



## South Gippsland Cricket Facilities Upgrades Funded by Sport & Recreation Victoria

The South Gippsland Rural Cricket Facilities Upgrade Project has received \$100,000 to redevelop the practice nets at two different recreation reserves; Koonwarra (Koonwarra Leongatha RSL Cricket Club) and Nyora (Nyora Cricket Club).

The funding was provided by Sport and Recreation Victoria via the Community Sports Infrastructure Fund - Cricket Facilities program.

Both of the new practice nets will consist of a bay of three synthetic outdoor practice pitches. The project also includes the development of drainage works for the Koonwarra oval which will involve the installation of an irrigation system and sprinklers.

“Both reserves are great facilities that support a range of community activities and clubs,” said South Gippsland Shire Mayor Cr. Bob Newton.

“Koonwarra Recreation Reserve is more popular than ever due to the completion of the Rail Trail between Koonwarra and Meeniyan and Nyora’s growing population and the reserve’s proximity to their school means there’s a high demand for sporting facilities.”

The project will cost \$197,000 altogether with Council contributing \$49,000.

Only local councils can submit applications directly to Sport and Recreation Victoria. Community organisations are able to submit an Expression of Interest Form for Community Organisations directly to their local council to seek support from the fund through the Minor Facilities, Cricket Facilities and Female Friendly Facilities categories.

Any clubs wishing to discuss a project should contact their local council who will provide further advice. Successful projects are strategically supported through the development of facility masterplans.

*Photo Caption: Koonwarra Leongatha RSL Committee member Jodie Arnup and Club Vice President Paris Buckley are eager to see the development of the new cricket nets.*

*Photo Caption: An improvement to the Nyora cricket nets is long overdue.*

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