

# Mayor Message



Hello South Gippsland.

On Wednesday 4 December, South Gippsland Shire Council's Chief Executive Officer Kerryn Ellis tendered her resignation.

Kerryn has been a fierce advocate for South Gippsland and over her time as CEO, she has transformed the organisation into a place people want to work.

I have been privileged to work alongside Kerryn for the past three years, and while I am sad to see her moving on, I am extremely grateful for everything she has done here.

All Councillors have very much enjoyed working with Kerryn, and it is on behalf of all of us that I say thank you to Kerryn for all of her hard work. We wish her every success for her next adventure.

If you would like to see a full statement on this matter, you can do so at: [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au)

## **Expressions of Interest open for Arts Advisory Committee**

South Gippsland Shire Council is seeking Expressions of Interest from suitably qualified and interested members of the community who would like to be part of the South Gippsland Arts Advisory Committee.

The Committee will be made up of no more than 10 members that will bring their specialist skills, knowledge and experience to the group.

This is a fantastic opportunity for local creatives to build on the work of the previous Committee, so I strongly encourage you to consider applying.

Expressions of interest close on Friday 20 December 2024. Please apply now at:

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

## **Grand Ridge Road closure**

If you are travelling on the Grand Ridge Road this week, please note that it is closed between Canavans Road and Hollins Road landslip repairs. Detours are in place via Canavans Road or Ferndale Road.

The road will reopen Saturday 14 December 2024.

## **Events**

Over the last 16 days, Council has participated in the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence. Part of this campaign, a walk was held in Leongatha on Wednesday, along with a photo pop-up to encourage people to talk about respect.

I'd like to thank everyone who came along to support these events and all others held across South Gippsland. Together we can have a safer South Gippsland.

On Thursday evening, Councillors Bron Beach, Clare Williams and Brad Snell joined me at the Community Planning Network's Presentation to Councillors. These groups have been working tirelessly to create plans for their towns that highlight the needs and opportunities for some of our towns.

Thank you to the representations from:

- Meeniyan Progress Association.
- Sandy Point Community Group.
- Poowong Community Consultative Committee.
- Kongwak Hall.
- Welshpool Area Future Focus Group.
- Port Welshpool Working Group.
- Fish Creek Community Development Group.
- Yanakie Progress Association.
- Korumburra Round Table.
- Nyora Progress Association.

I appreciate all of you for volunteering your time to speak with us.

### **Congratulations Councillor Hersey!**

I'd like to congratulate Cr Nathan Hersey on his appointment as Deputy President (Non-Metro) at the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV). Cr Hersey has been part of MAV in some capacity for the last three years, and it is terrific to see him take on this position.

Thank you,

**Cr John Schelling – Mayor**