

# CEO Message



Hello South Gippsland.

Happy National Water Week! In celebration of National Water Week (21 to 27 October), South Gippsland Water is hosting their annual poster competition. South Gippsland Shire Council is happy to be exhibiting these works in the Mechanics Hall at Coal Creek Community Park and Museum. Local primary school students were encouraged to create a poster reflective of the theme "Water for all, inspiring action". As we all know, water is a vital part of life and this year's theme highlights the importance of this valuable asset and makes us think of how we can use water more sustainably now and into the future. I encourage everyone to make their way over to Coal Creek to enjoy the exhibition and see how our next generation depicts the value of water.

## **Free Camping at Tidal River, Wilsons Promontory**

The Victorian Government is helping families this summer by making camping free in every national park and state forest in Victoria. I'm pleased to confirm that this includes our very own Tidal River campground at Wilsons Promontory. Camping will be free until 30 June 2025, meaning locals and visitors have ample time to take up this offer.

## **Community Markets**

As the days get longer and the weather gets warmer, it's fantastic to see so many community markets taking place throughout our region. Over the weekend, we were spoilt for choice with markets in Toora, Foster, Korumburra and Leongatha. If you haven't already made plans this coming weekend, there are markets happening in Mirboo North and Kongwak.

## **Don't forget to vote in your 2024 Local Council Election**

Please make sure you have sent your ballot pack via mail or delivered it in person to the election office at Carinos, 6-12 Smith Street Leongatha, before 6.00pm on Friday 25 October. Ballots cannot be accepted at Council.

For more information about the current election period, please visit:

[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/election](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/election)

Thank you,

Kerryn Ellis – Chief Executive Officer