

Great Southern Rail Trail Korumburra to Nyora Extension Secured

South Gippsland Shire Council has been successful with its grant application for \$800,000 for the Great Southern Rail Trail extension between Korumburra and Nyora. The funding was announced today by Member for Eastern Victoria Jane Garrett MP under the Victorian Government's 2020/21 Local Sports Infrastructure Fund.

This funding will help make construction of the 21.34-kilometre gravel rail trail between Korumburra and Nyora a reality. This is in addition to the \$500,000 already received for the section from Leongatha to Korumburra and is another positive step toward transforming the Great Southern Rail Trail into one of the longest rail trails in Australia.

Council continues to work with Cardinia Shire Council and City of Casey to further extend the rail trail beyond Nyora and is hopeful the application submitted by Wellington Shire Council for the Victorian Government's Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program to extend the rail trail from Welshpool to Alberton is successful.

South Gippsland Shire Chair Administrator Julie Eisenbise was thankful to the Victorian Government for supporting the funding application.

"Council would like to share our appreciation to the Victorian Government for its support of the Great Southern Rail Trail extension. We know that our vision for the rail trail will boost our visitor numbers and support our local economy while providing an asset that will be enjoyed by members of our communities. It is wonderful to have that vision shared with other levels of government and have their encouragement.

"We look forward to the next stage of development for this section of the trail and I am sure that many visitors will be coming to enjoy this beautiful asset when it is safe to do so," said Ms Eisenbise.

When making the announcement, Member for Eastern Victoria Jane Garrett MP congratulated the five Gippsland projects that were successful for funding.

"Congratulations to these local communities - this boost will go a long way to support the

growing number of people across Gippsland keen to get involved in local sport and recreation.”

“It’s a great example of how the Victorian Government is making sport and recreation more accessible, welcoming and inclusive for all Victorians.”

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