



South Gippsland  
Shire Council

## South Gippsland Shire Council News

### Australia Day Photo Competition

South Gippsland Shire Council is once again running an Australia Day Photography Competition.

The theme of the competition is Australia Day: South Gippsland—Our people and places. Images must be taken within South Gippsland Shire or nearby. Entrants can interpret the theme however they choose, and entries are welcome from any South Gippsland resident or ratepayer.

There are two prize categories this year - an open category with a \$500 prize and a junior category (15 and under) with a \$300 prize.

Submitted images will not be used by Council outside of the competition.

The Australia Day Photography Competition is funded by the National Australia Day Council.

To find out more about the South Gippsland Australia Day Photography Competition, or to submit an entry, please visit:

[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/australiadaycompetition](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/australiadaycompetition)

Entries close Wednesday 17 January 2024.

Winners will be announced on Friday 26 January 2023.

#### Free Rapid Antigen Tests



Free Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) are available for community members to collect at the following locations:

Foster Library – 9 Main St, Foster Poowong  
Library – 18 Ranceby Rd,

Poowong Mirboo North Library – 2 Brennan St,  
Mirboo North

Korumburra Library – 15 Little Commercial St,  
Korumburra

Leongatha Library – 2 Smith St, Leongatha

#### COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 13 December 2.00pm  
(Council Chambers, Leongatha)

Dates are also listed on Council's website at:

[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/meeting-dates](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/meeting-dates)

To watch the 'open' part of the meeting live or when it suits you, visit:

[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live)

Please contact the Governance Team for questions about Council Meetings.

#### REQUEST FOR TENDER

Council is seeking submissions from qualified companies/applicants for the following:

**EOI/392 – Leongatha Memorial Hall Precinct Feasibility Study**

Tenders close at 2.00pm AEDT on Tuesday 19 December 2023

Documentation is available from Council's e-Tendering Portal

[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/tenders](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/tenders)

#### CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

South Gippsland Shire Council offices will be closed from 5.00pm Friday 22 December 2023 and will reopen Tuesday 2 January 2024 at 10.00am. Council staff will be available on the phone and online from Tuesday 2 January 2024 at 8.30am

**Bin Collections:** Properties scheduled to have their kerbside bins emptied on Christmas Day will be serviced on Tuesday 26 December instead. This affects Buffalo, Fish Creek, Pound Creek, Stony Creek, Yanakie, Tarwin Lower, Waratah Bay, Sandy Point, Venus Bay and Walkerville.

**Tourism:** Visitor Information Centre, Foster: 7 days a week, 10.00am to 4.00pm. Closed Christmas Day. Phone 1800 630 704.

**Coal Creek:** 7 days a week, 10.00am to 4.00pm. Last entry 3.30pm. Closed Christmas Day.

**South Gippsland Citizen's Advice Bureau and Visitor Information, Memorial Hall Leongatha:** Closed 24 to 26 December and 31 December and New Year's Day. Closed Sundays. Open with variable hours outside those days. Phone 5662 2111.

**Maternal and Child Health:** Centres are open (except for public holidays) but limited to Key Ages and Stages (KAS) checks. Appointments required. For support, call 13 22 29.

Council and community playgroups do not run during school holidays. Go to [www.playgroup.org.au](http://www.playgroup.org.au) to find contact details for your local playgroup.

**Public Immunisation:** Sessions will not be held in the first week of January but will recommence on 31 Jan and 1 Feb. Go to: [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/immunisation](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/immunisation)

**Waste Management:** All transfer stations and the Koonwarra landfill are also closed on Christmas Day. Operate as scheduled all other times. Opening hours are displayed at sites and on: [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au)

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