

LEONGATHA Railway Site Transformation

Ideas Engagement Apr-May 2017

ENGAGEMENT REPORT Sept 2017

Ordinary Meeting of Council No. 419 - 20 December 2017



*South Gippsland
Shire Council*

Engagement Summary

This report outlines the findings of the first round of consultation for the Leongatha Railway Site Transformation project. Council has the opportunity to take over the lease for the site and sought the community's ideas to improve the area for community benefit.

Hundreds of people contributed hundreds of ideas for the railway site over the course of six weeks. Ideas were received online via the Our Say website, submitted at the Ideas Fair, delivered to Council, provided by the Project Reference Group and pitched by Leongatha Secondary College students.

Two events were held during the consultation period. The main one was the Ideas Fair which was publicised widely and was attended by around 200 people.

The ideas received generally fitted into the following key themes:

- Reinstate Bair Street access
- Continue the rail trail
- Provide outdoor entertainment spaces
- Provide better facilities
- Make use of the station building
- Establish parkland and recreation spaces
- Provide more parking



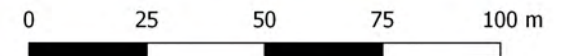
Ideas Fair in Leongatha Railway Station Building

Leongatha Railway Site - Study Area



Legend

Study Area - Crown Land managed by VicTrack



Engaging the Community

The Leongatha Railway Site Master Plan will guide improvements to the area for the benefit of the community. Upgrades at this strategic site, central to Leongatha, will affect the Leongatha community, broader region and visitors to the area.

It is important to engage the community because the project will impact them. Engaging the community will also help ensure the success of the future upgrades.

The community will be engaged at key stages of the project: at the start to gather community ideas and mid-way to gauge community response to detailed proposals.

For the first round of consultation, Council sought to:

- Let the public know that the Leongatha Railway Site Transformation project had started.
- Ask the public how they would like to see the area improved.

Our promise to the public during this project is to keep them informed, listen to and acknowledge their concerns, aspirations and provide feedback on how public input influenced decisions.

How We Told People

Postcards sent via unaddressed mail to properties in postcode 3953 (approximately 4,500 postcards) and available at Leongatha Post Office, Council front counter, Leongatha library & Citizen Advice Bureau

Newspaper advertisements in local papers asking for Project Reference Group nominations, interest in the car boot sale and advertising the Ideas Fair

Media releases about the project, Project Reference Group nominations, Ideas Engagement and events

Ideas Fair on Saturday 22 April 11am-2pm and Ideas Exhibition on Friday 19 May 4-7pm events

Posters at Council's front counter, Leongatha library, Leongatha VLine coach stop, Leongatha railway station building, Memorial Hall noticeboard, Citizen Advice Bureau, and in the Leongatha main streets (in shop fronts and on rubbish bins)

Web page on Council's website

Facebook updates on Council's facebook page

Media releases asking for Project Reference Group nominations, launching the consultation and advertising events

Contact with local community groups / organisations

South Gippsland Shire Council added 4 new photos.
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There is still time left for you to share your ideas on the Leongatha Railway Site!

Here are some illustrations of potential ideas that have been popular so far such as a bridge connection to Bair Street, eatery and an outdoor pop up cinema.

To share your ideas or vote on those already proposed visit www.oursay.org/southgippsland/leongatharailwaysite.



FACEBOOK POST

COUNCIL NOTICEBOARD

Noticeboard

CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY
Wednesday 3 May, 6.00pm - Council Chambers, Leongatha

LEONGATHA RAILWAY SITE IDEAS FAIR
An opportunity to share your ideas for the railway site future. Saturday 22 April 11.00am to 2.00pm Leongatha Railyards.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLBEING FEEDBACK
Sessions will be held across South Gippsland for community members to provide feedback including:

- 10.00am to 12.00pm, 27 April - Foster Community Health Centre
- 2.00pm to 4.00pm, 27 April - Tarwin Lower Community Health Centre
- 10.00am to 12.00pm, 28 April - Mirboo North Community Health Centre
- 10.00am to 12.00pm, 28 April - Leongatha Community Health Centre

What are your IDEAS to improve this area?

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OUR SAY WEBSITE

IDEAS	VOTES	COMMENTS
40	87	26

IDEAS FAIR POSTCARD

South Gippsland Shire Council

LEONGATHA TO THE FUTURE

25 Leongatha

22/4/17

Your ticket to the Leongatha Railway Site Ideas Fair!

your ideas to improve the Leongatha Railway Site for the

any corridor to Leongatha will remain open for future rail services, the State currently has no plans for their return. Given this, Council has the opportunity to take the railway land and to improve the Leongatha railway site and its surrounds. Plans are being sought to determine the Leongatha railway site's future.

until Tuesday 30 May 2017 for you to submit your ideas. Your ideas will help plan that will be prepared for the site. A map of this area is available in the below.

at the master plan process, the project timing and more information about the site's available at the [project webpage](#).

