

Priority Projects for 2016

Council has adopted five new priority projects for advocacy, support and funding from other levels of government during the 2016 calendar year.

These projects are:

- Long Jetty rehabilitation project
- Leongatha revitalisation project
- Foster streetscape development project
- Northern towns water security project
- South Gippsland Highway Koonwarra Black Spur road realignment

At the beginning of each calendar year Council typically reviews, updates and confirms its list of annual priorities for the year ahead to reflect progress made during the previous 12 months. Council performs an important role in identifying and advocating for government funding and/or commitments needed to deliver priority projects of local significance, with the objective of enhancing economic prosperity and liveability of the shire.

Council's anticipated financial contributions towards each of the proposed 2016 priority projects has already been accounted for in the long-term financial plan.

In recent years, Council has successfully obtained government funding and advocated support for a number of key projects including the Korumburra Integrated Children's Centre, Leongatha Heavy Vehicle Alternate Route and the Great Southern Rail Trail.

In endorsing the new priorities, Council will continue to support the ongoing development of other emerging priorities which could be considered for advocacy in the future, but which require further planning and development. These include the Korumburra Streetscape Master Plan project; expected to proceed to the detailed design phase in 2017 and implementing Stages 2 and 3 of the Splash Master Plan; scheduled in future years of the capital works program.

The Bena-Kongwak Bridge project is also a significant project, which will provide more secure access through a very significant dairy and livestock farming route, and is expected to result in improved productivity and safety outcomes.

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