

Community Facility Upgrades

South Gippsland Shire Council is seeking funding to upgrade ageing community infrastructure to ensure facilities remain safe, inclusive, and meet the needs of a growing population.

Community infrastructure is essential to the health, wellbeing, and social connection of residents. In South Gippsland, over 60% of children aged 5–17 participate in organised sport, 32% use leisure centres or swimming pools, and 23% attend community or sporting events as spectators.

However, many facilities—particularly those on Crown Land—are ageing and no longer meet modern standards. Priority locations for upgrades include Nyora, Tarwin Lower, Koonwarra, Leongatha, and Mirboo North. Some projects have progressed to concept design, while others remain in early planning stages.

Council is grateful for previous support from Sport and Recreation Victoria. However, the pace of infrastructure deterioration now exceeds Council's capacity to keep up.

Ongoing investment is essential to ensure South Gippsland's community facilities are safe, accessible, and able to support active and connected communities into the future.



Request Victorian Government

Council calls on the Victorian Government to:

- Invest in the upgrade of community assets located on Crown Land, managed by volunteer Committees of Management, including:
 - *Walter J Tuck Reserve (Mirboo North)*
 - *Nyora Public Hall*
 - *Mirboo North Grain Store*
 - *Nyora Recreation Reserve*
 - *Tarwin Lower Recreation Reserve*
 - *Tarwin Lower Mechanics Institute*
 - *Leongatha Recreation Reserve*
 - *Koonwarra Recreation Reserve*
 - *Meeniyan Recreation Reserve*These upgrades would support increased community use, including events such as the Festival of Small Halls and sporting functions, and improve safety, accessibility, and functionality.
- Provide additional funding and support for Crown Land Committees of Management. These volunteer committees require dedicated resources to plan and deliver essential upgrades that bring ageing community facilities up to modern standards.
- Reinvest waste levy funds into the municipalities where they are collected to support local waste management initiatives and infrastructure. This will enable councils to deliver meaningful sustainability improvements and drive better environmental outcomes at the local level.
- Provide a clean streamlined process to facilitate both the voluntary handback of Crown land and assets from councils to the State, and the transfer of Crown land to councils where it supports strategic growth and the delivery of community services.