

Grant Application Underway for Railway Precincts Upgrade

South Gippsland Shire Council noted its \$3 million application to the Federal Government's Better Building Regions Fund for the Great Southern Rail Trail Railway Precincts Upgrade (Leongatha and Korumburra) at its meeting today.

The project intends to re-imagine the use of the land within the Leongatha and Korumburra railway station precincts to enhance activity around the centres of the towns. It is envisaged that the projects will provide for precincts within the grounds of the railway stations that will bring together various community services and open space activities.

If the grant application is successful, the upgrade of these railway precincts will benefit not just the towns, but the whole Great Southern Rail Trail. They will improve the experience of the trail for visitors and local residents alike.

Council has allocated a \$3 million contribution to the project in its Draft 2021/22 Annual Budget for future consideration.

Quotes attributable to South Gippsland Shire Chair Administrator Julie Eisenbise:

South Gippsland Shire Chair Administrator Julie Eisenbise was hopeful the grant application would be successful so the project could proceed.

“Council is hopeful that the Federal Government will look favourably on our application as we have a fantastic opportunity to revitalise these railway precincts and in turn create a boost for the South Gippsland community.

“Both the Korumburra and Leongatha communities have been asking over many years for the railway precincts to be addressed. This is the perfect opportunity for us to deliver on this request and strengthen the Great Southern Rail Trail as a fantastic tourism driver for our region,” said Ms Eisenbise.

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