

Deputy Mayor Message



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Hello all,

I'm excited to be writing to you all this week.

Firstly, I'd like to thank Mayor Hersey for giving me this opportunity. It is great to have the chance to talk directly to our community.

I have been Deputy Mayor for three months now, and I have been enjoying the opportunity immensely. Attending events and hearing from community is always helpful. I have also enjoyed featuring in some fantastic videos like the opening of the Korumburra Skatepark.

Meeting with Local MP

Last week, I attended a meeting with local MP Tom McIntosh along with Mayor Hersey and CEO Allison Jones. The meeting was very productive, covering a lot of different topics, in particular Council's Advocacy Priorities.

With a state election coming up in November this year, it is important that members of all political parties know and understand what Council is hoping to receive funding for. These Priorities include, but aren't limited to:

- Increasing rural road funding;
- Disaster recovery infrastructure funding;
- Early years infrastructure;
- Telecommunications and transport; and
- Supporting community groups.

We look forward to meeting with other MPs over the next eight months to talk more about what we need to continue to make South Gippsland a great place to live, work and invest.

Save the Date: Jobs Expo 2026

The South Gippsland Jobs Expo is the perfect opportunity to meet with real employers that are hiring right now.

Employers from a range of industries and professionals who can help you with your resume, interview skills or further training opportunities will be in attendance.



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No matter what stage of the career cycle you're in, the Jobs Expo is a must on your calendar. Here are the details:

- Thursday 19 March 2026 from 10.00am to 2.00pm.
- Leongatha Memorial Hall, 6-8 McCartin Street Leongatha.

February Council Meeting

The first Council Meeting for 2026 will be held on Wednesday 18 February at 2.00pm and is open to all to attend.

It will be great to be back in the swing of Council, meeting together to discuss and move forward on things that matter to our community.

This year I am looking forward to continuing the work we've done in our first 12 months and building on that great foundation.

If you would like to see what's coming up in the Agenda, or watch the meeting live from the comfort of your own home, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/meetings

Event Season in South Gippsland

With the warm, dry weather, it is the perfect opportunity to take in the events of South Gippsland. Agricultural shows are well underway with Korumburra last weekend and Foster coming up at the end of the month. There are also plenty of other events that you can enjoy, so South Gippsland really does have something for everyone.

To view upcoming events, please visit: www.visitsouthgippsland.com.au/events

If you run an event, you can also add it to the website so locals and visitors alike can come along and enjoy.

Thanks,

Cr Brad Snell
Deputy Mayor