



Restoration for Poowong Cenotaph

A bid by South Gippsland Shire Council to restore the Poowong Cenotaph has been successful with the approval of Victorian Government funding.

The project has been funded through an \$11,000 Council contribution, \$20,000 Victorian Government contribution through the Restoring Community War Memorials and Avenues of Honour Program and a \$5,000 community contribution.

The project will include the relocation of the existing cenotaph to a more appropriate location and restoration of the cenotaph including cleaning and pre-painting of lettering.

An additional stone with a plaque acknowledging those conflicts not listed on the cenotaph will be installed within close proximity to the cenotaph.

Relocating the cenotaph has been identified as a priority to address safety concerns due to its current location in a median strip.

The new site will allow for commemorative events to be held in a safer environment that may encourage more individuals to attend.

Freeing the original site will also make room for VicRoads to implement any works at the intersection if deemed necessary in the future.

South Gippsland Shire Mayor Councillor Ray Argento acknowledged the importance of the Poowong Cenotaph for the local community.

“The Poowong Cenotaph holds strong community sentiment, particularly to the families of local soldiers who served our country in times of desperate need.

“It is our responsibility to demonstrate our respect to those who fought bravely to secure the safety of our country.

“Restoring the Poowong Cenotaph is one way we can demonstrate our gratitude and maintain its significance for future generations,” said the Mayor.

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