

Mayor's Message



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There are several important opportunities for our community to have a say in the future of our towns and the places we call home, with consultation on both Heritage and roads and place naming currently underway.

Heritage Precinct Study

Stage two consultation for the Heritage Precinct Study is now open for Loch, Korumburra, Fish Creek and Toora.

Our heritage is more than old buildings and streetscapes. It tells the story of the people, industries and communities that have shaped South Gippsland over generations. This engagement is your opportunity to consider what is important to protect and how our heritage precincts should evolve into the future.

Local knowledge is essential to getting this right, and I encourage residents to review the proposals and provide their feedback.

Naming our local places

Names matter. They can preserve local history, recognise people and places of significance, and help strengthen the identity of our communities.

We are considering naming or renaming:

- The extension from Elmores Road, Korumburra.
- A section of Simons Lane, Leongatha South.
- The western section of Treadwells Road, Poowong.

Council is also seeking names for:

- Unnamed roads within the Korumburra Rail Precinct.
- The laneway between Commercial and Little Commercial Streets, Korumburra.
- The footbridge connecting the Leongatha Rail Precinct and Bair Street.
- The walking path between Burchett Drive and White Birch Close, Poowong.
- The walking path between Bradley Avenue and Canterbury Roads, Venus Bay.



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I encourage residents to look at the proposals and share their views. The best local decisions are informed by the people who know these places and their history. Public consultations are a practical way to have a direct influence on the future of South Gippsland.

Supporting our agricultural sector

I recently attended the annual Dairy Legends Breakfast as part of the South Gippsland Dairy and Farming Expo, alongside Deputy Mayor Cr Snell, Cr Schelling and Cr Finlay.

Agriculture remains central to South Gippsland's economy and identity. Our food, fibre and farming sector is valued at \$1.5 billion and supports around 3,000 local jobs – 22 per cent of employment across the Shire.

The Dairy Legends Breakfast was a good opportunity to recognise the experience, resilience and contribution of the people who underpin this impressive industry.

Council is proud to support our farmers, agricultural businesses and the broader sector, which plays such an important role in the future of South Gippsland.

Confidential business support is available through Council's partnership with NEX Business, Farming and Wellness, to provide tailored support to local businesses at all levels.