

Mayor's Message



Hello South Gippsland.

As Christmas rapidly approaches we reflect on the achievements and challenges of the past year. As we celebrate the festive season, let's not only celebrate the warmth and joy it brings but also reflect on the growth and resilience that have marked our journey through the year.

This year marked important accomplishments including the completion of the Great Southern Rail Trail, one of Victoria's longest trails stretching from Nyora to Port Welshpool, offering an abundance of beautiful spots for community walking, bike rides and events.

We also saw the development of the Coastal Strategy, which continues to be important for addressing sustainable land use as demand for residential and commercial development increases; tackling climate change risk and ageing infrastructure.

The Korumburra Community Hub was also completed, providing a beautiful multipurpose building. It holds the local Myli Community Library, Milpara Community House, Korumburra and District Historical Society, meeting spaces and consulting rooms, kitchen facilities for catering purposes, and will soon be home to a second customer service counter for Council services.

We saw creative endeavours flourish including our local ArtCubes which have brought accessible, creative spaces to various locations across South Gippsland. The Leongatha Railway Precinct Mural was finished by the talented Ash Taylor. We also saw Coal Creek hold THREADS, Southern Lights Festival, All Hallow's Eve, and Carol's at the Creek.

As we bid farewell to the year, let's cherish these accomplishments made possible by our supportive community, volunteers and dedicated staff.

Council offices will close over the Christmas period and reopen on Tuesday 2 January at 10.00am. Council staff will be available on the phone and online from 8:30am.

Please stay safe over the Christmas holidays, exercise caution on our roads and use this time of year to celebrate with loved ones. If you can, check on your neighbours in a genuine and loving way, especially those who are alone.

From all of us at Council, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Cr Clare Williams – Mayor