



# South Gippsland Shire Council News

## 2025 Australia Day Awards

Last week, South Gippsland’s Australia Day Award nominees were celebrated at a ceremony held at the Meeniyah Hall (Meeniyah Mechanics Institute).

The awards recognise the individuals and organisers who work, often unassumingly, to make our region better by supporting events, assisting with programs and through their involvement with community associations.

South Gippsland Shire Council would like to thank and congratulate all of the nominees in this year’s awards. Without further ado, here are our Australia Day Award recipients.

### Citizen of the Year: Ian Rasmussen

Ian embodies energy, dedication and passion for community service. Being the secretary and treasurer of the Leongatha Senior Citizens Club as well as heavily involved with the Lions Club, Girl Guides,

hall committees and other community groups, it’s hard to wrap your head around how he does it all. He doesn’t view his extensive volunteer work as a burden but as a fulfilling and enjoyable part of his life. His readiness to help wherever needed and his ability to juggle multiple responsibilities with enthusiasm make him a cherished and respected figure in the South Gippsland Community.

### Young Citizen of the Year: Charlotte Ogden

At 19 years of age, Charlotte showcases an impressive cv of volunteering and youth advocacy. From representing our region on the Victorian Youth Congress, and being part of the 1st Inverloch Scouts Group, to playing a vital role in the co-creation of the Victorian Youth Strategy, Charlotte demonstrates strong leadership and a positive drive for change. Driven by her passion for

the ecosystem, she is currently pursuing a Diploma in Conservation and Ecosystem Management, with the goal of contributing to a greener future.

### Community Event of the Year: 40th Anniversary Tavern Nights

A cherished part of the Meeniyah and broader South Gippsland community, the Tavern Nights celebrated their 40th anniversary with a star-studded lineup of local entertainers. For years the Tavern Nights have provided a sense of community and an opportunity for budding performers to hop on the stage and give it their all. Giving back to the local community, Tavern Nights are more than just a concert; they are a celebration of community resilience, creativity, and connection.

To read the full bios of our Australia Day Award winners and nominees, please visit: [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/australiaday](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/australiaday)

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 19 February 2025 at 2.00pm.

Details will be available on Council’s website:

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

To watch the meeting live or when it suits you, visit:

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

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for a new job? We might have the perfect position for you! Check out our current vacant positions here:

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

### COMMUNITY GRANTS

South Gippsland Shire Council’s second round of Community Grants are now open.

Community Grants are an opportunity for Council to give back to local clubs and community groups who give so much to others.

Grants can be used for both minor and major projects and equipment, planning and developing reports, and festivals and events.

For more information and to apply, please visit:

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

### REQUEST FOR TENDERS

Council is seeking submissions from qualified companies/applicants for the following:

#### RFT/423 – Korumburra Commercial Street - Hub Pedestrian Link

Tenders close 2.00pm AEDT on Tuesday 21 January 2024.

Documentation is available from Council’s e-Tendering Portal

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

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