

Priority Projects Confirmed

South Gippsland Shire Council confirmed two priority projects for 2020/21 at its meeting yesterday.

Every year Council adopts a list of priority projects for which funding and support from other levels of governments is then sought. This year those projects are:

- Korumburra Streetscape; and
- Leongatha Early Years Learning Centre.

While Council was successful with its application to the Community Infrastructure Loan Scheme for the Korumburra Streetscape, it is hoped that additional funding can be sought to further alleviate the burden on the capital works budget.

South Gippsland Shire Chair Administrator Julie Eisenbise was pleased that this year's priority projects were confirmed.

“Council is proud to have many of our 2019/20 Priority Projects significantly progressed or funded, which means we have an opportunity to refocus what we advocate for in 2020/21.

“Both the Korumburra Streetscape and Leongatha Early Years Learning Centre will provide positive outcomes for our communities. The Korumburra Streetscape will be fundamental to reinvigorating Korumburra's town centre and will complement our work with the Korumburra Community Hub. The Leongatha Early Years Learning Centre will address the demand for children's services in our region – particularly with the introduction of three-year-old kindergarten.

“As a Council we believe that local investment will be fundamental to the future recovery of our region following the pandemic. Our investment will give a much-needed boost for South Gippsland which will create further opportunities for economic prosperity. We hope that other levels of government will look favourably to our future grant applications and advocacy efforts so we can make these projects possible,” said Ms Eisenbise.

Those wanting more information on these projects and progress on past projects can visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/priorityprojects

2019/20 Priority Projects Funded

Great Southern Rail Trail Extension:

- Leongatha to Korumburra: \$500,000 from Regional Development Victoria
- Nyora to Korumburra: \$800,000 from Sport and Recreation Victoria

Korumburra Community Hub:

- \$750,000 from the Living Libraries Fund
- \$5M Community Infrastructure Loan Scheme

Korumburra Streetscape:

- \$5M Community Infrastructure Loan Scheme

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