

# Mayor's Message



Hello South Gippsland.

It's been a busy Easter in South Gippsland with festivities, markets, and egg hunts keeping families entertained. I hope everyone had an enjoyable Easter spending quality time with friends and family... perhaps you also received a treat from the Easter Bunny.

Speaking of furry friends, this year's pet registrations are due on or before 10 April. If you need to update your pet's details, please visit Council's Customer Service counter Monday to Thursday, 10.00am - 3.00pm or contact our Customer Service Team on 5662 9200.

## **Upcoming Workshops:**

A small business mentoring workshop is coming up on 4 April which is a great opportunity to get one-on-one business advice. There's also the '*Save Money in the Home This Winter*' occurring on 16 April which is a great way to learn how to be energy efficient over winter. You can find out more at [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/communitytraining](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/communitytraining)

## **Upcoming Events:**

There are some exciting events coming up in April including '*A Birthday at the Park*'. This event will be an activity-filled celebration of Coal Creek's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday and will be held on 20 April. Featuring a variety of entertainment including historical displays and demonstrations, pop up theatre, rides and more, this is an event not to be missed. Enjoy food and drink, stay for a few hours or into the evening, and celebrate the history of Coal Creek.

In the essence of celebrating history, Poowong is also set to celebrate their 150-year milestone on 19, 20 and 21 April. Organised by the Poowong Community Consultative Committee, the celebrations will include a Friday night dance, a BYO Basket Tea, children's activities, displays of historical items and more. Reminisce with the Poowong community, and enjoy the celebrations.

## **Introduction to Local Government:**

Later this month I will be chatting to children from St Laurence O'Toole Primary School in Leongatha as part of an *'Into to Local Government'* information session. This program provides children with an overview of government functions and the services that are provided through Council.

If any other local schools are interested in participating in a similar session, please give Council a call on 5662 9200, we'd love to run further programs. I'm looking forward to being involved and delivering an interesting session for our future generation.

**Cr Clare Williams – Mayor**