

Mayor Message



*South Gippsland
Shire Council*

It is an honour to serve as your Mayor once again. After previously holding this role in 2023, I am looking forward to leading our Councillor group as we continue working together to achieve great outcomes for our community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Councillor John Schelling for his leadership as Mayor over the past 12 months. Cr Schelling's ability to bring people together is to be admired. I'm sure many will agree that we saw passion and conviction to guide Council through its first year following the election.

The role of Mayor can be demanding and often thankless, but it is also deeply rewarding when we work toward shared goals for the benefit of our region and our people.

My sincere and genuine thanks to Councillor Sarah Gilligan for her energy and passion in the role of Deputy Mayor over the past year. The clear commitment to supporting the Mayor has been outstanding. Cr Gilligan has and will continue to ask the questions we all need to consider as we focus on bright future for South Gippsland.

Thank you to John! Thank you to Sarah!

Congratulations to Councillor Brad Snell on his appointment as Deputy Mayor. I'm looking forward to working closely alongside Cr Snell.

Upcoming Council Meeting

Our next Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 26 November. I encourage our residents to watch via livestream or join us in the gallery to stay informed about the decisions shaping your local area.



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Walk Against Family Violence

On the same day, Council will participate in the Walk Against Family Violence as part of the 16 Days of Activism campaign. Please join us at 12.30pm from Memorial Hall, Leongatha, and wear a splash of orange to show your support for a future free from violence. PollyannaR will also host a Respect-themed photo pop-up outside the hall from 10.00am to 2.00pm – come along and get involved.

New Mural for Leongatha

If you've been through Leongatha recently, you may have noticed activity on Bair Street.

Internationally renowned artist TWOONE has returned to South Gippsland to create a large-scale mural at 23 Bair Street, alongside local youth artists Riam Chilver and Eileen Tanaka.

This project, funded through the Victorian Government's Amplify program, celebrates creativity and youth engagement. I encourage you to check out the mural in progress and share your photos at <https://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/TWOONE>.

Sporting Success for South Gippsland

I also want to acknowledge an incredible local achievement – Foster's own Willem Duursma was selected as the West Coast Eagles' top pick in the AFL Draft. Congratulations, Willem! We're proud of your success and wish you all the best for the 2026 season.

Meeniyah Hub Community Asset Committee

Finally, Council is seeking nominations for the Meeniyah Hub Community Asset Committee. If you're interested in helping manage this important community space, please submit a nomination form online or collect one from Council's Main Office or the Meeniyah Hub. Submissions close Wednesday 26 November, with inductions starting early December.

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/meeniyahub



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Thank you, South Gippsland!

Mayor Nathan Hersey