

Mayor's Message



Hello South Gippsland.

I hope that everyone has had a restful Christmas with loved ones. I'm really excited about the year ahead which is already shaping up to be busy and productive.

This year at Council we anticipate the implementation of the Coastal Strategy adopted in 2023, and we look forward to receiving more community feedback on the second draft of the General Local Law which is currently on exhibition.

The Coal Creek discussion paper will also be open for feedback from 22 January until 31 March.

We have an exciting Australia Day Photography Competition currently open with entries set to close Wednesday 17 January and winners announced Friday 26 January. Australia Day Award nominees will also be recognised at an Awards Ceremony at Meeniyah Hall on Wednesday 17 January.

We encourage the community to support local businesses and markets by shopping locally. Explore the beauty of South Gippsland at local cafés, restaurants, bars, wineries, breweries and accommodation.

We also have a variety of wonderful walking tracks and scenic drives including:

- Agnes Falls;
- Cape Liptrap Coastal Park and Lighthouse;
- Great Southern Rail Trail and;
- A variety of Wilsons Promontory walks.

If you're looking for a different way to contribute to our region this year, you might also like to consider joining a local community group or volunteering. We are fortunate to have a high rate of volunteerism in South Gippsland and more feet are always needed on the ground.

I eagerly anticipate the year ahead, working with my fellow Councillors and the Council organisation, and supporting the community through local events, new initiatives, and navigating economic and environmental challenges. I'm excited to see the positive changes we can make this year.

Happy New Year to everyone in South Gippsland. I look forward to working with you, and for you in 2024.

Cr Clare Williams – Mayor