

Supporting Local Roads to Market

South Gippsland Shire Council will submit an application to the State Government's Local Roads to Market Program to support reconstruction of the Ruby Arawata Road Bridge.

The Ruby Arawata Road Bridge was identified as a significant road project since it is over 100 years old and is deteriorating.

Due to the current status of the bridge there are limits in place allowing only certain vehicles to utilise the bridge. Upgrading the bridge is expected to remove this limitation on economic growth.

The application will be for \$300,000 and Council will contribute \$170,000 towards the project if the application is successful.

South Gippsland Shire Mayor Councillor Lorraine Brunt was pleased to see the next steps for the project going ahead.

"It is vital that we ensure our infrastructure is supported, seeking a grant from the Victorian Government is just one way we can achieve this.

"The Ruby Arawata Road Bridge in its current state is limiting economic development by restricting the vehicles that can navigate this area.

"If we are successful in seeking funding from the Victorian Government for the bridge we can open the network for this location that supports our agricultural sector," said the Mayor.

For more information about Council's significant roads and priority projects please visit www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/advocacy.

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