

# Mayor's Message



Hello South Gippsland.

What an eventful week it has been!

On Tuesday, I met with local volunteers and representatives from Emergency Recovery Victoria, Disaster Relief Australia and others who have been supporting the clean-up efforts in Mirboo North. It has been a welcomed sight seeing our region gain support from all levels of government and volunteers from near and far after such a devastating event. The Mirboo North community will be going through the recovery process for quite some time, but they have some terrific support to get it done.

On Wednesday, we had our last Council Meeting for the 2023/24 financial year. It was an important meeting where we adopted the Annual Budget – a responsible Plan that balances the economic climate we are in and the expectations of our community. Thank you to those who provided meaningful feedback during this process.

If you missed the meeting, you can watch it back by visiting: [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live)

Next week Deputy Mayor Nathan Hersey, Chief Executive Officer Kerryn Ellis and I will be heading to Canberra for the Australian Local Government Association's National General Assembly Conference and to have advocacy meetings with some of our Australian Government colleagues. I'll tell you all about it in my next edition.

## **Engagement Opportunities**

Bass Coast Shire Council has an opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed Gippsland Odyssey Extension. The proposed extension will connect Woolamai to Nyora – a 25-kilometre link that will extend the trail to beyond 1,100 kilometres.

To find out more and provide your thoughts before 19 July, please visit:

<https://engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/gippslandodyssey>

There is also still time to provide your feedback on South Gippsland Shire Council's Draft Waste and Resource Recovery Plan. Read the draft Plan and provide your feedback here:

<https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au>

## **Community Training**

Do you want to learn how to make flyers and social media posts look good? South Gippsland Shire Council is running a 'How to Create a Flyer Using Canva' workshop on Thursday 11 July from 6.00pm to

8.00pm at the Korumburra Community Hub. The session will walk you through the basics of using Canva and how not-for-profit organisations can make the most of this online design tool.

To register, please visit: [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/communitytraining](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/communitytraining)

### **Strzelecki Ward Councillor Catch Ups**

Want to have a chat with your local Councillors? Deputy Mayor Nathan Hersey, Councillor Jenni Keerie and Councillor Mick Felton will be hosting Councillor Catch Ups on Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 July. More details will be coming shortly, so please keep an eye out on Council's Facebook page or website.

### **School Holidays**

The end of another school term has come and our youngest South Gippslanders are home for a few weeks. If you're trying to think of something to do to keep them occupied, why not look for some outdoor adventures to get them active?

There are plenty of walking tracks and trails that are suitable for a range of fitness levels, including the Great Southern Rail Trail which has just received a grant of \$100,000 from the Victorian Government's Council Support Package. The grant will support the activation of one of South Gippsland's greatest assets with more artwork, marketing materials and signage.

If you would rather get out and do some retail therapy, make sure you shop local where possible to support our businesses.

There are plenty of ideas on the Visit South Gippsland website, which you can find here:

[www.visitsouthgippsland.com.au](http://www.visitsouthgippsland.com.au)

### **Cr Clare Williams – Mayor**