

Meeniyian Community Play Space Finalised

South Gippsland Shire Council has finalised the \$191,045 Meeniyian Recreation Reserve – Community Play Space project.

In addition to \$74,545 allocated by Council and \$23,500 in community contributions, the project received \$93,000 from the State Government's Sport and Recreation Victoria Community Facility Funding Program.

Works for the project included:

- Development of an entry-level skate park with ramps and a grind rail
- Installation of pedestrian walkways with park furniture and a bike stand
- Construction of a new playground
- Installation of safety bollards around the front of the playground

Council reallocated funds from another playground in Meeniyian that has been removed, allowing for the new playground to be larger than originally anticipated.

The playground was painted blue and red to correlate with the Meeniyian Dumbalk United Football Netball Club' and Cricket Club team colours.

The concept of the project was to encourage more families to visit the recreation reserve and promote the facility as a rest stop along the South Gippsland Rail Trail.

The project aligns with the Meeniyian Community Plan's key objective to engage the community's youth and was the main priority in the Meeniyian Recreation Reserve Master Plan.

Council's Coordinator Grants Emergency Management Penni Ellicott said it was great to see the project finalised with the support of the community.

"The Meeniyian Recreation Reserve – Community Play Space project is a prime example of our community coming together to determine the best outcomes for their area. When a community demonstrates this level of commitment to a project it creates a compelling case for funding bodies.

Council's Technical Officer and Project Manager Jesse Joyce was satisfied with the results of the works.

"Council is pleased to see the project finalised and ready to be used by the local community to promote youth engagement and use of the South Gippsland Rail Trail," said Mr Joyce.

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