

# Cr. Beach Message



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Hello South Gippsland,

Firstly, I would like to extend my thanks to the Mayor for giving me the opportunity to share with our wonderful community this week.

## **ANZAC Day**

As we reflect on ANZAC Day, I had the honour of attending the service in Korumburra. It was a moving tribute to the brave men and women who have served our country, and a reminder of the sacrifices made for our freedom.

## **Engagement Opportunities**

Council currently has several engagement opportunities available, and I encourage everyone to provide feedback. In particular, we want to hear your thoughts about the key Council Plans that will help shape the future of South Gippsland. These plans cover a wide range of important areas, including financial management, public health, infrastructure, and community wellbeing. I can't stress enough just how incredibly important your feedback is. It ensures that we, as a Council, align our work with the aspirations of our community.

Additionally, there is an opportunity to have your say on the lease extension proposal for 2746 Meeniyan Promontory Road, Yanakie to the Corner Inlet Motorcycle Club, and the proposition to rename a section of Speight Street in Loch to Albert Road.

## **Community Planning Networks**

I would also like to acknowledge our many Community Planning Networks and the incredible job they do advocating for their communities and helping Council bring their advocacy priorities to fruition. These networks are instrumental in making South Gippsland a fabulous place to live, work, learn, and visit.

## **Community Group Funding**

In our Draft Budget, you will see an additional \$20,000 allocated to Council's Community Grants program. This funding aims to support the incredible work of volunteers and non-profit organisations in South Gippsland, bringing the total value of the program to \$260,000.

We believe that these funds will empower our community groups to thrive, supporting the retention of volunteers through various initiatives. Whether it's providing essential resources, organising



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community events, or launching new projects, this additional funding will help ensure that our community groups continue to flourish and make a positive impact.

### **Community Training**

We also have a number of FREE community training sessions happening throughout May and June, starting with the Provide Basic Emergency Life Support (HLTAID010) course. In-person sessions will be held in Foster and Venus Bay, and participants will receive a nationally accredited statement of attainment upon completion.

To register or find a training session that interests you, please head to:

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

### **Art in South Gippsland**

Finally, I want to give a shoutout to our incredible arts community. As a member of the Arts Advisory Committee. President of Leongatha Lyric Theatre and someone who attend many arts events around the region, I am always blown away by the incredible talent and creativity that thrives in our community. The dedication and passion of local artists, combined with the support and enthusiasm of our audiences, create a buzzing arts scene. Each event and exhibition showcases unique perspectives and artistic expressions, making South Gippsland a truly special place for the arts.

There are so many creative events happening all over South Gippsland and if you're looking for things to do on the weekend, there are always exhibitions and events celebrating our incredible community. A small yet mighty group whose creativity knows no bounds.

[visitsouthgippsland.com.au/events](http://visitsouthgippsland.com.au/events)

Thank you for your continued support and engagement.

Take care,

– Bron Beach