

Mayor Message



Hello South Gippsland,

MAVlab Awards Night

Last week I had the pleasure of heading to Melbourne for the MAVlab Innovation Awards, where I proudly supported Christian Stefani – Director Strategy and Partnerships – as one of only three finalists. While he didn't take home the top prize, we are incredibly proud of his achievements and the innovative work he continues to deliver for South Gippsland Shire Council.

MAV State Council

Meanwhile, Councillors Gilligan and Hersey, along with our CEO Allison Jones, represented South Gippsland at the MAV State Council. They put forward two important motions—one regarding the voluntary handback and transfer of Crown land assets, and another addressing Coastal Hazard Overlays. These opportunities allow Council to actively advocate for issues that affect not only our region, but also other local government areas facing similar challenges.

October Council Meeting

This week we're gearing up for our October Council Meeting (Wednesday 15 October), and it's a big one. We'll be discussing the Annual Report, the Domestic Animal Management Plan, several new strategies, and much more. I encourage everyone to tune in, either via livestream at www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live or in person at the Council Chambers on Michael Place, Leongatha.

Coffee with a Councillor

Looking ahead, I invite you to join myself and fellow Councillors at the Venus Bay Community Centre next Wednesday 22 October, from 12.30pm to 1.00pm. Come along for a cuppa and a chat – this is a great opportunity to share your thoughts and feedback on several key engagement initiatives and help shape the future of South Gippsland.



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South Gippsland Family Fun Day

A couple of weekends ago we celebrated the South Gippsland Family Fun Day at the Meeniyan Recreation Reserve, and what a day it was! The weather was great, and I'd like to extend a big thank you to our local AFL guests – Tom Hanily (Sydney Swans), Wil Dawson (North Melbourne), and Jack Hutchinson (West Coast Eagles) – for representing both the league and our region so wonderfully.

Works in Korumburra

Last week, we also marked the opening of the new pedestrian link in Korumburra. This new footpath connects the upper section of Commercial Street to Little Commercial Street, improving access to carparking and the Korumburra Hub. There's a lot happening in Korumburra right now, including the completion of the civil works in the Railway Precinct and the construction of the new skatepark, which is on track to be finished by the end of the year.

Trivia Night

Over the weekend, I joined Councillor Rae and Councillor Hersey at the Bena Trivia Night. It was a fantastic evening spent with our local community – thank you to everyone who came along.

Counting down to Eat Drink Play Gippsland

And finally, one last plug for Eat Drink Play Gippsland! If you haven't grabbed your tickets yet, now's the time. This inaugural event promises to be a celebration of local food, drink, and entertainment – and it's a great way to support our local economy and connect with community.

Take care,

Mayor John Schelling