

# Mayor Message



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## **Changes to Your Kerbside Waste Service**

In 2021, the Victorian Government legislated that all Victorian councils must provide a mandatory household Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) collection waste service.

Council is therefore introducing FOGO in line with this legislation. From 1 July 2026, your green waste bin will become your FOGO bin, allowing you to place food scraps and garden waste together. Instead of going to landfill, this organic waste will be processed into high-quality compost for use on farms, parks and gardens.

If you already have a green waste bin, it will transition to FOGO. If not, a new FOGO bin will be delivered to your property. The FOGO bin will be collected weekly, while your general waste (red) bin will move to fortnightly collection.

While some areas may experience additional changes, this is part of a standardised waste system across Victoria, helping turn more waste into valuable resources.

Affected residents will receive further information by mail. For more details, visit:

[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/FOGO](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/FOGO)

## **Victorian Volunteer Awards Now Open**

South Gippsland is lucky to have so many passionate and dedicated volunteers. It is part of what makes our community unique and brings us all together. If you know a local who deserves to be recognised for their volunteering, submit a nomination to the Victorian Volunteering Awards. Nominations close on Wednesday 27 May 2026 at 4.00pm with an awards ceremony to follow in October. To find out more, visit:

[www.volunteeringvictoria.org.au/events/awards](http://www.volunteeringvictoria.org.au/events/awards)

## **Multipurpose Synthetic Training Facility**

A multipurpose synthetic training facility at the Korumburra Recreation Reserve is nearing completion. Designed to support both the Korumburra Cricket Club and Korumburra City Soccer Club, the facility provides a flexible space that can be configured as cricket training nets or used as an open area for soccer training.



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While some minor works remain, including the installation of floodlighting, the project is almost complete and I look forward to seeing the facility in use.

This project has been made possible through contributions from the Victorian Government's Community Sport and Recreation Projects (\$300,000), South Gippsland Shire Council (up to \$50,000), Korumburra Cricket Club (\$20,000), Cricket Victoria (\$30,000) and Korumburra City Soccer Club (\$20,000).

### **Shop Local**

Shopping local is one of the simplest ways to support our community and economy—especially in the current financial climate. With rising fuel prices, staying local not only saves on travel costs but keeps more money circulating within South Gippsland.

For every \$100 spent locally, around \$68 stays in our community, supporting local jobs, small businesses, sporting clubs and essential services. This means if we all just spend a little more locally, it would inject millions of dollars back into our local economy.

### **School Holidays and Easter are coming**

With school holidays and easter just around the corner, now is a good time to plan a mini getaway in our backyard. Staying local has so many benefits, including supporting our small businesses and economy. Holidaying local is also a great way to explore parts of our backyard that you haven't seen before.

There is also an Easter Egg Hunt being held at Coal Creek on Sunday 5 April that is great for the whole family. For some ideas on what to do, check out the Visit South Gippsland website: [www.visitsouthgippsland.com.au](http://www.visitsouthgippsland.com.au)