

Mayor Message



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The first Council Meeting for 2026 was held last week. From the Meeting, I particularly want to comment on Council's Performance Report.

Council is tracking strongly, both financially and in terms of our performance against our targets, including delivery of projects.

Council delivers more than 80 services to our community, which is in addition to the initiatives outlined in our Council Plan each year. I am proud of what has been achieved so far and understand it is important to continue to deliver for the benefit of our community. I understand the role of Council is to deliver for our people.

This Council has committed to providing improved transparency about what we are doing and why, ensuring our community have input and can see the progress.

Connect with Councillors

The first **Connect with Councillors** session will be held on Wednesday 4 March from 1.00pm to 2.00pm at the Venus Bay Community Centre. We're happy to chat about opportunities, challenges and what you or your group are up to. All are welcome to attend.

These opportunities will be taking place every few months, so if this one doesn't work for you, feel free to come along to the next one. You can also contact Councillors via the details on Council's website or attend a Meet the Mayor session held on the first Tuesday of each month.

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/councillors

One Gippsland

For the past 12 months, I have proudly been serving as the Chair of One Gippsland. With our six Gippsland local governments, One Gippsland also brings together key regional partners who share a united commitment to strong advocacy for Gippsland and the long-term benefits it delivers for our region. Our key One Gippsland partners include Destination Gippsland, Federation University, Food and Fibre Gippsland, Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation, and TAFE Gippsland.



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One Gippsland has had some good success in advocating for Gippsland and has proven that working together as a region on advocacy priorities beyond our individual borders is beneficial to us all.

I am honoured to announce that I have been re-elected as Chair of One Gippsland for the year ahead and I'm looking forward to working with members on our shared goals, making a positive difference in Gippsland.

Rural Councils Victoria event

In preparation for the Victorian state election in November, I attended the Rural Councils Victoria State Election Platform event along with Cr Scott Rae and our CEO Allison Jones.

It is important that clear advocacy priorities with our rural communities in mind are brought to the attention of decision makers in our Victorian Parliament. It was great to see Danny O'Brien MP at the event.

At South Gippsland Shire Council, we review our advocacy priorities every year to ensure they are still reflective of the work we are doing for our community. You can find the advocacy priorities on Council's website.

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Leongatha Rotary Club

Thank you to the Leongatha Rotary Club for the invitation to present at the recent meeting.

I appreciate the opportunity to talk directly to groups and community members, to hear the opportunities and challenges they are experiencing, and communicate what's happening at Council.

If you would like a Councillor to come along to your next event, you can send through a request via email.

Music at Mossvale

If you're looking for a musical afternoon fit for the entire family, Music at Mossvale on Sunday 1 March from 2.00pm is sure to be a great event!

With a range of music for all, performed by outstanding local artists, I encourage you to come along. Bring a rug, chair and/or picnic and enjoy!



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To find out more about Music at Mossvale and other events happening in South Gippsland, please visit: www.visitsouthgippsland.com.au/events

Thank you.