.au/events>

Cr Nathan Hersey – Mayor