

## Advocacy Begins for Priority Projects

South Gippsland Shire Council has adopted its priority projects for 2017/18 following its meeting today.

Council identified the following priority projects:

- Leongatha Revitalisation Project
- Great Southern Rail Trail Projects
- Korumburra Revitalisation Project
- Mirboo North Pool Refurbishment
- East/West South Gippsland Public Transport Study

These projects are in conjunction with the significant road projects identified in March:

- Bair Street, Leongatha
- Bena Kongwak Road, Bena
- Powneys Road, Middle Tarwin
- Ruby Arawata Road, Ruby
- North Poowong Road, Loch
- Simon Lane, Leongatha
- Hughes Street, Leongatha
- Coal Creek/South Gippsland Highway Bends, Korumburra
- South Gippsland Highway between Foster and Welshpool

The Leongatha Revitalisation Project includes the Leongatha Business Precinct Development (Bair Street), Anderson Street and Leongatha Railway Precinct Redevelopment.

The Great Southern Rail Trail projects will include the South Gippsland to Wellington link, Leongatha to Korumburra extension and West of Korumburra extension.

All projects are new ventures except for the Leongatha Revitalisation Project that has been carried over from 2016.

Further consideration will be made for the Stony Creek Equestrian/Expo Centre following the completion of a business case.

Four out of five of Council's priority projects were funded from last year's selected projects.

South Gippsland Shire Mayor Councillor Ray Argento was eager to have the priority projects realised.

"Council's priority projects have been selected due to their potential impact on our community. All projects are expected to create an economic benefit for the region, with a number being rallied behind for a number of years.

"Council has had great success in the past with grant funding and we will do our utmost to secure support from the State and Federal Governments," said the Mayor.

For more information on Council's priority projects please visit Council's website.

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