

Mayor Message



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Shire Council*

Mental Health

South Gippsland Shire Council is proud to support our young people through the Live4Life. Now in our fourth year, the Program supports students in Years 8, 9 and 10 with opportunities to learn more about mental health and suicide prevention so they can be there for their mates.

We are looking for community members with a passion for youth mental health and support, to apply to become a Teen Mental Health First Aid instructor. In this role, you will do an Instructor course through Mental Health First Aid Australia so you can deliver the Teen Mental Health First Aid training.

For more information and to submit an Expression of Interest, please visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live4life

Our support for the Live4Life program closely aligns with one of our advocacy priorities in seeking improved access to mental health services across South Gippsland. We know that there is a need for more and improved services.

The Labor Government committed funding in the 2023/24 State Budget for a new Mental Health and wellbeing Hub in Leongatha that is yet to be delivered.

Council implores the Victorian Government to keep their promise and deliver a Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub in Leongatha, to ensure local people can receive local support.

Korumburra Skate Park Opening

Join us as we celebrate the official opening of the Korumburra Skatepark and the Korumburra Town Centre Streetscape (Commercial Street) projects.

These projects have been positive improvements to the town of Korumburra, with the Streetscape providing a fresh and inviting look, and the popular Skatepark entertaining people of all ages.

While there may not be another demonstration of my skateboarding skills on the day, there will be a skate clinic and demonstration held by Grow Skate Society – just bring your own skateboard, scooter and safety gear to join the fun.



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The opening is taking place on Friday 13 March from 3.30pm at the Korumburra Skatepark.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Coal Creek Exhibitions

On Saturday I attended the opening of a new art exhibition at Coal Creek. Titled **TRACE: Sea ghosts and other phenomena**, the exhibition combines the talents of Kim MacDonald, Jasmine Susic and Karli Duckett as they explore the coast and our connection to nature.

You can view the exhibition until 20 April.

Also, still on at Coal Creek is the Daniel Crook's Phantom Ride exhibition. Immerse yourself in his amazing work that includes videos that truly make you feel like you are part of his world. This exhibition runs until 20 April also.

South Gippsland Jobs Expo 2026

Looking for work or wanting a career change? Come along to the South Gippsland Jobs Expo and meet with employers with current vacancies that could be the perfect for you.

There will also be information on what TAFE and University courses are on offer, and representatives from regional employment networks who could help you find your calling.

The event is free and will be held on Thursday 19 March from 10.00am to 1.00pm at Leongatha Memorial Hall.

There will be on-the-day interviews, so bring along your current resume and dress to impress.

I hope everyone made the most of the long weekend and all that South Gippsland has to offer, being a great place to live, work and enjoy!

Thank you.