

CEO's Message



Hello South Gippsland.

We are a region filled with exceptional people and businesses that punch well above their weight on a Victorian, national and international stage.

In the past few weeks, we've seen:

- Berry's Creek Gourmet Cheese win two awards at the 26th Australian Grand Dairy Awards;
- Helen Millison from Korumburra win a Council of the Ageing Award at the 2024 Victorian Senior of the Year Awards;
- Burra Foods win the 2024 Governor of Victoria Export Award in the Agribusiness, Food and Beverages category;
- Manna Gum Community House won the 2024 Victorian Learn Local Pre-Accredited Program Award; and
- Multiple people and events be nominated for a 2025 South Gippsland Australia Day Award.

Congratulations to everyone who has received recognition for the amazing work they do in South Gippsland.

Council has also received some amazing recognition for recent work. Last week, the partnership between Regional Development Australia Gippsland, South Gippsland Shire Council and Latrobe City Council was recognised at the Regional Development Australia National Forum Dinner and Awards. The partnership received a Commendation due to the excellent partnership between us all in the development of the South Gippsland and Latrobe City Renewable Energy Impact and Readiness Study 2024.

We also received another award for our Coastal Strategy at the Victorian Marine and Coastal Awards 2024 held on Thursday evening. Council won the Leadership in Climate Adaptation and Resilience Award for our embedded climate resilience approach to coastal management and planning. This is a massive accomplishment for our organisation, which could not have been possible without the collaboration between Council staff, the community and our key partners.

Congratulations to our new Councillors-elect

On Friday 8 November, our new Councillor group was announced.

I would like to sincerely congratulate:

- Scott Rae;
- Sarah Gilligan;
- Steve Finlay;
- Nathan Hersey;
- Bron Beach;
- John Kennedy;
- John Schelling;
- Clare Williams; and
- Brad Snell.

I look forward to working with you all for the benefit of our fabulous region, and gaining a better understanding of what you want to achieve whilst you are a Councillor.

Garage Sale Trail

The Garage Sale Trail kicked off in South Gippsland on the weekend, but don't worry if you missed it. It's on again this Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 November.

The Garage Sale Trail is the perfect opportunity to pick up a bargain and help the planet at the same time. There are so many treasures to discover from fashion and accessories to homewares and toys, you'll find the perfect addition to your home.

For more information on the sales happening in South Gippsland, please visit:

www.garagesaletrail.com.au/south-gippsland

Thank you,

Kerryn Ellis – Chief Executive Officer