

Mayor Message



Hello South Gippsland.

Medal of the order of Australia (OAM)

This week, I'd like to begin by congratulating two outstanding South Gippslanders who were recently awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the King's Birthday Honours.

Dr David Iser has been recognised for his exceptional service to medicine as a general practitioner. With over 40 years of dedication to the Foster and broader South Gippsland community, Dr Iser has not only provided vital healthcare but also contributed as a teacher, mentor, and community leader

Megan Vuillermin, a passionate community advocate from Sandy Point, was honoured for her tireless service to the Corner Inlet community. Megan has been a driving force behind numerous local initiatives, from founding the Prom Coast Centre for Children to supporting local sports clubs and fundraising for breast cancer.

To David and Megan – congratulations and thank you. Your contributions reflect the very best of South Gippsland.

And while we're celebrating service, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our volunteers across the region. Your efforts make our communities stronger every day.

Parma for a Farmer is back in 2025

South Gippsland Shire Council in partnership with Agriculture Victoria, GippsDairy and NEX Business Farming Wellness, is offering a free lunch for our local farmers to connect during these unseasonal dry conditions. Join us on Thursday 19 June from 11.30am at the Korumburra Middle Pub.

Spots are limited, so please register your attendance.

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/dry_season

Agriculture Victoria Field Day

In addition to drought support events, Agriculture Victoria is hosting a Field Day in Foster on Wednesday 25 June, focused on future-proofing your farm. This event will feature national specialists sharing insights about climate trends, farm biosecurity and dry seasonal condition options for farmers. It will be a great opportunity to learn and connect.



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Victorian Government's Treaty Forum

I had the privilege of attending the Victorian Government's Treaty Forum in Bairnsdale. It was a powerful day of learning, hosted by Parliamentary Secretary for First Peoples, Christine Couzens MP, and Terry Garwood from the Department of Premier and Cabinet. My biggest takeaway is that it's about everyone working together toward a shared future.

Science and Engineering Challenge

Last week, I also had the pleasure of attending the Science and Engineering Challenge in Korumburra. It was fantastic to see so many bright young minds from across the region engaging in STEM challenges. A big shout-out to Councillor Snell, who jumped in to help judge the final competition and the support from Council's Economic Development team – the students loved it.

June Council Meeting

Finally, a reminder that our June Council Meeting is happening tomorrow, Wednesday 18 June at 2.00pm in Meeting Room 1, Council Chambers, Leongatha. This is a significant meeting where we'll be considering key documents including the Council Plan and Annual Budget, that will guide Council's direction during this term. I encourage anyone interested to attend in person or tune in via our livestream.

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Take care South Gippsland,
Cr John Schelling – Mayor