

## Citizenship Ceremony – 26 January 2026

South Gippsland's newest citizens were officially welcomed at a Citizenship Ceremony held at McIndoe Park, Leongatha on Australia Day.

The 16 conferees from New Zealand, United Kingdom, India, Germany, Nepal, Ireland and China, formally pledged their commitment to Australia in front of a warm crowd of family and friends.

**Quote attributable to South Gippsland Shire Mayor, Nathan Hersey:**

*"It was an honour to celebrate 16 of our newest Australian citizens on Australia Day. Moments like this fill me with pride in Australia, a country that so many of us are proud to call home. Congratulations to the 16 conferees who made their pledges to Australia."*

**From left to right:**

Maria, Ella, Lucy, Mary Aldred MP, Vanessa, Danny O'Brien MP, Nathan Hersey (Mayor South Gippsland Shire Council), Michelle, Jeelu, Bittu, Ying, Tom, Rita, Lisa and Miriam.

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