

Meeniyen Community Hub Works to Commence

Construction of a new Community Hub for Meeniyen will be commencing soon.

The project will involve replacement of the Meeniyen community meeting rooms, storage areas and public toilets. These facilities had reached their end of life, and were identified for replacement in Council's Asset Renewal Program. The new and improved facilities will be built on the same site as the existing structures.

The new Hub will create more usable public open space and will connect seamlessly with the Meeniyen Hall via a series of verandas. It will feature a sustainable design including the use of an innovative, and environmentally friendly material, Hempcrete.

A Project Working Group - with representatives from the Meeniyen Progress Association, Meeniyen Tourism and Traders Association, Meeniyen Historical Society and the Meeniyen Hall Committee - has been working with South Gippsland Shire Council on the project, which is expected to commence in the coming weeks.

To enable works to occur, the current toilet block will be closed, however alternative public toilets are available at the Meeniyen Recreation Reserve. Some rose bushes at the front of the current facility have been replanted at the Meeniyen Cemetery.

The Meeniyen Hub has been designed by Public Realm Lab architects and will be built by TS Constructions with Council managing the project. The total cost of the Hub is \$2.35 million with \$1.6 million contributed via Council's Capital Works Program and \$750,000 funded by the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

Quote attributable to Kerryn Ellis, South Gippsland Shire Council:

"We are excited that Meeniyen Community Hub works will be commencing soon. The new Hub will provide the same facilities as before but in a reimagined way, with additional open space that can be enjoyed by the community. I thank the Australian Government for their funding contribution and look forward to seeing this project progress."

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