

Mayor's Message



Hello South Gippsland.

The clean-up continues in our region, and likely will for some time. I'd like to thank everyone who has and continues to roll up their sleeves and support South Gippsland.

On Tuesday, a Community Update Meeting was held in Mirboo North. Updates were provided to the community by Emergency Recovery Victoria, the Incident Control Centre, the CFA and Council. Other agencies were in attendance including the Department of Families Fairness and Housing, Agriculture Victoria (DEECA), SES, AusNet, Telstra and the Department of Education. All agencies were available after the meeting to answer questions from the community. Council also held a BBQ afterwards. Thank you to those who attended this meeting and participated respectfully.

Earlier in the week, the Chief Executive Officer and I showed Steve Dimopoulos MP (Minister for Environment, Tourism Sport and Major Events, and Outdoor Recreation) and Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action Secretary John Bradley around Mirboo North. Later in the week, we also had Minister for Mental Health Ingrid Stitt MP and the Minister for Water and Housing Harriet Shing MP come to the region. They, along with all other local members and Ministers who have visited, wanted to understand the impact to the region and was a prime opportunity to highlight what we need from the state government to help our community.

Shop Local

While I was in Mirboo North on the weekend, I had many discussions with people from outside the Shire who heard about the devastating storm event and wanted to support the town. People from the Mornington Peninsula and eastern suburbs of Melbourne have been coming down and spending money at local businesses.

Businesses have been hit hard due to the storm event and Boxing Day floods, so it is great to see people coming up and spending their money across South Gippsland.

I encourage you to shop locally to support our businesses, and if you know someone who wants to come and see us, let them know we'd love to see them.

Events

The Foster Agricultural Show was held on Saturday 24 February and saw a massive number of people enjoy this amazing event. Locals and visitors alike flocked to Foster and found themselves with a smorgasbord of events for everyone.

The next day the Toora Pear Party was yet another great family day where people were able to get out and enjoy the weather.

To view other events happening in South Gippsland, please visit:

www.visitsouthgippsland.com.au/events

Animal Registrations

If you've got a dog or cat, it needs to be registered with Council. Registering your animal ensures that your beautiful animal can be returned to you quickly if they become lost.

Registering a new animal can be done at any time of the year, but renewals are only open now until 10 April.

For more information, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/register-your-pet

Cr Clare Williams – Mayor