

## Leongatha Hospital Secures Future Growth Site

Gippsland Southern Health Service (GSHS) is poised to purchase 5 Sloan Avenue, Leongatha from Council to allow for the potential to expand health care services in the future.

The property in Sloan Avenue was one of 23 parcels of land identified in Council's 2015/16 Strategic Land Review. This process commenced in 2010 and continued throughout the term of the last Council.

Over the past five years, Manager of Property, Chris Van Der Ark, said Council had consulted extensively with its community in relation to the Strategic Land Review.

"We understand that the sale of this parcel of land has sentimental implications for many Leongatha residents who grew up around the hospital. For those people the playground on Sloan Avenue was a place where childhood memories were forged.

"In recognition of the importance of neighbourhood playgrounds Council's Parks and Gardens crew will remove the playground equipment from Sloan Avenue in late December and install new playground equipment at Arthur Bentley Park in Greenwood Parade, just 500 metres away," said Ms Van Der Ark.

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