

Mayor Message



Hello South Gippsland.

Integrated Planning Documents

I'd like to begin by acknowledging a major milestone for South Gippsland. At the June Council Meeting, Council formally endorsed our suite of integrated planning documents. These plans represent months of dedicated work by Councillors and Council staff, and we are very grateful to the South Gippsland community for their valuable feedback. Your input has ensured that these documents reflect the aspirations of our region and will guide our decision-making, investment, and service delivery into the future.

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/key-plans

Funding Application for Local Sport

Also at the meeting, Council endorsed an application for \$250,000 under the Victorian Government's 2025–2026 Country Football and Netball Program. If successful, this funding will support a lighting upgrade at the Leongatha Recreation Reserve – a fantastic boost for our local sporting community.

Parma for a Farmer

Last week's Parma for a Farmer event in Korumburra was a great success, with tickets completely sold out. I had the pleasure of attending the lunchtime session at the Middle Pub – known for serving some of the best parmas in Victoria. It was wonderful to see our local farmers come together to connect, share stories, and support one another during these unseasonably dry conditions. A big thank you to Agriculture Victoria, GippsDairy, and NEX Business Farming Wellness for partnering with Council to make this event possible.

First Round Kindergarten Registrations

A quick reminder for families that first-round kindergarten registrations for three-year-old and four-year-old programs close on 30 June. If you haven't registered yet, please do so soon to secure your preferred kindergarten placement for your child.

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/kinder



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Services Australia Bus

The Services Australia Bus will be in Mirboo North on 25 June, parked opposite the Shire Hall on Ridgway, from 9.30am to 4.00pm. The mobile service can assist with Centrelink, Medicare, child services, and more. It's a great opportunity to access support locally.

Draft Road Management Plan

We're also inviting community feedback on Council's Draft Road Management Plan. This Plan covers a wide range of assets including roads, footpaths, bridges, signage, and roadside vegetation. It also outlines how Council responds to common hazards like overgrown vegetation and damaged signage. Please take a moment to have your say at: <https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au>

Community Training

On Thursday 26 June, Council is hosting a free community training session called **Safety, Risk and Insurance – Navigating Disasters**. The training will be held at the Korumburra Hub from 6.00pm to 9.00pm. This session is designed for not-for-profit community groups to help them understand their legal obligations around safety and risk, especially during times of disaster. It's a valuable opportunity to build resilience and preparedness – Please register if your group is interested.

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/communitytraining

Advocacy in Canberra

Finally, over the weekend, I travelled to Canberra with Councillors Hersey and Gilligan to attend the Australian Local Government Assembly. We are also taking the opportunity to meet with Ministers to advocate for South Gippsland, directly communicating our region's priorities to receive the funding and support needed to make South Gippsland a place where people can live, work, visit, and thrive.

Take care South Gippsland,
Cr John Schelling – Mayor