

# South Gippsland Shire Council News

## **Australia Day Awards 2026: Nominate Now!**

Do you know someone who makes our community a better place to live? The South Gippsland Australia Day awards are a chance to shine a light on the everyday people who go above and beyond.

Nominations close on Wednesday 5 November 2025, so whether it's a quiet achiever, a passionate volunteer, or someone who simply makes life better for those around them, now is the time to recognise their contribution.

This year, there are three categories to nominate for:

- 2026 Citizen of the Year
  - This Award recognises individuals who demonstrate outstanding service and make a significant impact through their dedication and passion for the South Gippsland community.
- 2026 Young Citizen of the Year
   This award highlights the achievements of young people (12 25 years) who make a positive difference in their

community through their actions, leadership, and/or commitment.

2026 Community Event of the Year
 This award celebrates the events that bring the South Gippsland community together, showcase local spirit, and make a significant contribution to our regional identity.

The Nominees will be recognised at an Awards Ceremony held on Wednesday 14 January at 6.30pm at the Meeniyan Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend and there will be a light supper provided.

To lodge a nomination, you only need to answer two questions about the nominee's contribution to the South Gippsland community and provide two letters of support.

For more information and to submit a nomination, visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/australiaday

# Engagement Opportunities

Share your ideas, provide feedback and help shape the future of South Gippsland via the following engagement opportunities:

- Pre-Prep Consultation
- Draft Domestic Animal Management Plan
- Draft Community Engagement Policy and Strategy (2025–2029)
- Draft Governance Rules
- 2026/27 Annual Budget Consultation

For more information and share your feedback, please visit:

yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/

### **COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The next Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 19 November at 2.00pm.

Details will be available on Council's website: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/councilmeetings

To watch the meeting live or when it suits vou. visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

### **FIRE DANGER PERIOD BEGINS 27 OCTOBER**

The Fire Danger Period is when the CFA restricts the use of fire in the community to help prevent fires from starting. Restrictions will be in place until the fire danger lessens, which could be as late as May 2026.

### **COMMUNITY IMMUNISATION SESSIONS**

Date: Thursday 6 November

**Where:** Leongatha Early Learning Centre 13 Symmons Street, Leongatha

When: 9.30am to 11.30am

To find a session in October that suits you and to book, please visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/immunisation

### SUBSCRIBE TO IN THE KNOW

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www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/intheknow

### REQUEST FOR TENDERS

Council is seeking submissions from qualified companies/applicants for the following:

### RFT/457 - Sealed Road Rehab Program 25/26

Tenders close 2.00pm AEDT on Tuesday 11 November 2025

Documentation is available from Council's e-Tendering Portal:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/tenders

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