SOUTH GIPPSLAND Shire Council

PROJECT WEB PAGE

PAY APPLY REPORT

SUBMIT YOUR IDEA

Home > Planning and Building

Leongatha

Latest News

Council formulated to be August

About

The Leongatha railway site future plans. Given the need to improve

Leongatha Railway Ideas Fair!

FREE BBQ - CAR BOOT SALE - LIVE MUSIC - GAMES
THE MAGIC THEATRE - DISPLAYS - STORY TIME

11.00am to 2.00pm
Saturday 22 April
Leongatha Railway Yards

Join us for an opportunity to share your ideas for the future of the railway site.

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NEWSPAPER AD

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What We Told People

Council publicity for the project included an overview of project, details of the process and ways to keep updated and be involved.

In late December 2016 and January 2017, Council called for groups and individuals interested in forming a Project Reference Group (PRG), an advisory group for the project. It was advertised that the PRG would assist Council with the planning of the railway site, in particular to:

- Publicise and act as advocates for the project and for consultation opportunities that are provided during the process.
- Represent the PRG member's relevant stakeholder group where relevant.
- Provide feedback on the project outputs and progress.

Between Tuesday 18 April and Tuesday 30 May 2017 the public were encouraged to submit to Council their ideas for the site to Council. It was explained that ideas received would help inform the Master Plan to be prepared for the site. A map of the area was available to identify the site. Information about the Master Plan process, the project timing and more information about the site's constraints were also available on the project web page.

The following information was provided about the site's context. While the railway corridor to Leongatha will remain open for future rail services, the State Government currently has no plans for their return. Given this, Council has the opportunity to take over the lease of the railway land and to improve the Leongatha railway site and its surrounds.

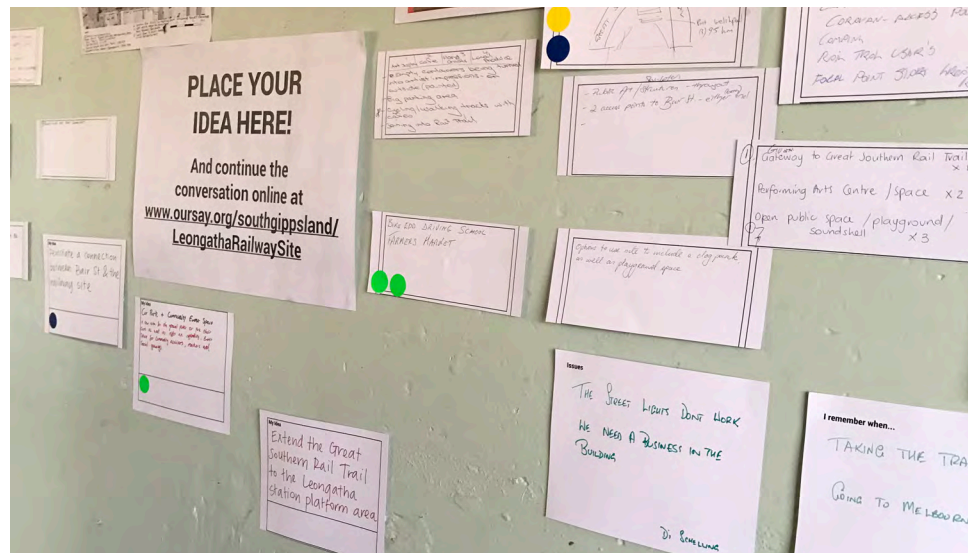
Community ideas were sought via the Our Say website. Ideas and feedback were also sought during the two events held within the six week consultation period.

An Ideas Fair was held at the start of the consultation period (22 April 2017) to publicise the project and demonstrate how the railway site could be better used. A range of activities were held during the day including a free barbeque, car boot sale, live performances, games and children storytime. Information was provided about the railway site and its history. An interactive display was set up for people to contribute their ideas and respond to other people's ideas on the day.

An Ideas Exhibition was held near the end of the consultation period to publicly display the ideas received and provide the community with an opportunity to help refine the ideas received.

