

Leongatha Cenotaph Update

South Gippsland Shire Council has been working with the Leongatha RSL Sub-Branch to have the Leongatha cenotaph repaired. The cenotaph - which was located at the front of the Leongatha Memorial Hall - was damaged by an out of control car in June. It was hoped that the monument could be replaced in time for Remembrance Day but re-installation is now more likely to be in the New Year with the tender process about to commence.

South Gippsland Shire Council's Acting CEO Bryan Sword is keen for work to begin. "Insurance assessors have reviewed the damage and a heritage advisor is helping to determine whether the cenotaph can be partially restored or if it needs to be completely replaced.

"We are unable to receive a quotation for repairs until it is determined what is required from a heritage perspective. It is important to preserve our history for future generations," said Mr. Sword.

Remembrance Day activities will still be proceeding but will be relocated to the Place of Reflection at the Leongatha Recreation Reserve.

"We expect this year's Remembrance Day program to be similar to previous years, just in a new location," said Leongatha RSL General Manager Anne Davies. "We are pleased that works are progressing with the cenotaph and look forward to it being re-installed in time for ANZAC Day services."

Anyone with questions regarding the cenotaph is encouraged to contact Council on 5662 9200 or email council@southgippsland.vic.gov.au

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