

Upgrade of South Gippsland sporting facilities (including the Leongatha Recreation Reserve Grandstand)

Sport is incredibly popular in South Gippsland. More than six in ten children aged 5-17 play organised sport, 32 per cent of residents participate in leisure centre or swimming pool based activities and 23 per cent of residents attend sports venues as spectators.

Despite these figures, South Gippsland's sporting facilities are falling into disrepair with building improvements required in:

Nyora, Stony Creek, Tarwin Lower, Koonwarra, Leongatha, Fish Creek and Mirboo North.

Some of these projects, such as a new toilet/change room facility in Tarwin Lower, have already had concept designs prepared while others are in the initial design stage, however all are in need of funding.

South Gippsland Shire Council is appreciative of the funding we received from Sport and Recreation Victoria over the years, however the buildings at our sports grounds are unfortunately failing faster than we can repair them. Additional support is needed to ensure local sporting facilities are fit for purpose and can support our active, and growing, sporting community.

Our Request

South Gippsland Shire Council is calling on the Victorian Government to:

- Provide additional funding and support for crown land committees to plan and deliver building improvements to bring the facilities up to modern standards.
- Provide funding to deliver the recommendations of the Building Assessment Report for repairs to the Leongatha Grandstand.

South Gippsland sporting infrastructure that has been identified as needing replacement:

Walter J Tuck Reserve (Mirboo North): Change rooms

Nyora Recreation Reserve: Change rooms

Tarwin Lower Recreation Reserve: Change rooms

Leongatha Recreation Reserve: Grand Stand and pavilion redevelopment

Fish Creek Recreation Reserve: New change and social rooms

Koonwarra Recreation Reserve: New toilets

Stony Creek Racecourse: Change rooms

