

Mayor Message



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Hello South Gippsland.

The last week has been packed with positive moments. I was able to attend the South Coast Community Leadership Program networking event *'In Good Company'* on Saturday. This was a great opportunity for the program participants to connect with others in the community and to learn more about the role of local government. On Sunday, I attended the Leongatha Scouts Awards and Presentation event. It was fantastic to see the recognition of achievements in the Joey Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts and Venturers.

Corner Inlet College Grand Opening Event

Corner Inlet College opened at the start of 2025, following two and a half years of planning. The official opening event was held last week and provided an opportunity to celebrate the significant achievements of the college, which include welcoming the first cohort of Year 7 and 8 students and growing the school's network, including family and staff.

It was brilliant to see the students and staff come together. The atmosphere was electric, and the facilities are wonderful. It was a special moment to reflect on the evolution of the project—from initial discussions with Council a few years ago to witnessing the College now established and strong community connections formed and flourishing. Congratulations to Jen Young and her team for bringing this initiative to fruition.

DEECA at Council

Councillors were extremely pleased to have a visit from Darrin McKenzie and Jeremy Neilson from the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA). This was a productive, open discussion that allowed us to share the priorities, issues and challenges that we both face. As a Councillor group, we will continue to advocate for partnership between all three levels of government, and this is step in the right direction.

Gippsland Offshore Wind Session

Last Wednesday, I was able to pop into the open session held at Toora Hall to meet the developers behind Gippsland's proposed offshore wind projects, alongside the government agencies associated with these developments. This was a great chance to ask questions and find out the most up to date progress in this space.



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There will be other sessions held in Loch Sport on 30 July and Woodside on 31 July if you missed this and were interested in finding out more.

Leongatha Art and Craft Gallery Life Members

A big congratulations to three newly appointed Leongatha Gallery Life Members.

Coral Gray, Marg Turra and Liz Dunlop were all recently awarded Life Memberships after an impressive 30+ years of dedication to the gallery. As the gallery is staffed by volunteers and is a not-for-profit venue, it's incredible people like Coral, Marg and Liz that keep key institutions such as this going.

Venus Bay Surf Life Saving Club

Lastly, a big congratulations to the Venus Bay Surf Life Saving Club fellow Eastern Region Club on their success at the Inflatable Rescue Boat Championships 2025, held at South West Rocks in NSW.

With a bronze medal in the Women's Open Event team and a gold medal in the Women's Mass Rescue team, this is an impressive feat at a national level and a reflection of the dedication from the athletes, coaches and their supporters.

Thanks South Gippsland,
Cr John Schelling – Mayor