

# CEO's Message



Welcome to October South Gippsland.

Now our calendars have ticked over for October, it isn't long now until our local Council Election is held. Over the next few weeks, you should receive your ballot pack from the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC). Please ensure you complete your vote and pop it back in the mail (or drop off at the VEC office in Leongatha).

While we are in the Election Period, Council is keeping a close eye on the information circulating during this time. To correct any inaccuracies that are found in the public forum, Council has a page on our website to help set the record straight. So, if you read or hear something that you think isn't quite right, please check the website: [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/election](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/election) and click 'Correcting Inaccuracies'. If you are concerned, you can also contact Council via phone (5662 9200), email ([council@southgippsland.vic.gov.au](mailto:council@southgippsland.vic.gov.au)) or private message us on Facebook your question. We will do our best to answer it.

The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) runs the Council elections and as such, is also a trusted source for information. There is a VEC Office in Leongatha at 6-12 Smith Street (Carinos) if you would like to have a face-to-face chat. You can also browse their website: [www.vec.vic.gov.au](http://www.vec.vic.gov.au)

## **School is Back**

School holidays are over, and schools are full of students once again. This means school zones are operating again, so please take care around our schools. All students, parents and school crossing supervisors deserve to get home safely to their families.

## **Upcoming Events at Coal Creek**

As the weather improves, Coal Creek is ready to host some amazing events for all to enjoy.

On Sunday 13 October, enjoy the beloved Americana festival Out on the Weekend. Country and western lovers will enjoy the artists on offer such as Hurray for the Riff Raff, Nick Shoulders and Uncle Lucius.

Spooky season is here, and families are rejoicing that Halloween at Coal Creek is back again this year. This event is circled on many locals' calendars and is a fabulous event for the entire family. Dress in your ghoulish best and celebrate all things that bump in the night.

For tickets on either of these events, and to browse other events happening in South Gippsland, please visit: [www.visitsouthgippsland.com.au/events](http://www.visitsouthgippsland.com.au/events)

Thank you,

**Kerryn Ellis – Chief Executive Officer**