

Mayor Message



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Advocacy for Gippsland

As Chair of One Gippsland, I joined members – Simon Johnson from Food and Fibre Gippsland, Mayor Cindy Madeley from Wellington Shire, and Mayor Sharon Gibson from Latrobe City – in Canberra to advocate for Gippsland's key regional priorities. We held strategic discussions with representatives across the political spectrum, including Federal Minister Josh Wilson, key advisers to several Ministers, and our own Federal Representatives Darren Chester and Mary Aldred. These targeted discussions, backed by clear advocacy asks, are proven to deliver meaningful outcomes for the Gippsland region.

Priorities in South Gippsland continue to be reinforced, including the importance of progressing the Leongatha Heavy Vehicle alternate route project, investment in our arterial roads, expanded investment in the Mobile Black Spot Program, stronger and more resilient telecommunications during emergency events, the Nanjet Tourism and Cultural project in Yanakie, the need for investment in infrastructure to support new housing and community benefits, and port use in South Gippsland as a result of the declared Offshore Wind Zone.

Each meeting helped build momentum and secure clearer pathways for government support, ensuring that Gippsland's priorities remain firmly on the national agenda.

Earlier last week I was also pleased to meet with the Hon Harriet Shing MP to talk about both South Gippsland Shire Council's and One Gippsland's advocacy priorities.

I look forward to continuing these discussions as we inch closer to the Victorian State Election in November.

Safe Local Roads and Streets Program

Council is pleased that our funding application to the Victorian Safe Local Roads and Streets Program through the Department of Transport and Planning and the Transport Accident Commission (TAC) has been successful.

As part of the Program, seven locations have been funded for safety upgrades, including:

- Peart and Bruce Streets, Leongatha.
- Foster Main Street.
- Loch (along Victoria Road and Clarence Street).



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- Sandy Point (along Beach Parade, The Boulevard and Ennisvale Road).
- MacDonald Street, Leongatha.
- Princes Street, Korumburra.
- Venus Bay (along Lees Road and Canterbury Road).

For more information on the works and the treatments that will be undertaken at each location, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/slrs

Biodiversity Walk

New signage has been installed along the Great Southern Rail Trail as part of the Koonwarra Biodiversity Walk. Spanning a two-kilometre section from Koonwarra to Meeniyan, these signs will inform users of the Trail of some local species and ecosystems. Understanding our natural environment is vital to being able to preserve it, so I encourage you to hit the Trail and check out these new signs.

Korumburra Skate Park Officially Opened

Thank you to those who attended the official opening of the Korumburra Skatepark and Streetscape. Korumburra has seen some great improvements occur since I've been a Councillor, and I look forward to seeing the community make use of these activated spaces.

Along with our whole Council, I am proud to continue to represent South Gippsland, which is a great place to live, work and enjoy!