

South Gippsland Shire Council News South Gippsland Australia Day Awards

South Gippsland Shire Council's 2024 Australia Day Award winners and nominees were recently celebrated in an awards ceremony held at the Meeniyan Hall (Meeniyan Mechanics Institute).

The awards recognise the unsung heroes of our region, the individuals and community events who enhance connectivity amongst residents and visitors alike

South Gippsland Shire Council would like to thank and congratulate all of the nominees in this year's awards. Without further ado, here are our Australia Day Award Winners.

Citizen of the Year: Kathryn Smith

Kathryn is described by many as a people person who is reliable, hardworking, loyal and always willing to put up her hand to help. She has devoted herself to her community taking part in a myriad of organisations and initiatives.

For nearly 10 years, Kathryn was President of the Meeniyan Progress Association Inc. Now a member, she continues to do all she can for her beloved town.

Meeniyan would not be the same without Kathryn and her tireless volunteerism

Young Citizen of the Year: Laila Witeveen

Laila has been an active Girl Guide and volunteer

in her local community for many years, working enthusiastically as a Junior Leader and an active representative of the Leongatha Girl Guides.

She has energetically participated in various service activities, embodying a positive and friendly attitude as a devoted Girl Guide.

She exemplifies the traits of a Girl Guide, upholding the Promise and Law while nurturing younger guides into patient, fun and caring contributors for the future. Leila's selfless dedication significantly enhances the Girl Guide's role in her local community.

Community Event of the Year: Southern Lights Festival

The Southern Lights Festival was held at Coal Creek Community Park and Museum on June 11 2023. The event hosted over 5,000 attendees who enjoyed an evening of entertainment, music and food.

It was a great showcase of how people could work together to create a really successful event for Korumburra. The success of the event was made even sweeter by the contributions of more than 50 volunteers who made the night possible.

To read the full bios of our Australia Day Award winners and nominees, please visit: www. southgippsland.vic.gov.au/australiaday



Council's second round of Community Grants for 2023/24 are now open.

To ensure that prospective applicants are wellprepared and informed, South Gippsland Shire Council will be hosting both an in-person and online information session.

These sessions are designed to brief your community group on what can and can't be funded and provide a demonstration of the Smarty Grants online application process.

These sessions will take place on Monday 29 January. **In person:** 11.00am to 12.00pm at Council Chambers,

Online: 7.00pm to 8.00pm

Registration for either session is essential. For more information and to register (for free), please visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/grants

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council will be in recess for January 2023, there will be no Meetings conducted.

Meeting dates for 2024 are listed on Council's website.

The first meeting of the year is scheduled for 21 February 2024 at 2.00pm.

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for a new job? We might have the perfect position for you!

Check out our current vacant positions here:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/vacantpositions

AUSTRALIA DAY IN SOUTH GIPPSLAND

Australia Day is coming up and there are a host of events happening to bring our community together.

Everyone is welcome and it is a great opportunity for us all to acknowledge the fabulous work of those who love to put community first.

On Friday 26 January there will be many community events occurring across South Gippsland.

For information on all the events, please visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/

REQUEST FOR TENDER

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

RFT/378 – Shingler Street Leongatha, Road Rehabilitation

Tenders close at 2.00pm AEDT on Tuesday 13 February 2023

Documentation is available from Council's e-Tendering Portal

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/tenders CONTACT US

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