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Hello everyone,

I am so pleased to be writing this week's update for you all.

Firstly, thank you Mayor Hersey for giving me this opportunity. This column is so important for keeping our community updated on things that have happened, are happening and going to happen so I'm grateful to have a crack.

Supporting Economic Development in South Gippsland

Last week was a big one for Council, with the South Gippsland Jobs Expo and Business Breakfast taking place – and what a fantastic success it was. South Gippsland is home to more than 4,000 registered businesses, and it was wonderful to see so many local employers and job seekers come together, connect and showcase just how much our region has to offer.

March Council Meeting

We also held our second Council Meeting for the year last week. While it may have been a short and sweet meeting, it was still incredibly valuable. There's something special about sitting down with fellow Councillors and Council staff, working through the detail and having thoughtful discussions about how we can continue to do our best for South Gippsland.

Sustainability Webinars

Council has also partnered with neighbouring councils and the sustainability experts at Renew to deliver a series of free energy-saving and sustainability webinars for our community. The next session, All-Electric Homes, will be held on Thursday 26 March from 7.00pm. These sessions are a great opportunity to learn practical ways to save energy and plan for the future. To register, visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/renew

The Arts Coal Creek

And of course, it wouldn't be one of my messages without a mention of the arts!

Coal Creek Community Park and Museum is currently hosting some truly outstanding exhibitions. Phantom Ride by Daniel Crooks is on display until Monday 20 April, and it really



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is mesmerising – featuring footage of our old Great Southern Rail Line that feels both nostalgic and magical.

Also showing is TRACE: Sea Ghosts & Other Phenomena, a joint exhibition by local artists Kim McDonald, Jasmine Susic and Karli Duckett. This multimedia exhibition spans monoprints, photography, movement and film, and evokes powerful feelings while engaging all the senses. It's on until Monday 20 April, and I highly encourage everyone to make the time to visit. Best of all – both exhibitions are free, so there's truly no excuse not to enjoy them.

Leongatha Lyric Theatre

Finally, while I have the platform, I'd love to give a big shout-out to Leongatha Lyric Theatre. Our events calendar is bursting at the seams this year, starting with Fab Friday at the RSL on Friday 10 April, followed by the major production Billy Elliot, which kicks off in July. I honestly can't say enough about the incredible talent we have right here in South Gippsland – please pop these dates in your diary, because these are performances you won't want to miss.

As always, I look forward to seeing you out and about in our wonderful community.