



New Shared Pathway Opened in Korumburra

A new shared pathway connecting the Korumburra township with the Korumburra Secondary College is now officially open following a small COVID-safe ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday 8 February. The pathway, which is located on Jumbunna Road, will help school students to safely access the Secondary College. It will also benefit nearby residents.

The 1.3km shared pathway was advocated for by members of the Korumburra Round Table with support from the Korumburra Business Association. Terry Waycott was one of the driving forces of the project, working to generate support and submitting a budget submission to Council.

The complex pathway design was developed by local company Beveridge Williams and constructed by A1 Civil from Drouin, who successfully navigated many COVID-19 restrictions to complete the project. The 2.5 metre-wide pathway is designed to accommodate pedestrians and cyclists and includes hand rail support in a number of sections for additional safety.

The opening was attended by South Gippsland Shire Council CEO Kerryn Ellis, Member for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien and representatives from the Korumburra Round Table, Korumburra Business Association and A1 Civil. The project cost was \$907,000 and was funded by South Gippsland Shire Council.

Quotes attributable to South Gippsland Shire Council Chief Executive Officer, Kerryn Ellis

"The Shared Pathway is a great example of a project where a need was identified by community members and then progressed via a budget submission to Council. It's always pleasing to see a successful partnership between Council and the community and in this case the result is a great new asset for Korumburra."

"The Shared Pathway has been a number of years in the making. The project was funded from

Council's Footpath Renewal allocation, but this was not a straightforward renewal project. The Pathway required significant engineering and design and was constructed during challenging COVID-19 conditions. I would like to thank and congratulate everyone involved in this project.”

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