

# Mayor's Message



Hello South Gippsland.

What an amazing privilege to be the Mayor of South Gippsland Shire, to work with an organisation that has fostered an environment of collaboration, education and support and makes sure we have all the information needed to continue the success story of South Gippsland.

This Council is a group that thrives because of our diversity, but we all have one thing on our minds – the prosperity and longevity of our home.

South Gippsland is a key agriculture and tourism area that has plenty to offer the rest of the state, and indeed the nation. We are a significant player and we will be making sure everyone knows exactly that.

I have no doubt that the next 12 months will be busy. The work certainly doesn't stop here. I look forward to the opportunities and challenges of this role and everything ahead of us making sure that accessibility is at a whole new level.

I want our community to know that we will continue advocating for better outcomes for South Gippsland. We will be getting the job done. We will continue being transparent and engaged.

We will deliver on our Community's Vision and Council Plan. We will always seek better outcomes – getting comfortable with discomfort. We will continue to make decisions – they may not be popular, but they will be right.

We will be communicating well and often, keeping you well informed about what we are doing. My hope is that when someone starts talking about Council, your response will be 'yes I know'. So let's get down to business.

The process of the General Local Law review continues and Councillors are all currently working through reading every submission made by the community. We thank you all for your feedback.

**Council is always keen to have feedback from the community**, and there are a range of other feedback opportunities now available online:

- Draft Children and Families Plan – closes 30 November 2023.
- Korumburra Railway Precinct Mural – closes 4 December 2023.
- Mirboo North Kindergarten – closes 3 December 2023.
- Princes Street, Korumburra – closes 8 December 2023.

Please continue to give your feedback via the Your Say South Gippsland website:

<https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au>

## Events

I'd like to congratulate the organising committee and volunteers who brought us **Fishy Stories 2023**. Congratulations on another successful event that fosters authors, illustrators, performers and special events in story-making and storytelling brining literature to life in Fish Creek.

The second annual Council **Stakeholder Breakfast** was held last week. It brought together a huge amount of knowledge from around South Gippsland to chat about renewable energy, advocacy and how we can take advantage and benefit from multi-generational investment and turn it into a legacy for our community. Thanks to everyone who attended and provided input.

We have a vibrant group of young people that have been working on their priorities and what can be achieved in the next 12 months as part of the **Youth Council**. If you would like to join, please contact Council on [council@southgippsland.vic.gov.au](mailto:council@southgippsland.vic.gov.au)

The **Great Victorian Bike Ride – Snowy to Sea** will be coming through South Gippsland with approximately 2,000 riders arriving and staying in Fish Creek on 2 December.

I will be hosting a **Councillor Catch Up** on Tuesday 5 December between 10.00am and 2.00pm. Come and see me at the Mirboo North and District Community Foundations Co-Space!

**Cr Clare Williams – Mayor**