



## Support Recycling in Leongatha's Central Business District

South Gippsland Shire Council will be replacing the existing public litter bins in Leongatha's Central Business District with new bin enclosures that will enable the separate collection of recyclable materials and rubbish.

The works to replace the bins will commence in April and when completed will provide residents and visitors with the option to recycle their waste when away from home.

The new bin enclosures will be dyna bolted in place so they can be easily moved if needed to adapt to changes in the streetscape brought about by the Leongatha Revitalisation Works Project which is currently in the planning stage.

The cost of implementing the \$84,110 project was supported by a grant from the Australian Packaging Covenant Industry Association of \$53,863 with the remainder funded from existing operational budgets.

Council's Waste Management Supervisor Peter Roberts said it was important that residents and visitors had the option to make sustainable choices.

"The introduction of public place recycling bins will help reduce the amount of litter waste sent to landfill from Leongatha each year and increase the recovery of recyclable packaging materials for recycling into new products. Providing residents with the opportunity to recycle their litter while away from home makes being environmentally sustainable a convenient option," said Mr Roberts

The project builds on an identical initiative implemented in Korumburra in 2014. The introduction of 20 new bin enclosures in the commercial area of Korumburra has been a great success, diverting about 15 tonnes from landfill and recovering the material for recycling since those enclosures were installed.

Both projects are consistent with the aims and objectives of Council's Waste Management Strategy which supports the implementation of initiatives that reduce waste to landfill and recover materials for recycling.

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