

Mayor's Message



Hello South Gippsland.

Since the announcement of my appointment as President of Australian Local Government Women's Association – Victoria (ALGWA), I've been thinking about how this all happened. The support of my fellow Councillors and our amazing South Gippsland community have truly meant a lot to me. I would like to thank everyone who has sent me messages and commented on social media posts congratulating me on this appointment. I am really looking forward to using this opportunity for the benefit of South Gippsland.

I would also like to remind you that the May Council Meeting is on Wednesday 15 May at 2.00pm in Council Chambers, Leongatha. If you can't make it, or want to watch it when it suits you, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

Proposed 2024/25 Budget Engagement

Thank you to everyone who provided their feedback on the Proposed 2024/25 Budget and Long Term Financial Plan. Once again we have seen our community enjoy the opportunity to provide their feedback, something this Council has prided itself on. This will all now be considered before the final Budget comes to Council at the 26 June Council Meeting.

IDAHOBIT Day

IDAHOBIT Day (International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia) marks the removal of homosexuality from the World Health Organisation's Classification of Diseases, but members of our LGBTQIA+ community are still discriminated against. Wear something rainbow and join Councillors and Council staff to raise a rainbow flag on Friday 17 May at 10.30am outside Council's main office.

Community Training Opportunities

Our Community Training workshops so far this year have been well attended, but there are still plenty more to come!

The next two Community Training sessions will explore innovative strategies to attract and keep volunteers. South Gippsland has terrific rates of volunteerism, but learning how to encourage more people to do so is important for the ongoing viability of many organisations and groups. If you're a not-for-profit organisation, community group or a person who is interested in volunteering – this is a perfect opportunity to learn. To find out more and to register for this and any other upcoming workshop, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/communitytraining

Stand for Council Workshops

All Councils across Victoria will have elections happening later this year. If you are thinking of standing as a candidate for Council, but aren't quite sure if it is for you, there are plenty of upcoming workshops where you can learn more about the role of a Councillor. It will also give you some information about local government, the election process, what you can expect as a new Councillor, and the opportunities for training and development.

Multiple organisations will be hosting these workshops, so keep an eye on Council's website for sessions that may be of interest to you.

Cr Clare Williams – Mayor