

Mayor's Message



Hello South Gippsland.

The May Council Meeting was held last Wednesday, with some important discussion about a range of topics including the Organisational Performance Report, the 99 Bena Road Korumburra planning application and Bushfire Assessment Summaries for Foster and Mirboo North. If you haven't been to a Council Meeting, or watched one online, I strongly encourage you to. It is a great way to get an understanding of what is happening in our region.

To watch the Council Meeting, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

MAV State Council

Last week, Deputy Mayor Hersey and I attended the Municipal Association of Victoria's (MAV) State Council where Council's motions on renewable energy transition and coastal hazard assessments were endorsed. This means that MAV, who represent all councils in Victoria, will assist us with advocacy on these important issues. This is a significant accomplishment as a majority of councils represented at the State Council must agree on these motions being added to their list of priorities. This is just another example of the amazing work we have been doing in the advocacy space and the understanding we have of shared issues across Victoria.

Great Southern Rail Trail Tree Works

A large tree between Bair Street and Simons Lane in Leongatha has been removed. This tree was impacted by the 13 February storm event and had become hazardous. Thank you to the teams who removed the tree and allowed the Trail to remain safe for everyone.

Events

Last week, Council raised the rainbow flag in support of the LGBTQIA+ community in our region. IDAHOBIT Day aims to raise awareness of the discrimination that people in this community still face today. Thank you to everyone who came along to show their support.

The Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival kicked off over the weekend! On Saturday, I participated in the Waste Knot Workshop facilitated by Sarah Parkes. Using recycled silage wrap, we transformed it into a new use, as rope. We truly have some spectacular creative people in South Gippsland that are thinking of new ways to use old materials. Don't worry though, the Tea Cosy Festival is on until Sunday 26 May, so there is plenty of time to head on down to Fish Creek and check out the tea cosy's and participate in the workshops on offer. For more information please visit: www.teacosyfestival.com.au

If you are looking for something new to do, there are plenty of ideas on the Visit South Gippsland website: www.visitsouthgippsland.com.au

VicGrid Information Session

On Wednesday 22 May a drop-in session and community workshop will be held at Memorial Hall in Leongatha. The drop-in session is on between 3.00pm and 5.00pm, and the Community Workshop between 6.00pm and 7.30pm. This is a great opportunity to ask your questions and learn more about the Draft Renewable Energy Zone Community Benefits Plan.

For more information and to register for the Community Workshop, please visit:

<https://engage.vic.gov.au/victransmissionplan>

Cr Clare Williams – Mayor