

Cladding works commencing at Council

Work to install new cladding at South Gippsland Shire Council's main office at 9 Smith Street Leongatha, has commenced.

The cladding project involves the removal of asbestos-containing materials and renewal of the current exterior which is aged and deteriorating. The works will help to improve the aesthetic and provide a modern update for the 70s era building.

To enable the works to be undertaken with minimal disruption, areas of the building will be fenced off in stages. The first section of cladding to be replaced is in the area adjacent to the RSL car park

After this, the side of the building opposite Woolworths will be partially fenced. Access to the Woolworths car park will also be unaffected, and measures will be in place to ensure the safety of pedestrians.

Council's Customer Service counter will remain operational during this period, with no changes anticipated at this time.

The work is being completed by MDC Building Group Pty Ltd and is expected to be completed mid-2024.

Quote attributable to Kerryn Ellis, CEO South Gippsland Shire Council:

"Although there is no immediate risk to staff or customers from the asbestos containing materials, it is good practice to have these materials removed as soon as practicable and before there is a risk to the public. The new cladding will ensure the building remains safe, and modernise the exterior and increase street appeal."

