

## Funding approved for Leongatha Gymnastics Club

The Minister for Sport, Hon John Eren recently approved \$100,000 of funding for the Leongatha Gymnastics Club Extension Project through Victorian Government's 2018/2019 Community Sport Infrastructure Fund.

Council and Leongatha Gymnastics Club will be contributing \$60,000 each to help make up the \$220,000 needed for the project.

The project will be a 111m<sup>2</sup> extension allowing for additional gymnastics programming, employment opportunities, and room for 2 foam pits and allow for heavier equipment to be permanently set up.

The expansion will also allow for more programs including kinder gym, disability programs and the ability to hold adult and nationally recognised graded classes minimising the current waiting list and allow for the full use of equipment that the club currently has.

South Gippsland Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Lorraine Brunt has commented on the importance of the extension as it is anticipated that the club will grow its membership by 18% in future years as a result of the project. Whilst also supporting the importance to enable more women and girls to participate in sport and active recreation.

"The extension will help promote healthy activity and wellbeing for a wide age group and cater to all abilities and will be greatly appreciated by the 500 plus members of the club"

"We cannot wait to hear and see the success of the students from Leongatha Gymnastics Club as they utilise the facilities to the fullest"

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