

Mayor's Message



Hello South Gippsland.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas as towns deck their streets with decorations. Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped with this. You are helping to bring Christmas cheer to all who drive through and live in our towns.

If you still have some Christmas shopping to do, I encourage you to **shop locally**. Support our local businesses where you can and you will help our community reap the rewards.

Council has been doing its part by hosting the Salvation Army's Christmas Giving Tree. Thank you to those who gave so generously! There were so many toys and food items that will be going to those in need.

Christmas Carols events were held in Leongatha and Mirboo North last weekend. Congratulations to those towns for organising another year of fabulous events! If you still want a chance to enjoy a magical evening with your favourite Christmas tunes and connecting with your community, Carols at the Creek will be happening on Friday 15 December from 6.00pm.

Councillor Events

Being a Councillor is a terrific opportunity to be more involved with the South Gippsland community as a whole. Here's some of what we've all been up to:

- Councillor Schelling recently completed the Great Victorian Bike Ride with his daughter and grandchildren.
- Councillor Gilligan was part of the Venus Bay community's emergency management preparation planning process coming into the summer period.
- Councillor Darakai graduated from the Gippsland Community Leadership Program, and attended the Mount Eccles 'Christmas on the Mount' event.
- Chief Executive Officer Kerryn Ellis and I had a visit with Tom McIntosh MP at Barry Beach Marine Terminal and Port Anthony to continue conversations about the offshore renewable energy project.
- Councillors and Council staff attended the Walk Against Family Violence in Leongatha as part of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence.

Every day as a Councillor is a privilege.

Council Meeting

The last Council Meeting for 2023 will be held on Wednesday 13 December at 2.00pm.

We would love to see you there in person, but if you can't make it, I encourage you to tune in to the livestream when it suits you.

Staying informed with what is happening at Council is extremely important for us all and tuning into the Council Meeting is a great way to do that.

To view the meeting, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

Prepare Your Property

With the Fire Danger Period for South Gippsland starting on 18 December, now is the perfect time to take advantage of Council's Green Waste Amnesty.

Clean up your property in preparation for the fire season and dispose of most green waste for free at any of Council's Transfer Stations.

View the exclusions and Transfer Station locations and opening hours by visiting:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/greenwasteamnesty

Cr Clare Williams – Mayor