

Mayor's Message



Hello South Gippsland.

With the transition away from coal-fired power stations to renewable energy, it is important that both Council and the South Gippsland community provide feedback when engagement opportunities arise.

One such opportunity is occurring now, with VicGrid seeking community feedback to develop the 2025 Victorian Transmission Plan. This includes the proposed renewable energy zones, which highlight study areas for further investigation of renewable energy. On the map of study areas, South Gippsland has quite a few Tier 1 and 2 areas.

I understand the level of concern our community has on this and would strongly encourage South Gippslanders to read the provided materials and have a say on what is proposed. Two drop-in sessions will be held at the Korumburra Community Hub on Wednesday 14 August between 4.00pm and 7.00pm, or Thursday 15 August between 10.30am to 12.30pm. Once you have the information you need, please provide your feedback either in-person to VicGrid or online at: <https://engage.vic.gov.au/vicgrid> You can also call them on 1800 418 341 or email vicgrid@deeca.vic.gov.au.

Council found out about the proposed onshore investigation areas the same time as you all. So, we are currently in the process of reviewing the information provided by VicGrid and will also be preparing a submission on behalf of the community. However, in this instance, quantity is important – the more feedback they receive, the better picture they have of community sentiment.

ArtCubes

The ArtCubes have been on the move again. This time, they're in Toora, with an official opening happening last week. The colourful Cubes will be in Toora for the next four months (until Monday 28 October) and are at the Toora Community Hall car park on Dutton Street.

Stop by and see the local creatives making the Cubes their home for a little while. You can find a full schedule of who will be in the ArtCubes and when at: www.visitsouthgippsland.com.au/artcubes

Draft Coal Creek Strategic Plan

Thank you to everyone who provided their feedback on the draft Coal Creek Strategic Plan. The feedback will now be considered and fed into the final Strategic Plan that will come before Council for endorsement. This Plan has been purely based off community feedback we've received, and I think it has been an exciting process for everyone to be involved in. It highlights the importance of speaking up, whether you agree or not, so Council can make decisions based on the best information.

Add Your Events to Visit South Gippsland

We have some absolutely amazing events in South Gippsland all year round. To help groups promote their events to locals and visitors alike, you can list them for free on the Visit South Gippsland website. Add as much detail as you like and a beautiful image, and you're all set!

This information is also shared by Council each week on Facebook to showcase what is on in our region over the weekend. No event is too large or small.

Cr Clare Williams – Mayor