

Funding Announcement for Rail Precincts Development

South Gippsland Shire Council received confirmation that the State Government will support the development of the Leongatha and Korumburra railway precincts.

The funding was allocated under the *Regional Infrastructure Fund – Round Two* and will see an additional \$2 million be added to the Commonwealth Government’s \$3 million funding through the *Building Better Regions Fund*. South Gippsland Shire Council are contributing \$1 million to this project, bringing the total to \$6 million.

The upgrades intend to re-imagine the use of the land within the Leongatha and Korumburra railway station precincts to enhance activity in the centre of the towns and increase community open space. This upgrade includes:

- Delivering new public open space in Leongatha and Korumburra;
- Creating additional car parking for the towns;
- Constructing a pedestrian footbridge to connect to the main street of Leongatha;
- Creating new path connections to business precincts;
- Delivering new playground equipment;
- Planting new trees and landscaping; and
- Building new public amenities for community members and users of the Great Southern Rail Trail.

The first element of the project to be delivered will be the construction of new car parking in the Leongatha precinct, which is set to commence in the coming weeks.

This three-year project will complement the extension currently being undertaken on the Great Southern Rail Trail, which will see it extend approximately 130 kilometres from Nyora to Yarram.

If you would like to view concept plans for the Leongatha and Korumburra railway precincts, you can find them on Council’s website: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

Quote attributable to South Gippsland Shire Mayor, Mohya Davies:

“We are so excited that the final piece of funding has been secured for the Leongatha and Korumburra Railway Precincts redevelopment. This has been a long time coming, and we can’t wait to get started on

the project. It will have a great outcome for our two largest townships and draw additional tourists to our region. I would like to commend the Council staff who worked so diligently on putting the submissions together and the work they have done to date. I look forward to seeing these spaces return to their former glory being in the heart of town and a space for our community to come together.”

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