

# Cr Rae Message



Hello everyone,

Mayor Schelling asked if I would like to do this week's message to you all, so here I am. Welcome to Councillor Rae's Message.

The changing of the seasons hey. As a farmer, I'm particularly glad to see the end of summer, especially one that has been so dry. With some soaking rain finally falling the past few weeks, I hope we start to see some green grass once more.

With autumn beginning, there's new in-season fruit and vegetables. Chestnuts are bursting off the trees and various other foraging and hunting options present themselves. Eating seasonally is good for all of us, particularly our local growers, so make sure you check out what's in season and support our locals by buying from farmers markets if you can.

While we may not have had enough rain yet to soothe our soil, ducks are enjoying the dams having some water in them again. Duck hunting season began last week, and I would like to encourage those participating to be safe and respect landowners. Hog Deer hunting runs in April, and my same message extends to that as well – please be safe and respect landowners. Always ask for permission before entering private property, and let people know if you'll be letting off some loud bangs. It is also wise to ensure your Game and Firearm licences are up-to-date.

## **One Gippsland Advocacy Meetings**

Councillor Hersey and Interim Chief Executive Officer Allison Jones did a fabulous job representing South Gippsland at the One Gippsland visit to State Parliament. On the day, the One Gippsland cohort met with 15 MPs in nine meetings to talk about the advocacy priorities of our region. It came at an important time, with the State Budget release around the corner.

Thank you Councillor Hersey for being a steady and strong voice in these forums on behalf of South Gippsland.

## **Councillors Out and About**

If you listen to the Council Meeting once a month, you would have a bit of an idea about how busy us Councillors are. We attend as much as we can, supporting events and hearing from locals.

Over the past week:

- Councillor Snell, Councillor Williams and Mayor Schelling attended the South Gippsland Jobs Expo in Leongatha on Thursday. Over 140 jobseekers came through the doors, having great conversations with the potential employers in the room.
- Councillor Beach attended the official opening of the Korumburra-Bena Football Netball Club Changerooms on Saturday.
- Councillor Beach also attended the Victorian Community Gardens Gathering at the Poowong Hall on Sunday.

If you would like a Councillor at your next event, have a chat with a Councillor or email Council on [council@southgippsland.vic.gov.au](mailto:council@southgippsland.vic.gov.au) and they will organise it.

Thank you,

**Cr Scott Rae**