

Ambitious Capital Works Program Budgeted for in 2020/21

Yesterday Council adopted its Annual Budget for the 2020/21 financial year. It details South Gippsland Shire Council's Capital Works expenditure for the next twelve months.

South Gippsland Shire Chair Administrator Julie Eisenbise was pleased that Council had endorsed such an ambitious program of infrastructure investment and maintenance.

"Council is proud to embark on an impressive Capital Works Program for 2020/21. We are committed to investing in our local facilities to improve the liveability of our region and drive economic investment in the region.

"Balancing the needs of the community with the income available to us is always a challenge, but we believe that this Capital Works Program manages this well while keeping our future focus on our economy and investment," said Ms Eisenbise.

Some of the highlights of the \$39.63 million Capital Works Program include:

- \$4.5M for Bair Street, Leongatha
- \$1.0M to the Korumburra Streetscape
- \$5.4M for the Korumburra Community Hub
- \$3.0M to extend the Great Southern Rail Trail
- \$4.4M for the Mirboo North Pool refurbishment (partly funded from borrowings)
- \$0.3M to the Early Years Renewal Program
- \$0.6M Venus Bay Activity Centre
- \$11.1M Roads, Bridges and Culverts Capital
- \$1.4M Footpaths

The full Capital Works Program is available within the 2020/21 Annual Budget on Council's website <u>www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/budgets</u>.

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