

Funding Sought for Foster Showgrounds Irrigation

South Gippsland Shire Council has applied for \$200,000 under the Victorian Government's Local Sports Infrastructure Fund for the Foster Showgrounds Oval Irrigation and Resurfacing Project.

The project involves installing sub-surface irrigation and resurfacing works on the main oval at Foster Showgrounds. This complements the works undertaken in partnership with South Gippsland Water to deliver piped recycled water to the showgrounds for irrigation as part of the Community Capital Works Allocation.

The project will also include appropriate drainage, levelling, and resurfacing of the oval.

Council will allocate an additional \$80,000 towards the project which will also be supported by \$20,000 from the Foster Showgrounds Committee of Management.

Council has also applied for \$800,000 for the Great Southern Rail Trail Extension from Korumburra to Nyora under the same grant fund.

South Gippsland Shire Administrator, Ms Julie Eisenbise was hopeful that the application would be successful.

"We hope that the Victorian Government will look favourably on the funding application for the irrigation works at the Foster Showgrounds as this project is a clear community priority.

"If the project is to progress there are a number of benefits for the local community as an unlimited supply of affordable recycled water will be available for use on the oval and reserve. This is likely to result in \$5,000 to \$10,000 per year saved in water costs for maintenance.

"We have also seen this working well on ovals in Meeniyah and Toora so we hope the Victorian Government can support us in making this happen for Foster," said Ms Eisenbise.

For more information on the community sentiment behind this project and the Community Capital Works Allocation please visit www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/communitycapitalworks

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