

# Mayor Message



Hello South Gippsland.

What an exciting time of year it is as students go back to school, or start their schooling. I would like to wish everyone who is back at school a wonderful 2025 and hope you all do a great job this year. Especially I would like to shout-out to the Preps, who are now on a journey of growth and learning. May it bring you friendship and joy. I'd also like to pass on a friendly reminder that school zones are operational again. Please slow down during school times and help keep our youngest community members safe.

## **Community Grants**

The second round of the 2024/25 Community Grants Program closes at the end of March, so now is the perfect time to think about a project you would like to see funded.

There are details on the Program, including the four categories and Grant Guidelines on Council's website: [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/grants](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/grants)

If you would like some support with your application, even if it is just to make sure you're on track, you can contact the Community Development team on 5662 9200 or email [council@southgippsland.vic.gov.au](mailto:council@southgippsland.vic.gov.au)

## **Shaping South Gippsland engagement**

Thank you to everyone who has already completed an online survey or said 'hello' at a pop-up for our Shaping South Gippsland engagement. The feedback we hear during this stage will help inform the Council Plan 2025-2029 and determine if the Community Vision 2040 needs a refresh.

This weekend, you can find us at the:

- Korumburra Agricultural Show – Korumburra Showgrounds on Saturday 8 February between 9.00am and 12.00pm.
- Stony Creek Publicans Day – Stony Creek Racecourse on Sunday 9 February between 12.00pm and 2.00pm.

To see where we'll be 'popping up' next or to complete your online survey, please visit:

[www.shapingsouthgippsland.com.au](http://www.shapingsouthgippsland.com.au)

## **Support our Local Events**

In South Gippsland, we are extremely lucky to have a variety of events close to home. From music to visual arts and sport, there is something for everyone here.

If you want to see what's happening in our region, the Visit South Gippsland website is a great place to start. Organisers can add their events for free and it gives you the details you need to plan a weekend here.

To view the list of events and to add yours, please visit: <https://visitsouthgippsland.com.au>

## **Roads**

In a community as far-reaching as South Gippsland, roads are a key connection to our loved ones and the things we love to do (or have to do, like work).

Because of this, Council consistently undertakes maintenance works to our extensive road network to ensure everyone can travel safely. If you spot something not-quite-right though, please let us know via the Snap Send Solve app.

It has been great to see more Victorian Government contractors in our region doing maintenance works to some of our key connecting roads. I look forward to seeing these works continue so locals and visitors alike can make it to their destination safely.

Take care,

**Cr John Schelling – Mayor**