CEO's Message



Hello South Gippsland.

We are getting some glimpses of spring – a time when our region comes alive with colour and vibrancy. It is also the perfect time for a spring clean, both inside your home and outside in the garden. As the weather improves, you'll likely start to see more weeds popping up that need attention. Why not take advantage of a lovely day on the weekend and spend some time in the garden? I know I'm looking forward to pruning and weeding so my property is fresh. It also has the added benefit of getting ready for the bushfire season.

If you're looking to add more plants to your garden, stop by your local nursery and get some advice on what will work best for your property and your green thumb.

Ballot Packs in the Mail

The Victorian Electoral Commission sent out ballot packs last week, so hopefully you have received yours. If you haven't received one by Tuesday 15 October, please get in touch with them to order a replacement.

The local government elections are 100% postal voting this year, so once you get your ballot, make sure you read the information about your local candidates and number all the boxes on the ballot paper. Once you've done your vote, you can drop it off at the VEC Office in Leongatha (6-12 Smith Street) or pop it straight into the mail.

As we have throughout the Election Period, Council is keeping a dedicated webpage up to date with some of the key information including how to spot misinformation, correcting inaccuracies, and voting information. To view, please visit: <u>www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/election</u>

Events

Congratulations to the organising committee for Biketoberfest on another successful event over the weekend. Biketoberfest helps raise funds for the Black Dog Ride, that raises awareness of depression and suicide prevention. It is fantastic to see so many people out supporting local events, including those from around the state and interstate.

There are plenty of events coming up across our region as well, so make sure you check them out on the Visit South Gippsland website: www.visitsouthgippsland.com.au/events

As always, you can list your event for free on the Visit South Gippsland website, helping you get more people at your event.

Thank you,

Kerryn Ellis – Chief Executive Officer