

Mayor Message



Hello South Gippsland,

Funding for Nyora Traffic Study

I'm pleased to share that South Gippsland Shire Council has received \$100,000 in funding through the Victorian Government's Flexible Local Transport Solutions Program to commence a traffic study in Nyora. This is a fantastic step forward in improving transport planning and safety in our region – particularly in our developing areas.

Have Your Say

We're inviting the community to have their say on several important Council initiatives. Your feedback helps shape the future of South Gippsland, and right now we encourage everyone to have their say on: Pre-Prep, Draft Domestic Animal Management Plan, Draft Community Engagement Policy and Strategy (2025–2029), Draft Governance Rules, and the 2026/27 Annual Budget.

You can share your feedback online or attend one of our in-person engagement sessions. We're hosting pop-ups at the following locations:

- **Leongatha:** Wednesday 29 October – Outside Memorial Hall (or Council reception if raining), 12.00pm–1.00pm.
- **Korumburra:** Thursday 30 October – Pedestrian Link/Laneway (or Korumburra Hub if raining), 12.00pm–1.00pm.
- **Foster:** Thursday 6 November – Laneway near Foodworks (or Foster Visitor Information Centre if raining), 10.00am–11.00am.
- **Tarwin Lower:** Friday 7 November – Outside the Mechanics Institute Memorial Hall, 10.00am–11.00am.

Fire Danger Period

Please also be aware that the Fire Danger Period has now begun. Fire restrictions are in place, and open-air fires are not permitted without the appropriate permits. Let's all do our part to keep our community safe.



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Seniors Festival

This week marks the final week of the Seniors Festival. I'll be attending the Foster event on Wednesday and look forward to celebrating with our senior community.

Catching up with our community

I recently had the pleasure of attending the Meeniyan Progress Association meeting with Councillor Finlay. Following, I attended a community lunch in Venus Bay with Councillor Gilligan. It was a wonderful turnout, with great soup and even greater community spirit. Councillor Gilligan has done a fantastic job fostering a strong sense of unity in the area.

Eat Drink Play Gippsland

A couple of weekends ago, Eat Drink Play Gippsland was sensational. A huge shout-out to Penni Ellicott – Coordinator Arts, Culture and Visitor Economy at South Gippsland Shire Council – who put in a mammoth effort to ensure the day ran smoothly, and to all Council staff involved. Hosting this event was a unique opportunity in Victoria, and I'm so proud that our region was showcased so wonderfully.

Storm-ready region

I also want to acknowledge how storm-ready both our community and organisation were last week. While the weather event turned out to be minor in South Gippsland, I was genuinely impressed by our preparedness and commitment to keeping our region and community safe.

Meeting with Agriculture Victoria

Finally, we recently caught up with Bruce Weston and Dougal Purcell from Agriculture Victoria to discuss drought conditions and support for farmers. They were very appreciative of Council's ongoing work supporting our agricultural sector.

Thank you for staying engaged and informed. I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming community engagement sessions.

Take care.

Mayor John Schelling