



Citizenship Ceremony – 7 October 2026

South Gippsland Shire Council proudly welcomed our region's newest Australian citizens at a Citizenship Ceremony and celebration held on Wednesday at Memorial Hall in Leongatha.

The ceremony saw 18 conferees originally from Sweden, India, Israel, Australia, Philippines, United Kingdom, Indonesia and the Netherlands formally pledge their commitment to Australia, surrounded by family, friends and community members.

The event celebrated not only an important personal milestone for the new citizens, but also the rich cultural diversity that continues to strengthen and enrich South Gippsland.

Quote attributable to South Gippsland Shire Mayor, Nathan Hersey:

"Congratulations and welcome to our newest Australians! It was truly an honour to welcome our newest citizens at such a special occasion.

At every citizenship ceremony, we are reminded of just how fortunate we are to live in Australia and specifically South Gippsland.

Our community is enriched by the many people who choose to make South Gippsland their home and contribute to our local area."

Quote attributable to one of South Gippsland's newest Australian family, originally from India, Remya Varghese and her husband Jobin Abraham:

"Our family are all excited and very proud to be Australian citizens after living here for eight years. It's a dream come true. Our youngest son was born here and now he's an Australian like us all."

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