

Mayor's Message



I am always proud of the community we have in South Gippsland. It's particularly encouraging to see the positive response from our people when someone else needs a helping hand. I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has given generously and helped the Fish Creek Football Netball Club after their club rooms were destroyed by fire.

South Gippsland is beautiful, lush and special, but it is the people who really make it an amazing place to be.

Korumburra Hub Opening

It was an exciting day on Friday 10 November as we celebrated the opening of the Korumburra Community Hub.

This major project has brought together services from Myli – My Community Library, Milpara Community House, and Korumburra and District Historical Society. It also provides bookable spaces for the community to utilise including a kitchen facility and multi-purpose meeting rooms.

If you couldn't make it to the official opening, there are a number of events happening this week at the Hub. For all the details, visit www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

Thank You

Feedback as part of the second stage of consultation on the Draft General Local Law 2024 has now closed, and I would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete the survey or write a submission.

Showing up and providing your feedback really does make a difference. Council will now consider all feedback provided and determine whether any changes need to be made before the final Local Law is adopted in 2024. It is important that all laws strike the best balance to ensure the safety and amenity of the community is maintained, and changes will be considered to ensure we get the best outcome for the whole community.

November Council Meeting

The end of the year is fast approaching, but there is still three Council Meetings to go before we say goodbye to 2023.

The November Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 15 November at 2.00pm. Some of the items on the agenda include an independent review into Council's COVID-19 Community Support Package, which found the program was highly successful in supporting the South Gippsland community during a

challenging time; the Draft Children and Families Plan; and Council's Financial and Performance Report for the first quarter of the 2023/24 financial year.

If you would like to come along, you can sit in the gallery of the Council Chamber at Michael Place Leongatha and observe the meeting, or watch online by visiting: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

Council Meetings are a great way to stay informed about what is happening at Council, and hear about what Councillors have been up to during the past month.

Coastal Strategy

Councillor Gilligan and I were recently interviewed by The Age regarding our Coastal Strategy which was adopted at the September Council Meeting.

Our Strategy is sector-leading and has clear objectives that include restricting the development in our coastal towns for the safety of those who live and holiday in those areas. All of these objectives have been designed to protect these areas so residents and tourists alike can continue to enjoy our beautiful coast, whilst managing and reducing unnecessary risk.

This Coastal Strategy is an important step and I am extremely excited to see how we can work towards protecting our natural resources in South Gippsland, as well as the wellbeing of our community.

Cr Nathan Hersey – Mayor