

CEO's Message



Hello South Gippsland.

At South Gippsland Shire Council, one of our key priorities is to work closely and productively with our key partners. Investing in these relationships helps us make South Gippsland a better place to live, work and invest, together. I along with Council's senior staff invest significant time and effort to do this work on behalf of our community.

This week, there were some amazing examples of this work. Council's Executive Leadership Team met with the CEO and senior staff from the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority, senior regional staff from the Department of Transport and Planning, and the board and executive of South Gippsland Water. All separate meetings, and all extremely important to highlighting the needs of different communities and industries in our region.

With the Department of Transport, Council staff conducted a comprehensive tour of our municipality to show them our transport infrastructure needs, particularly in the context of the expansion of the Victorian Livestock Exchange in Koonwarra and the developing offshore wind industry. The Executive Leadership Team presented to the South Gippsland Water board and executive about South Gippsland's growth, especially how we can jointly plan for the needs of our growing community and industry.

South Gippsland cannot progress without the close partnership of Council and key partners including all levels of government and local industry leaders.

Mirboo North Pool

Repair works at the Mirboo North Pool are continuing with the focus currently on the plant room, where significant damage was sustained. The works are being completed by a contractor, who has been engaged by Council's insurance company and are fully covered under our insurance policy.

Works currently underway or complete include:

- Canteen and pool storage areas cleaned.
- Building Permit for pool shed obtained.
- Building Permit for boundary fence progressed.
- Pool shed and heat pumps ordered.
- Splash park play area equipment repaired.

Council remains committed to updating the community on the progress of works at the Pool.

Election Period Over

The Council Election / Caretaker Period is now over, meaning that Council business returns to normal. Thank you to everyone who got their votes in on time to the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC).

From here, the votes will now be collated and counted by the VEC. This can take some time, with the official declaration of successful candidates taking place on 8 November at 3.00pm. This event is open to the public and will be held at Memorial Hall, Leongatha, so please feel free to come along if you wish.

I look forward to hearing who the community has voted in as Councillors for the next Council term.

Melbourne Cup Weekend

This weekend is the Melbourne Cup 'Long' Weekend. While Monday isn't a public holiday, many will be taking the opportunity to get away and enjoy some peace-and-quiet.

If you are taking to the roads, please take care and drive to conditions. Everyone wants you to make it home to your loved ones.

Thank you,

Kerryn Ellis – Chief Executive Officer