

## Successful Funding for Leongatha Netball

Regional netball is set to have improved playing conditions with a new court development to be delivered in 2018 at the Leongatha Recreation Reserve.

The Leongatha Court Development Project will construct a fully compliant match netball court as per the Netball Court Planning Guide and Netball Australia National Facilities Policy. In addition, a second court will be included to provide training and warm-up facilities.

The \$300,000 project has been funded with a \$100,000 Council contribution, \$100,000 Victorian Government contribution from the Sport and Recreation Victoria's Country Football Netball Program and a \$100,000 contribution from the Leongatha Football Netball Club.

The main driver for the project is that currently the Leongatha Football Netball Club is the only club playing indoors within the Gippsland League which presents challenges for the club and the league.

Once completed, the project will continue to meet the high standard of netball and football facilities expected by such a well-established and successful club and community.

South Gippsland Shire Mayor Ray Argento was pleased the project could now go ahead and wished to thank everyone involved.

"I would like to thank the Victorian Government for their contribution that will make Leongatha Court Development Project possible and congratulate the Leongatha Football Netball Club for their significant investment.

"The Leongatha Recreation Reserve is the premier municipal recreation precinct and home to the only club playing within a major league. The development of the new courts will ensure that the reserve is worthy of this status.

"Council acknowledges that the reserve is a premier recreation facility for the region, with works already underway to improve the parking and links within the reserve the Leongatha Court Development Project will only further enhance the reserve," said the Mayor.

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