

South Gippsland Shire Council News **Merry Christmas to Everyone**

As the year draws to a close, South Gippsland Shire Council would like to extend our warmest wishes to our community. This past year has been a journey filled with both challenges and triumphs, and we are incredibly grateful for the resilience and spirit shown by each and every one of you.

We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

During this festive season, we encourage everyone to take the time to connect with loved ones, reflect on the past year, and look forward to the opportunities that the new year will bring.

Throughout the Christmas/New Year period, many Council services will be closed or have different operating hours. Please read the section below as it provides a run down of the services that may be impacted.

Please remember to shop and eat local where possible and travel safely within South Gippsland and abroad. For ideas on things to see and do in our region, please visit:

www.visitsouthgippsland.com.au

Australia Day Photography Competition



South Gippsland Shire Council is once again running the Australia Day Photography Competition.

The theme of the competition is Australia Day. South Gippsland – Our Home.

To find out more about the South Gippsland Australia Day Photography Competition, or to submit an entry, please visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/australiadaycompetition

Entries close Wednesday 15 January 2025.

Winners will be announced 26 January 2025.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

An additional Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 15 January 2025 at 2.00pm. The meeting will be held virtually.

Details will be available on Council's website: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/CouncilMeetings

CHRISTMAS CLOSURES

South Gippsland Shire Council offices will be closed from 3.00pm Tuesday 24 December 2024 and will reopen Thursday 2 January 2025 at 10.00am. Council staff will be available on the phone and online from Thursday 2 January 2025 at 8.30am.

Bin Collections: Properties scheduled to have their kerbside bins emptied on Christmas Day will be serviced on Thursday 26 December instead. This affects Bena, Loch, Mirboo North, Poowong, Dumbalk, Koowarra, Meeniyan, Nyora and Tarwin. Visitor Information Centre, Foster: 7 days a week, 10.00am to 4.00pm. Closed Christmas Day. Phone 1800 630 704.

Coal Creek: 7 days a week, 10.00am to 4.00pm. Last entry 3.30pm. Closed Christmas Day.

South Gippsland Citizen's Advice Bureau and Visitor Information, Leongatha: Closed 24 to 26 December, 31 December and New Year's Day. Closed Sundays. Open 10.00am to 2.00pm outside those days. Phone 5662 2111.

Maternal and Child Health: Centres are open (except for public holidays) but limited to Key Ages and Stages (KAS) checks. Please call 5662 9294 to make an appointment. For general support please call the Maternal and Child Health support line on 13 22 29. Council and community playgroups do not run during school holidays. Go to **www.playgroup.org.au** to find contact details for your local playgroup.**Public Immunisation:** Sessions will not be held in the first week of January but will recommence on 13 January. Go to: www.southgippsland.vic. gov.au/immunisation

Waste Management: All transfer stations and the Koonwarra landfill are also closed on Christmas Day. Operate as scheduled all other times. Opening hours are displayed at sites and on:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov. au

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