

## Volunteer Week: Council Celebrates Local Volunteers

Last Wednesday, Council hosted an event to express thanks to the many volunteers of South Gippsland who tirelessly dedicate their time and energy to our community. The event coincided with National Volunteer Week and was a token of appreciation for the invaluable contributions and vital roles volunteers play in enhancing the lives of residents and supporting numerous local initiatives.

The theme of this year's National Volunteer week is 'Something for Everyone', highlighting the diverse range of passion and talent everyone brings to volunteering.

In addition to this celebration, Council also proudly supported a Volunteer Expo held at Corner Inlet in Foster. This event aimed to bring together current volunteers and inspire others to join. The expo featured a range of local organisations such as emergency services, health service providers and community groups, and showcased the diverse opportunities available for community members to get involved and make a difference. It served as a platform for volunteers to share their experiences, network, and recruit new members, as well as touch on the theme of 'Something for Everyone' when it comes to volunteering.

South Gippsland Shire Council offers a range of volunteering opportunities to support the delivery of a range of important programs and services to the region. You can apply to volunteer with Council at [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/volunteer](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/volunteer).

Details of local community groups and associations are listed in the South Gippsland Community Directory which can be viewed on Council's website. This is a great resource to look for volunteering opportunities or to promote your volunteer association. To view the Directory or add an entry, please go to: [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/communitydirectory](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/communitydirectory)

### **Quote attributable to Clare Williams, Mayor of South Gippsland Shire Council**

*"This National Volunteer Week, I would like to share my deepest thanks to the selfless volunteers of South Gippsland. Your dedication, compassion and spirit of service is the backbone of our community. I am amazed at what passionate volunteers can achieve – your work inspires us all. Thank you."*

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