

## Community Called for Leongatha Railway Site Future

South Gippsland Shire Council is calling on community members to register their interest to shape the future of the Leongatha railway site.

A community reference group will be formed to advise and assist Council throughout the preparation of a masterplan for the Leongatha railway station and yard area.

Nominations are open until 31 January 2017 and the group will be convened in February 2017.

The railway corridor to Leongatha will remain open for future rail services however the State Government has no current plans for their return.

Council has the opportunity to take over the lease of the railway land and to improve the site and its surrounds.

Broader community engagement is expected in early 2017 once discussions are held with the community reference group.

Council's Senior Strategic Planning Officer Chantal Lenthall explained that Council had a great opportunity to revitalise the area to boost the town centre in Leongatha.

"Although having rail services return to South Gippsland is still a priority for Council, this is still not a State Government priority so Council is interested in beautifying the area so it can be utilised by the community for enjoyment, parking and recreation.

"We encourage all interested individuals to register their interest in the community reference group and are looking forward to hearing some of the ideas from the community on how to utilise the space as we undertake more community engagement," said Ms Lenthall.

Individuals wanting more information on the project can contact Chantal Lenthall on 5662 9200 or send an email to [LeongathaRailwaySite@southgippsland.vic.gov.au](mailto:LeongathaRailwaySite@southgippsland.vic.gov.au).

Those wishing to register their interest in the community reference group can do so by visiting [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/LeongathaRailwaySite](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/LeongathaRailwaySite).

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