

Mayor Message



Hello South Gippsland.

Happy New Year to you all. I hope the year ahead is a safe, prosperous, and enjoyable one.

Australia Day Awards and Photo Competition

Council is pleased to be hosting the South Gippsland Australia Day Awards again this year. The awards provide an opportunity to celebrate the people that help make South Gippsland special. Have a read of their many achievements and head along to the celebratory event at the Meeniyah Hall on Wednesday 15 January at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome. The nominees will also be celebrated at Australia Day events to be held across South Gippsland on 26 January.

Also happening now is Council's Australia Day Photography Competition. This year's theme is 'Australia Day: South Gippsland - Our Home' with entries open until Wednesday 15 January and winners announced on Sunday 26 January. There are two prize categories this year – an open category with a \$500 prize and a junior category (15 and under) with a \$300 prize. The Australia Day Photography Competition is funded by the National Australia Day Council. For more information, go to: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/australiadaycompetition.

VPELA Kathy Mitchell Award

In positive news for Council, Tahnae McCormack (Statutory Planning Officer) was recently awarded the prestigious Kathy Mitchell Award by the Victorian Planning and Environmental Law Association. Council staff cop a bit of flack sometimes, but the reality is we are fortunate to have some incredibly talented people working at Council and it's great to see recognition like this. Congratulations to Tahnae on a job well done.

Community Leadership Program

Applications for the 2025 South Coast Community Leadership Program are open until Sunday 2 February. Delivered by Council in partnership Bass Coast Shire Council, the free Program provides an opportunity for participants build their leadership skills, explore new ways of leading and connect with like-minded local people. For more information, please go to:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/leadership

New Bin Calendar

A new year means a new Garbage and Recycling Calendar is now available.

Find out which bins are due out when by either downloading the calendar via Council's website or picking a hard copy up at Council's offices between 10.00am and 2.00pm in Leongatha (Monday and Wednesday) or Korumburra (Tuesday and Thursday). Copies can also be collected from the Visitor Information Centre in Foster.

I hope you have a wonderful week.