

Mayor Message



Hello South Gippsland.

Even though a federal election hasn't been called yet, campaigning is well-and-truly ramping up.

Council has been very busy advocating on our community priorities to all election candidates and we are pleased to see the response to our requests. So far, South Gippsland has received the following funding commitments which are, of course, dependent on the result of the election:

- Upgrades to Walter J Tuck Reserve in Mirboo North.
- Upgrades to the Fish Creek Football Netball Club.

I'd like to thank all Councillors and staff for their continued efforts and also thank Councillors Scott Rae, Clare Williams and Brad Snell, as well as Director Sustainable Infrastructure Tony Peterson for attending these announcements.

I also had a very productive meeting with the Federal Labor candidate for Monash, Tully Fletcher. We covered a lot of topics in our time together, and I appreciate him stopping by to hear from us.

While not an election announcement, it's another one of Council's advocacy priorities – roads. It is exciting to hear that the Victorian Government is investing in works that will be starting soon on the South Gippsland Highway at Stony Creek. This stretch of road was fixed previously but has since failed and is in desperate need of this work. Let's hope this is the start of further road improvements on state-managed roads in our region.

Everything I have spoken about with the candidates, and the announcements we have heard so far would not have been possible without Council's strong and consistent advocacy on these issues. There are some things that Council is not in the position to action for a number of reasons, including it being outside of our responsibility, so it is important that we make it known what we need to make South Gippsland the best it can be.

South Coast Community Leadership Program Launch

On Saturday, Councillors attended the launch of the South Coast Community Leadership Program. Held at the Korumburra Community Hub, it was great to see this year's cohort come together for the first time and start to build those connections.

The Program is being delivered alongside Bass Coast Shire Council, and I look forward to hearing feedback on the Program from the 25 participants.

This is just one of the amazing opportunities Council provides to build knowledge and skills in our local community.

South Gippsland Jobs Expo

The South Gippsland Jobs Expo will be taking place at Memorial Hall Leongatha on Thursday 20 March from 9.30am to 1.30pm.

Come along to this free event and chat with employers who are actively looking for new people to join their teams. There is also a Jobs Board with other vacancies in the region.

As one of the region's biggest jobs expos, if you're looking for work or thinking about a career change, this is an event not to be missed.

For more information, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/JobsExpo

Community Events

Stony Creek Racing Club's Cup Day was back again last weekend. It was a great event with a healthy crowd on what was quite a warm day.

It was also great to see the South Gippsland Garlic Festival back in a new location and still extremely popular. A number of Councillors attended the event and shared how busy Korumburra was on the day, including Coal Creek.

Thank you to everyone who has supported these and any other community events in the region, and the volunteers that make them happen.

To check out more events happening in beautiful South Gippsland, please visit:

<https://visitsouthgippsland.com.au>

Take care,

Cr John Schelling – Mayor