

## South Gippsland Shire Council Supports National Road Safety Week

Council is proud to support National Road Safety Week from 11 - 18 May. This crucial initiative promotes safe driving practices to reduce accidents and injury on the road.

To 'Shine a Light on Road Safety' our Main Office building at 9 Smith Street, Leongatha will be lit up in yellow. This colour symbolises National Road Safety Week, and will be displayed across buildings, bridges and road infrastructure throughout the country.

In 2024, over 1300 people were killed and more than 40,000 were injured on roads across Australia. These figures highlight how important it is to drive carefully every time you travel.

Safety on South Gippsland roads is extremely important to us. We want every community member and visitor to get home safely when they drive, walk or cycle on or around our roads.

There are simple things you can do to drive safely and avoid accidents:

- Remove distractions
- Keep your phone out of sight
- Avoid speeding, driving tired and driving under the influence

To show your support for National Road Safety Week, please consider starting a conversation with friends or family about safe driving practices, and take the 'Pledge to Drive So Others Survive' at: www.roadsafetyweek.com.au

## **Quotes attributable to South Gippsland Shire Mayor, John Schelling:**

"Nothing is more important than getting home safely. When you're behind the wheel, put away your phone, drive to the conditions and keep to a safe speed. Let's work together to make sure every journey on South Gippsland roads is a safe one."

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