

Mayor Message



Hello South Gippsland.

May Council Meeting

Last Wednesday, Council held its May Meeting, where we covered a range of important topics that reflect our ongoing commitment to the South Gippsland community and environment.

One of the key highlights was the endorsement of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the South Gippsland Landcare Network. This agreement formalises a long-standing and productive partnership that has already delivered management education programs and revegetation events.

By working together and sharing resources, Council and Landcare can continue to achieve good results as we care for South Gippsland's precious natural assets.

Naming of Poowong Roads

We also endorsed the proposed commemorative naming of two new roads in Poowong – Beckett Street and Horsley Street – for community consultation. These names were proposed in line with the *Geographic Place Names Act 1998* and the *Naming Rules for Places in Victoria*, reflecting principles of commemorative naming, gender equality, and strong historical ties to the Poowong community. Community feedback is open until Monday 23 June, and I encourage everyone to have their say.

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

ArtCubes are coming to Leongatha

In the arts space, the ArtCubes are on the move to Leongatha, and we're calling on local artists to bring their creativity to the Cubes. Expressions of Interest are now open for our local creatives to showcase and use the Cubes as their very own gallery/exhibition space. We're also inviting young emerging artists from South Gippsland to apply for a creative mentorship with internationally renowned artist TWOON – a fantastic opportunity to learn and grow under expert guidance.



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Volunteer Week 2025

Last week, we proudly celebrated National Volunteer Week. It was heartening to see so many events and social media posts recognising the incredible contributions of our volunteers. On Wednesday, Council's external lighting was turned orange for WOW Day (Wear Orange Wednesday) – a national day of thanks to the thousands of SES volunteers who serve our communities. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all emergency service volunteers for their dedication and service.

Parliamentary Inquiry

Finally, on Friday, Councillor Nathan Hersey and our CEO Tony Peterson, represented South Gippsland at the One Gippsland presentation during the public hearing into the supply of homes in regional Victoria. This is a vital issue for our region, and we're committed to advocating for sustainable and affordable housing solutions.

Drought Support

Finally, I was pleased to hear the news that the South Gippsland region has been included as an eligible area in the Victoria Government's new \$15.9 million drought support package. This support will be needed if the current dry conditions continue.

Take care,

Cr John Schelling – Mayor