

Meeniyan Commons Project Kicking Off

South Gippsland Shire Council expects redevelopment works to begin on the Meeniyan Commons project on Tompkins Road, Meeniyan next week.

Works will be undertaken by the successful contractor South Gippsland Quarries to complete the \$400,000 project. The project was made possible with \$70,000 from Council and \$330,000 in grant funding from Regional Development Victoria which was a result of savings on the Black Spur Section of the Great Southern Rail Trail.

The project will include upgrades such as:

- Increased car parking
- Increased long vehicle parking
- Better linkage to the Great Southern Rail Trail
- New kerb and channel and asphaltting works

The project, which was initiated by the Meeniyan Progress Association, has been designed to improve access links from the Great Southern Rail Trail into Meeniyan.

South Gippsland Shire Mayor Councillor Ray Argento was pleased to see the works go ahead in Meeniyan.

“The Great Southern Rail Trail is a premier tourism asset in South Gippsland and it is vital that we ensure adequate supporting facilities are provided for all users.

“I envisage that the Meeniyan Commons project will increase the user experience of the rail trail, which can increase visitor numbers and boost the tourism economy.

“These works will also improve linkage to Meeniyan itself, which will create a greater opportunity for visitors to stop and enjoy the many cafes and shops Meeniyan has to offer,” said the Mayor.

The project is expected to be completed by late 2017, weather permitting.

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