



Funds Sought for Poowong Cenotaph

At its meeting yesterday South Gippsland Shire Council endorsed the allocation of funding to the Poowong Cenotaph restoration and directed officers to apply for additional funding support from the Victorian Government.

The \$36,000 restorative project would be funded through a \$5,000 community contribution, \$11,000 Council contribution and \$20,000 from the Victorian Government's 2016/17 Restoring Community War Memorials and Avenues of Honour Grants Program if the application is successful.

Works will include contingency assessment, building foundations and restoration and reinstatement of the cenotaph.

Council will also provide staff resources as in-kind support for management of the project if the funding application is successful.

Council has also secured the support of VicRoads for the project as the cenotaph is located on its property.

South Gippsland Mayor, Councillor Bob Newton said it was vital that Council made the contribution to the project to ensure a piece of the municipality's history was not lost through deterioration.

"The Poowong Cenotaph provides an immortalised form of our gratitude to those who served for our country in times of need.

"Maintaining this asset helps recognise those individuals who fought to protect the safety of this nation and ensures their story can be passed on for future generations.

"We are hopeful that the Victorian Government will also make a contribution to the project so we can retain a wonderful asset that pays tribute to these brave servicemen and women," said the Mayor.

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