

Mayor Message



Hello South Gippsland.

I hope you enjoyed hearing from Councillor Rae last week. I'm hoping to share this message around with other Councillors now-and-then so all have an opportunity to talk to you.

There's no rest for our volunteers, with tennis and cricket finishing up in the last two weeks and rolling straight into footy and netball season. Our volunteers are often shared among multiple groups, especially those who help out with sport. Without these valuable people in our community, our people – young and young at heart – wouldn't have the opportunities we do now.

Leongatha Memorial Hall Engagement

Council is currently seeking feedback to inform the Leongatha Memorial Hall Precinct project.

This is an exciting opportunity for residents across South Gippsland to share their thoughts about what they want to see from this community asset. The project will consider the feasibility of updating the Hall to improve access and functionality, and consider the potential for a broad range of community uses.

Currently, Memorial Hall serves a wide range of groups, so it is important that all these uses are considered.

To provide your feedback, you can come along to one of the Community Workshops that will be held on Thursday 10 April. There will be two 90-minute workshops with the first commencing at 2.00pm and the second at 7.00pm. You can also complete the online survey or apply to be part of the Project Reference Group at: <https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au>

Feedback closes on Sunday 13 April 2025.

Municipal Association of Victoria Convention

I attended the Municipal Association of Victoria's (MAV) Convention of Councillors two weekends ago. At the Convention some key issues were talked about including funding pressures, evolving technologies, our role as Councillors and housing.

It was a great event that I hope newer Councillors take advantage of in the future to learn more about what representing your community really means. I got a lot out of the event and hope other attendees did too.

Lost Pets and Adoptions

Council has recently launched a new Facebook page where you can find all things animals related. From lost animals and adoptions to information about responsible pet ownership. To follow the page, please visit: www.facebook.com/sgscpets

Events

It was terrific to see the music pumping from two of our small halls over the weekend. The Festival of Small Halls came to Tarwin Lower and Mirboo North last weekend, with a great turnout at both locations. Live music is certainly a favourite in South Gippsland, and it is great to see them getting supported.

If you are organising an event open to the public, make sure to add it to the Visit South Gippsland website for free by visiting: <https://visitsouthgippsland.com.au>

Take care,

Cr John Schelling – Mayor