

# Mayor's Message



## Thank you

I would like to thank everyone who has supported me over the past 12 months as I have served our community as Mayor. It has been an incredible opportunity and honour, that I certainly did not take on lightly. I'm confident that we have delivered significantly for South Gippsland and that our direction and advocacy has been taken to a new level. I'm proud to see that our community engagement is at a much higher level than it was a year ago and that our community is increasingly pleased with the direction of Council.

As a Councillor group, we have achieved a lot, and I will be forever grateful for the faith our Councillors had in me to lead. At the Council Meeting on Wednesday 22 November, it is not my intention to nominate for another term as Mayor.

I believe the majority of our Council group see value in providing opportunity to other Councillors who also have capacity to lead. I have no doubt that whoever is elected Mayor for our final year of this council term will continue to strongly lead our community.

It has been an honour to serve! Thank you!

## Opportunities for Feedback

It is crucial that our community continues to receive opportunities to provide feedback on a range of different projects.

There are currently three projects available for you to provide your thoughts. These are:

- Princes Street, Korumburra – involves investigating potential improvements that can be made along this stretch of road.
- Mirboo North Kindergarten – pre-planning has begun on a potential Early Learning Centre in Mirboo North including a location and services that may be offered.
- Draft Children and Families Plan – after an excellent first round of engagement with the children and families of South Gippsland, this Plan is now available for broader public consultation.

To provide your feedback on any or all of these projects, please visit: [yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au](https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au)

## Christmas Food and Gift Drive Donations

As the festive season approaches, it can be easy to be swept up in the celebration. However, it is not a

happy time for all.

As we did last year, there is a collections box at Council's office in Leongatha where we are taking donations on behalf of the Salvation Army. If you would like to help spread some Christmas cheer, please bring along your unwrapped children's toys, books and clothes, as well as non-perishable food items.

Donations will be accepted until 5.00pm Thursday 7 December.

### **Planning Award**

Council has won a Planning Institute of Australia award for the South Gippsland Coastal Strategy.

This award would not have been possible without the important feedback of our community and the hard work of all the staff involved. It highlights what we can achieve when we work together and how willing our community engages with us.

Awards of this nature do not come easy. We have had to take on the private sector, and we, a small Shire from Gippsland, have walked away with recognition of our South Gippsland Coastal Strategy.

### **Small Business Bus**

The Small Business Bus is coming to Korumburra on Monday 27 November between 10.00am and 4.00pm in the car park adjacent to Kelly's Bakery. This is a fantastic opportunity to get tailored advice for your business.

To book, please visit the Business Victoria website: [www.business.vic.gov.au](http://www.business.vic.gov.au)

**Cr Nathan Hersey – Mayor**