

# Mayor's Message



Hello South Gippsland.

It is just over two months since a horrendous storm hit our region. We knew the clean-up would be a long process, and that we would continue to make progress.

Council continues to have a presence in Mirboo North at the Recovery Centre and has worked hard to advocate to the State Government for greater support for the town and region. Following Council's advocacy on this issue, it was great to hear that the Mirboo North Golf Club will be receiving help to clean-up the fairways and make the course safe once again. The course was hard hit during the storm, and has also had to contend with people damaging the course in four-wheel-drives. I hope this news provides a sense of relief for everyone who loves this course and all the volunteers who have been doing what they can to clear the course.

The Mirboo North Recovery Working Group has been created and are now meeting regularly. Through this group, there will be many opportunities for the Mirboo North and district community to provide feedback. Updates from the group will be printed in the Mirboo North Times, so keep an eye out for those.

Updates are still being provided when new information comes to hand on Council's website:

[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/stormeupdate](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/stormeupdate)

I would like to thank everyone in our community has helped not only in Mirboo North, but in other affected areas. Your work has not gone unnoticed. Your selfless commitment to our region is what makes South Gippsland the best place to live.

## Events

Coal Creek's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary – A Birthday at the Park – is happening on Saturday 20 April from 12.00pm. A vibrant mix of history, family-fun activities and live music, A Birthday at the Park is set to be a fantastic celebration of our beloved Park. If you haven't already booked your tickets, make sure you do so soon by visiting: [www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1188707](http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1188707)

Want to have a full weekend of local events? Why not head along to the official launch of the Rail Trail Community Market in Leongatha on Sunday 21 April?! Starting at 8.30am, come on down to the market and support local producers, makers and growers. Oh, and there will be raffle prizes and live music to top it all off.

To check out more events or to list your event, please visit: [www.visitsouthgippsland.com.au/events](http://www.visitsouthgippsland.com.au/events)

### **Access and Inclusion Committee**

Expressions of Interest for our Access and Inclusion Committee are open until Tuesday 14 May 2024. If you are a community member or organisation who would love to be involved, please visit:

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

### **Vote for our ArtCubes**

Our colourful, portable art spaces have been nominated for a 2024 National Award of Local Government in the Creativity and Culture category.

Help our ArtCubes, who have helped create a real buzz around art in our region, take out top spot by voting. Visit the following website and search 'ArtCubes' to vote:

<https://nalg.awardsplatform.com/entry/vote/IRKxAkav>

Voting closes 11.59pm on Friday 26 April 2024.

### **April Council Meeting**

Our April Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 April at 2.00pm in Council Chambers, Leongatha. We would love to see you in the chambers, but if you can't make it in-person you can watch it live or when it suits you by visiting: [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live)

### **Cr Clare Williams – Mayor**