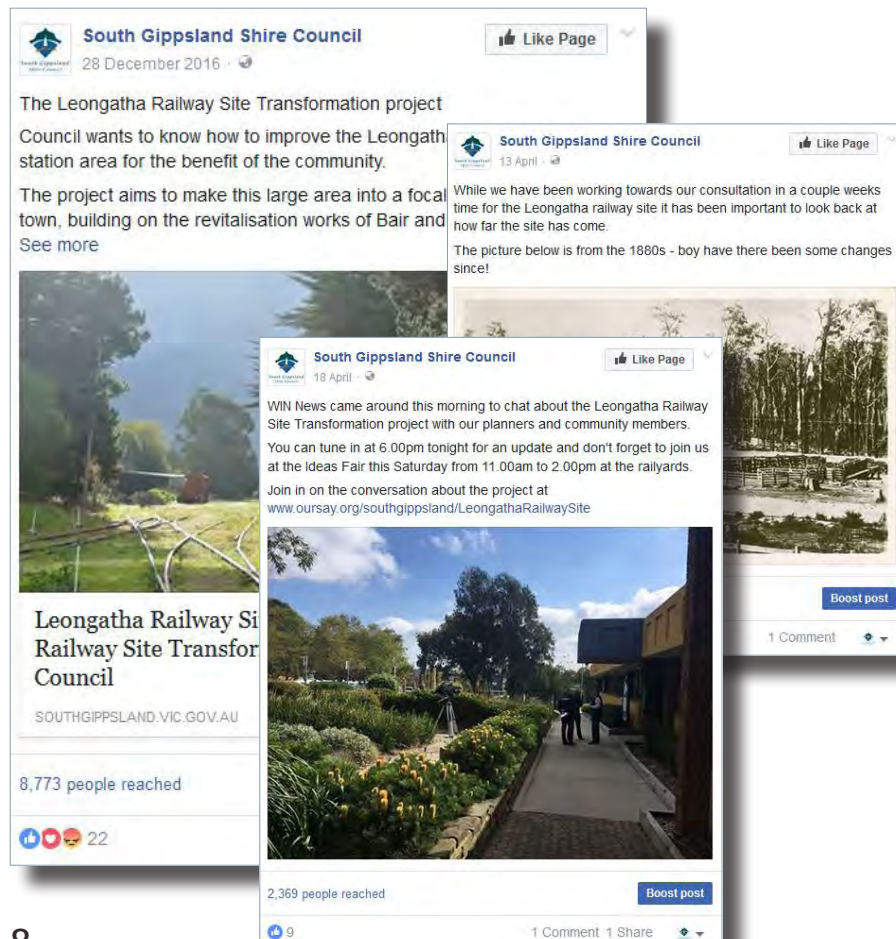
LEONGATHA RAILWAY SITE IDEAS FAIR

Saturday 22 April 2017	Leongatha Railway Site Activities based around the Leongatha Station building						
a.m.	IDEAS AREA Display of the site's past, present and future where you can share your ideas	Free BBQ	The Magic Theatre (2hrs)				
11 00							
11 30		Car Boot Sale		Kids Storytime (30m)			
p.m.		Games (Connect 4 & Jenga)			South Gippsland Brass Band	Invy Horn Jam (roving band)	
12 00							
12 30				Kids Storytime (30m)			
1 00							
1:30							
2 00							



The Response We Got

There was a lot of interest in the project from the community, particularly given that the site has seen to be neglected for many years now. Most respondents were from Leongatha or the South Gippsland region. A few of the people engaged on the Our Say forum identified their postcode as a suburb of Melbourne.



Ideas Fair	Over 200 people attended & 65 ideas submitted
Our Say	76 people engaged with 77 ideas, 162 votes & 39 comments About 3,400 unique visitors to the forum
Project Reference Group	20 members including the 3 ward Councillors over 3 meetings
Ideas Exhibition	Approximately 35 people voted on the ideas received to date
Web page	365 page views by 178 different visitors in consultation period
Facebook	31,027 people were reached across 14 posts with 811 and 527 video views on the day of the Ideas Fair
Newspaper Articles	Over a dozen articles in The Star and Sentinel Times local papers
Other media	Radio interview with ABC Gippsland on Tuesday 18 April 2017 TV interview with WIN News
Email list	Approximately 70 people



Storytime at Ideas Fair



Interactive Display at Ideas Fair



BBQ & band at Ideas Fair



Ideas Display at Ideas Exhibition



Ideas Fair at Station Building

Shape Leongatha railyards' future

Attachment 4.1.3

DO you have a view about the old railyards in Leongatha should be used?

South Gippsland Shire Council is seeking expressions of interest from people wishing to be part of a community reference group that will be involved in the Leongatha Railway Site Transformation Project.

The project seeks to improve the Leongatha railway site and its surroundings for the benefit of the community.

cer Chantal Lenthall on 5662 9200 to be involved. Council's planning manager Paul Stampton said council's project to overhaul the streetscape of Bair Street had progressed to the detailed design stage and survey work had been completed.

