

Mayor's Message



Hello South Gippsland.

After a break over Christmas and the New Year, Councillors will be back to briefings and meetings this week. While it has been great to have a break to reconnect with family and friends, we all look forward to another year of conversations and progress in South Gippsland.

Something that has been a key focus of this Councillor group has been listening and responding on behalf of our community. Councillors Rae, Gilligan and myself took the opportunity to reconnect with some of our Coastal Promontory Ward community, venturing down to Port Welshpool, Foster and Yanakie. We also travelled around looking at landslips and the effects that recent wild weather has had on our landscape and towns. These opportunities are truly priceless and allow us to better represent the views of our community. Thank you to everyone who came along and spoke with us.

Councillors joined our community in celebrating Australia Day. With 12 events happening across our beautiful Shire, there was certainly plenty to choose from.

Events such as these don't happen without the hard work of many volunteers who not only organise the events, but cook the food and make sure everyone is having a great time. Where would we be without our volunteers?!

Events

Are you a music lover who is looking for an event to sing the night away at? Look no further than the Summer Series or Charley Crockett. Both of these are being held at Coal Creek and are sure to be a feast for the ears.

To view all the events happening around South Gippsland, please visit:

<https://visitsouthgippsland.com.au>

If you are an event organiser, you can also pop in a request to add your event to that page – a great option if you would like to expand those who come along to your event.

Community Engagement

The **Coal Creek Community Park and Museum** engagement is off and running, with a pop-up event being held in Tarwin Lower on Australia Day. There are other pop-up events scheduled across the Shire:

- 2 February 12.00pm to 3.00pm: Near Memorial Hall, Leongatha.
- 2 February 5.30pm to 8.30pm: Coal Creek, Korumburra.

- 17 February 9.00am to 12.00pm: Prom Country Farmers Market, Foster.
- 24 February 9.00am to 12.00pm: Mirboo North Market.

There is also an online survey and a spot to upload a written submission on Council's Your Say South Gippsland platform.

To view any current or past engagements run by Council, please visit:

<https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au>

Cr Clare Williams – Mayor