



## Korumburra Community Hub and Streetscape - Loan Application

Delivery of the Korumburra Community Hub and Streetscape redevelopment are two adopted Council Priority Projects. These transformational projects are planned for completion over the next two years.

Council has identified a range of funding opportunities to deliver the projects. A combination of self, grant and loan funding options are available to Council.

At yesterday's Council meeting it was decided to make an application for \$10 million to the Victorian Government's Community Infrastructure Loan Scheme. The loan provides access to low-interest, government guaranteed funds at a subsidised rate that is well below the rate of inflation. The current subsidised interest rate is 0.7475 per cent.

A significant benefit of the loan scheme is today's community will not be burdened with the full costs associated with providing infrastructure to support future community needs.

Applying for the loan does not mean that Council is unable to apply for government grant opportunities to support the projects. Council submitted an application to the Victorian Government Living Library Infrastructure Program in September for the maximum grant amount of \$750,000 for the Korumburra Hub. Council will continue to identify other grant streams to support the projects.

South Gippsland Shire Council Administrator Julie Eisenbise supported the loan application.

"As Administrators we have made the commitment to ensure key projects make real progress during our term – particularly those that have been at a standstill until now.

"Financial modelling has confirmed that if Council is successful with the loan application our financial position remains strong, whilst delivering the best outcomes for the South Gippsland community." said Ms Eisenbise.

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