

## Making Progress on Our Major Projects

South Gippsland Shire Council is excited to provide the community with an update on its key projects that are fully funded and underway. These projects are important for continuing to build our strong, active and vibrant communities for today and the future.

A number of large projects are in progress across the community and are making significant advancements including the Korumburra Community Hub; Korumburra Streetscape; Mirboo North Pool Refurbishment; Great Southern Rail Trail Extension; Jumbunna Road, Korumburra Shared Path and the Bair Street Project.

Key projects making progress include the

- **Korumburra Community Hub:** Following approval of \$5 million through the Community Infrastructure Loans Scheme and a \$750,000 grant under the Living Libraries Infrastructure Fund, the Korumburra Community Hub has had its planning permit recently advertised. The project is now in the detailed design phase and is expected to go out to tender late August/ early September with works to commence by the end of the year, subject to planning permit approval.
- **Korumburra Streetscape:** The Korumburra Streetscape project is expected to commence in the next 12 months and has three main components; to formalise new additional carparking at the Korumburra rail yards, reconfigure and reconstruct Little Commercial Street between Bridge Street and Radovick Street that integrates with the new community hub and streetscape works in Commercial Street, based on the masterplan completed in 2016. Council was successful with securing \$5 million through the Community Infrastructure Loans Scheme towards this project and design of the above components is underway.
- **Mirboo North Pool Refurbishment:** Works on the pavilion building is approximately 50 per cent complete. The structure is complete with the fit-out well underway. The roof is also complete and wall cladding including masonry is 90 per cent complete. Trades to finalise the finishes will commence within the next couple of weeks. In relation to the pools and pool plant area the bulk excavation is complete, screw piles for the 25 metre pool well underway and the concrete base and walls of the balance tanks have been poured.
- **Great Southern Rail Trail Extension:** Council was recently successful in securing a \$500,000 grant for the extension from Leongatha to Korumburra under the Victorian Government's Regional Infrastructure Fund. Rail removal works for this section are approaching completion in preparation for the trail. The trail construction and associated bridge works are set to proceed in the next 12 months. The Korumburra to Nyora section has a funding application pending which we anticipate an outcome will be advised in July.
- **Jumbunna Road, Korumburra Shared Path:** Construction of a shared path toward the Korumburra Secondary College is well underway. The works involve the construction of a 1.4-kilometre-long, 2.5-metre-wide shared concrete path linking the Korumburra Secondary College with Guys Road. Path and drainage works are almost complete on Stage One of the shared path between Sommers Crescent and the Korumburra

Secondary College. Path and drainage works are underway on Stage Two of the project between Sommers Crescent and Hannah Rise Crescent. Stage Three will run from Hannah Rise Crescent to Guys Road. The project is scheduled for completion in August 2020, pending favourable weather.

- Bair Street: Electrical works for underground power are progressing well with the pit and trenching nearly complete along both sides of the street. Service connection works and removal of the overhead powerlines will follow with new light poles due to arrive in a few weeks. The electrical works are on track to be completed by September 2020. Design and tender documents are being arranged for the civil works contract which is expected to go out to the market in the next few weeks. The civil works will include stormwater, footpath and road pavement reconfiguration and renewal. A separate landscaping contract will be awarded later in the project and will likely include garden bed development and planting, tree planting, street furniture installation, irrigation and other relevant works where appropriate.

Those wanting to stay up-to-date on Council's current major projects can visit [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/priorityprojects](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/priorityprojects). Bair Street also has a website for project updates at [www.bairstreet.com.au](http://www.bairstreet.com.au).

Council will also consider the Priority Projects for 2020/21 at the July Council Meeting.

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