

## Floor Upgrade for Arthur Sutherland Reserve

The Arthur Sutherland Recreation Reserve, Welshpool will receive much needed upgrades to the stadium floor after Council secured funding from the Victorian Government.

The project has been funded through a \$50,000 Council contribution, \$100,000 Victorian Government contribution through Sport and Recreation Victoria's Community Sports Infrastructure Fund and a \$50,000 community contribution.

The project will include the removal of the existing flooring in the basketball stadium that will be replaced with new stumps, bearers, joists and flooring.

Line marking, the installation of a roller door, padding of internal columns and external drainage will also be fitted as part of the project works.

Extensive collaboration and engagement has been undertaken between Council, the Arthur Sutherland Committee of Management and the Welshpool Basketball Association in order to have a feasible project developed that would meet the needs of the reserve.

South Gippsland Shire Mayor Councillor Ray Argento was pleased that funding had been secured so the floor upgrade could progress.

"There has been a strong demand to increase the basketball competition at the Arthur Sutherland Reserve which has been restricted due to the current condition of the stadium floor.

"The floor upgrade will remove this restriction allowing the reserve to be utilised to its capacity for competitions.

"Ensuring the floor is upgraded will also support the Prom Coast Soccer Club who utilise facilities in the stadium. This will make a positive impact on the local community and encourage increased sport participation in the region," said the Mayor.

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