

Great Southern Rail Trail: Leongatha to Korumburra Section Now Open

A significant milestone on the Great Southern Rail Trail extension was reached recently, with the opening of the Leongatha to Korumburra section.

The section, which spans 15.8km, features magnificent views of rolling green hills and connects South Gippsland's two largest townships. Construction of the trail between Leongatha and Korumburra involved gravel placement, drainage, fencing, road crossings and construction of a new bridge as well as three three new bridges decks and railing.

The new section is a welcome addition to the existing Great Southern Rail Trail which is already popular with locals and visitors. The trail travels through Leongatha, Ruby, Kardella and Korumburra along the old railway corridor.

Works on the next section - between Korumburra to Nyora - are also progressing well. The Korumburra to Bena section is on track to open mid-2022 after bridge works are completed and the entire section is expected to be open by the end of the year.

The Leongatha to Korumburra rail trail extension was funded by South Gippsland Shire Council with support from the Victorian Government who contributed \$500,000 via the Regional Infrastructure Fund. To find out more about the Great Southern Rail Trail extension project, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/gsrt

Quotes attributable to South Gippsland Shire Mayor, Mohya Davies:

"We are so excited to see the Leongatha to Korumburra section of the Great Southern Rail Trail open. The Great Southern Rail Trail is one of our region's most popular attractions, and with good reason. It connects townships, it offers a great way to get exercise and it showcases the amazing natural environment we have here in South Gippsland."

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