

# CEO's Message



Hello South Gippsland.

It has been a busy week for our new Councillor group, who were officially sworn-in at a ceremony on Wednesday. Their Induction Program also started last week, which is designed to give them all the knowledge they need to be great Councillors. This will continue for the next few months.

The new group are working well together, with returning Councillors sharing their insights where appropriate.

I look forward to seeing the relationships between Councillors continue to grow as time goes on.

## **New Exhibition at Coal Creek**

On Friday 15 November, a new exhibition was officially opened at Coal Creek. Mandy Gunn's exhibition *Interwoven, Collected, Cut, Created* is a commentary on waste and how we view it. Mandy is an extremely talented local artist who is passionate about using alternative mediums to create art.

The exhibition is on now until Monday 27 January 2025, so make sure to check it out.

## **Engagement Opportunity**

There is a proposed planning amendment at 108 and 110 Parr Street, Leongatha that is open for feedback.

Amendment C131sgip incorporates both a Planning Scheme Amendment and a Planning Permit so all required approvals can be sought together.

Information on the proposal is available on Council's Your Say South Gippsland website:

<https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au>

Feedback closes on Friday 13 December 2024.

## **Baths Road Reserve, Mirboo North**

The Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Change (DEECA) and Forest Fire Management are on site at Baths Road Reserve to reduce the bushfire risk in the Reserve and create better access for firefighters. Surveys were conducted in Mirboo North to understand the balance between protection of community and the environment.

Residents near the work locations have been notified about the works, which will slow over the Christmas period to minimise disruption.

As has been the case with other works in the town, any material suitable for domestic firewood will be made available to the Mirboo North community.

If you would like more information, please contact [mirboonorthstormdebris@deeca.vic.gov.au](mailto:mirboonorthstormdebris@deeca.vic.gov.au) or visit the Forest Fire Management website.

### **New Websites**

In exciting news, the Great Southern Rail Trail website has had a much-needed refresh. The new site has been live for a couple of weeks and provides some amazing new features such as an interactive journey builder. You can check it out here: [www.gsrt.com.au](http://www.gsrt.com.au)

Our Visit South Gippsland website has also had a refresh to bring it in line with the new brand that has been developed. The functionality of the website has remained largely the same, but a new colour palette and layout has brought some freshness to the site. It is also the home of all the events, big and small, that are happening in South Gippsland. So be sure to check out the site and add your event for free here: [www.visitsouthgippsland.com.au](http://www.visitsouthgippsland.com.au)

Thank you,

**Kerryn Ellis – Chief Executive Officer**