

Mayor Message



Hello South Gippsland.

I am excited to be writing my first Message as Mayor and look forward to chatting to you all regularly through this column.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate Councillor Sarah Gilligan on her election as Deputy Mayor. I'm looking forward to working closely with her over the next year.

I feel incredibly grateful to have the opportunity to serve the South Gippsland community as Mayor. This could not have happened without my:

- Fellow Councillors – for voting for me and showing their support for my leadership.
- Family – they have supported me to take on many roles in the community, as well as being a Councillor for the past three years, and now being Mayor.
- Workplace – for allowing some flexibility to my work schedule so I can give this role my best.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the last three years as a Councillor. I believe we restored our community's faith in local democracy and good decision making. We worked well together by using our differences to share the other side to the coin. We engaged with our community more and really positively. We were present Councillors who want the best for our region.

I have no doubt that this new Councillor group will be able to continue on from the great work of the previous Council. All of us look forward to working together and representing our community, who have put faith in us to do so.

A strong and united South Gippsland is extremely important. There is a lot of opportunity coming our way, and we need to be prepared. We need to be ready to make strong decisions to set our region up for success.

I look forward to leading through what's to come in the next 12 months and working with the Councillors, community and Council staff to achieve our goals.

Green Waste Amnesty

Council's Green Waste Amnesty is still happening, meaning you can get your property ready for the upcoming fire danger period.

The Amnesty runs until 31 December and allows you to dispose of most green waste for free at a South Gippsland Transfer Station.

A list of excluded species and Transfer Station times can be found on Council's website:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/greenwasteamnesty

Congratulations Xavier!

I'd like to extend my congratulations to Xavier Lindsay, a Leongatha Parrot footballer who was selected at pick 11 in the AFL Draft. All the best on your time at Melbourne and we can't wait to see what you do.

Thank you,

Cr John Schelling – Mayor