

Mayor's Message



*South Gippsland
Shire Council*

At last week's Council Meeting the 2025/26 Annual Report was adopted.

This is much more than a document. It is a summary of achievements that could not have happened without a strong functioning Council and without close partnerships with our community.

The 2025/26 Annual Report covers the first year of our new Council Plan and I am pleased to report that all 30 actions in the Plan and all 15 Measures of Success were achieved.

A highlight was the delivery of 42 capital works projects, with a total cost of \$20.1 million. That is 93 per cent of the originally adopted budget and a significant spend on community infrastructure including:

- Korumburra Pedestrian Link.
- Fish Creek Streetscape.
- Korumburra Multi-Sport Facility and Skate Park.
- Great Southern Rail Trail works.
- Road rehabilitation and resealing.
- Seawall repairs and an Accessible Pontoon in Port Welshpool.
- And many more projects across South Gippsland.

Our Council continue to focus on financial sustainability, as we work carefully to balance what we need to get done now, whilst also having a focus on future needs.

This work does not happen without teamwork and determination, and having a focus on our community in everything we do.

To watch the meeting back, or to read the minutes, please visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/meetings

One Gippsland Election Tracker

South Gippsland Shire Council is a member of One Gippsland, which is the peak advocacy body for the Gippsland region. Made up of the six local governments in Gippsland and industry partners, One Gippsland works to promote and advocate for shared priorities across the entire region.

In the lead up to the Victorian election, One Gippsland has put together a non-partisan Election Tracker. This is a one-stop-shop to see the commitments, announcements and policies relevant to Gippsland by all parties.



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I encourage you to check it out by visiting: www.onegippsland.org/2026-state-election-commitment-tracker

Municipal Association of Victoria

I was pleased to see South Gippsland Shire Council's motion requesting development of a coordinated Victorian Food Security Framework supported at the Municipal Association of Victoria's State Council Meeting last week. In South Gippsland, we know the importance of agricultural land and ensuring food security. We are working hard to protect it, but we cannot do it alone. We need a coordinated approach between all levels of government. No farms, no food. It's that simple.

Virtual Vigil

Acknowledging the horrific and shocking attack on Dr Helen Haines, the Federal Member for Indi, our Council building was lit up on Friday evening as part of the Virtual Vigil across Australia. Violence has no place in Australia or in our democracy. Our thoughts are with Helen, her family, her staff and the Indi community at this difficult time.