

Putting South Gippsland's Cricketers First

Cricket Victoria announced today the Nyora Recreation Reserve is set to benefit from funding received under the State Government's Community Sports Infrastructure Fund by receiving a \$100,000 grant.

The funding will support South Gippsland Shire Council's \$55,000 contribution and a \$55,000 community contribution.

The investment will include installation of an automatic sprinkler system, converting an existing variety of grass surface to santa anna grass and an introduction of seasonal rye grass in winter months to protect the santa anna grass.

The funding announcement coincided with the official opening of the new Nyora and Koonwarra practice nets that were funded through a \$49,000 Council contribution, \$100,000 contribution from the Community Sports Infrastructure Fund and a \$48,000 community contribution.

Cricket clubs are the lifeblood of our suburbs and towns. They are where communities get together, locals embrace healthy and active lifestyles and kids enjoy special memories that stay with them for life.

South Gippsland Shire Mayor Councillor Ray Argento said that the reserve has required significant seasonal watering to maintain grass cover over the summer and winter periods.

"This requires five to six days per week over a 10 to 12 week period for volunteers to manually irrigate the ground, resulting in 25,000 litres being used each day with over 400 hours of volunteer labour expended on the task.

"This upgrade will not only provide a recreation reserve that is improved for use by the community but will reduce the amount of labour required by volunteers to manually irrigate the ground, allowing them to use these resources for other required tasks," said the Mayor.

Cricket Victoria's Chief Executive Tony Dodemaide said Cricket Victoria's strong partnership with the State Government and South Gippsland Shire Council is assisting local clubs.

"This partnership has worked to upgrade a range of important facilities. It is also helping to grow the number of players, coaches, umpires and volunteers further strengthening cricket's position as a sport for all Victorians.

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