



South Gippsland
Shire Council

\$2.38M Grant Received for Leongatha Early Learning Centre

South Gippsland Shire Council has successfully applied for a grant to assist with the design and construction of the new Early Learning Centre that will be built in Symmons Street, Leongatha.

The \$2.38M grant has been awarded to Council as part of the Building Blocks Grant – Capacity Building program being rolled out by the Victorian School Building Authority, which is part of the Department of Education and Training.

The Leongatha Early Learning Centre project will see the construction of a 121-place integrated children's facility providing long day care, kindergarten, maternal and child health and allied health services.

This project forms part of the Early Years Infrastructure Renewal program in response to the introduction of three-year-old kindergarten in South Gippsland and increasing demand for children's services in the region. The Leongatha Early Learning Centre project will cost approximately \$5 million, with Council providing the remaining \$3 million.

More information about the project is available on Council's website:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/lelcfag

Quote attributable to South Gippsland Shire Council Chair Administrator, Julie Eisenbise

"On behalf of all of us at Council and the whole South Gippsland community I would like to thank the Victorian School Building Authority for awarding this grant."

"While the roll-out of three-year-old kinder is a very important initiative it has put some pressure on our early years infrastructure. I also want to commend the Council staff who have developed this project to the point where the State Government has seen fit to provide in excess of \$2 million to support it."

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