



## Citizenship Ceremony – Wednesday 17 July

South Gippsland's newest citizens were officially welcomed at a Citizenship Ceremony held at Council Chambers in Leongatha.

The seven conferees from India, New Zealand, China, Belgium and the United Kingdom formally pledged their commitment to Australia in front of a warm crowd of family and friends.

Our new citizens, hailing from various corners of the globe, stood side by side, representing the growing cultural tapestry of our Shire. Our new citizens include:

- Luke Lowe – New Zealand
- Ian Zhu – China
- Cecilia Dawson – Belgium
- Steve Dilen – New Zealand
- Katie Provan – United Kingdom
- Andrew Provan – United Kingdom

### **Quotes attributable to South Gippsland Shire Mayor, Cr Clare Williams:**

*“Citizenship Ceremonies are a joyful celebration for the conferees, who have chosen to call Australia, but more specifically South Gippsland, home. Congratulations to our newest citizens on making their pledge and a commitment to Australia.”*

### **Photos from left to right:**

Photo 1 – Luke Lowe and his family

Photo 2 – Ian Zhu

Photo 3 – Cecilia Dawson and Steve Dilen

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