

Mayor's Message



Hello South Gippsland.

A day at the Stony Creek races was well attended, even with the sun beating down. People from all over South Gippsland and visitors to our region enjoyed the vibrant fashion and racing.

Community events such as this really bring us all together, especially sport. We rally around our favourite teams and use this opportunity to connect with each other. After such a difficult time for our region, these events provide a hint of normality.

Grant Opportunities

There are a number of external grant funding streams available right now including:

- TAC Road Safety Grants Program.
- Telstra Connected Communities Grant Program.
- Melbourne Water Liveable Communities, Liveable Waterways Grant Program.

To see the eligibility criteria for any of these, please visit the funders website.

South Gippsland Shire Council's Community Grants Program is also open for grants of up to \$10,000. Applications close 31 March 2024, so make sure you get your applications in. For more information and to apply, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/grants

If you need support with your Community Grant application, please don't hesitate to get in contact with our Grants team by calling 5662 9200 or emailing grants@southgippsland.vic.gov.au.

Community Training

Council is hosting a suite of training opportunities for community members, volunteers, community groups and not-for-profit organisations. All of these sessions have been designed to help you discover new skills and enhance your knowledge.

One of the sessions that has recently been held was Governance 101, which had 25 people in attendance. The session covered all the must-know topics for people on Committees such as Constitutions, Consumer Affairs Victoria requirements, responsibilities and more.

To view all the upcoming training sessions, please visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/communitytraining

Network Outage Review

The Victorian Government Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action will be hosting two drop-in style sessions in Mirboo North. Community members and business operators are encouraged to come along to discuss energy, telecommunications, agriculture, private property vegetation management and vegetation on secondary roads, and on issues including vulnerable members of the community not being connected into the right government departments.

The drop-in sessions will be held on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 March from 10.00am to 3.00pm at the Baromi Centre, 38 Couper Street Mirboo North.

It is great to see this opportunity being extended to our community.

EV Chargers

Six electric vehicle fast chargers have been installed across South Gippsland. These chargers were funded by the Victorian Government through the Destination Chargers Across Victoria Program, as well as the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program. They are located in Leongatha, Korumburra, Foster, Mirboo North, Meeniyan and Yanakie.

For more information, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/ev

Council Meeting

The March Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 March 2024.

All community members are more than welcome to come along at 2.00pm to watch the meeting live either online or in-person at Council Chambers. You can also watch it when it suits you by visiting:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

Cr Clare Williams – Mayor