Star readers shared their views via The Star's Facebook page.

Eric Chilver: "I was recent parks there are well established

about attracting some larger businesses to town. Some business people are so worried about competition they forget that more choice brings more people to town to spend their money and experience

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Rail precinct revitalisation

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pedestrian bridge, and state of the railyards." main given its local be used for a com-

restaurant and cafe Mr Williams said.

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president Peter Wa- after education

spend \$1.4 million on redeveloping the entrance to Leongatha in Anderson Street, on the Korumburra side of town.

Council will resurface the area in front of businesses between SG Hire and Shield Master, and install new kerb and channelling.

It will also build a narrow concrete strip alongside the highway to create improved parking.

"The works will improve the appearance of this area and also improve safety for traffic on the highway including vehicles entering and leaving this area," Mr Stampton said.

Council sought feedback about a concept design from business owners and residents during

Call for interest in Leongatha rail site

THE South Gippsland Shire Council is calling on community members to register their interest in shaping the future of the Leongatha railway site.

A community reference group will be formed to advise and assist Council throughout the preparation of a masterplan for the Leongatha railway station and yard area.

Nominations are open until January 31, 2017 and the group will be convened in February 2017.

Council has the opportunity to take over the lease of the railway land and to improve the site and its surrounds.

Broader community engagement is expected in early 2017 once discussions are held with the community reference group.

Council's Senior Strategic Planning Officer, Chantal Lenthall, explained that Council had a great opportunity to revitalise the area to boost the town centre in Leongatha.

"Although having rail services return to South

ing and recreation

"We encourage register their interest group and as some of the ideas to utilise the space community engagemer

Individuals want project can contact 5662 9200 or send an email to Site@southgippsland.vic.gov.au

By Brad Lester

AN UGLY site long neglected in the middle of Leongatha will be revitalised into a park worthy of taking pride of place in the town's heart.

The former railway precinct will be transformed to include parkland, all day parking for at least 50 cars, the existing coach stop and possibly a grand entrance to the Great Southern Rail Trail.

The railway line could be removed to make way for the spectacular dream of South Gippsland Shire Council.

Council has secured a deal to lease the railway land from the State Government agency VicTrack in the wake of the demise of the South Gippsland Tourist Railway this year.

Council will set about its vision to transform the precinct by as early as September. A stakeholder group will be convened in November, community consultation held in February, and then the design phase and more community engagement in May 2017.

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Progress at last: from left, Leongatha Chamber of Commerce and Industry secretary Sandra Fleming, treasurer Emma Smith, president Brenton Williams and past president Peter Watchorn are excited about the new vision for the Leongatha railway precinct, as revealed by South Gippsland Shire Council manager planning Paul Stampton.

Leongatha rail precinct to be transformed

TOOT! TOOT!

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railway Site Transformation roup Terms of Reference was resday's council meeting. engagement with the project or strategic planning officer icinates broader public com-

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Leongatha railway site ideas on show

COMMUNITY members are invited to the Leongatha Railway Site Ideas Exhibition to discuss the many ideas provided by the community to improve the site.

There have been a few popular ideas includ-

and installing electric car chargers.

The Ideas Exhibition will be held on P May 19 from 4pm to 7pm in Council C bers, Michael Place, Leongatha.

Everyone is encouraged to attend to refi ideas shared at the Ideas Fair and online l

can enjoy. council's S tal Lenthal as shared s shared a

Great ideas to revamp wasteland

AROUND 200 people checked in to the old Leongatha Railway Station on Saturday to have their say about what they'd like to see do-



stern Victoria MP th Gippsland Shire

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Razzmatazz at Leongatha station

By Jessica Anstice

THERE was a hive of activity at the

Other ideas were a laser tag/paintball arena, an outdoor cinema, an off-leash dog walk and play area, a festival area and a restaurant precinct.

Several members of the community are dis-soned to see the railway site transform into ething different.

They believe the site should be kept in the e of a train service to eventually return.

Hundreds of different ideas were noted on

Building a ramp or even an arcade to create

zoo from Bair Street seemed to be a priority

most people's list, along with car, truck and

van parking.

A percentage of people suggested the old rail-

station to be transformed into a restaurant or

o, using an old train as the dining area.

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bike education school.



Leongatha railway ideas fair

SOUTH Gippsland residents are invited to the Leongatha Railway Site Ideas Fair to learn more about the site, consider ideas and share ideas they may have

Bring back the bridge!

Votes in for Leongatha Railway Site

IDEAS are in and there is a lot of consensus about what people would like to see happen at the Leongatha Railway Site.

South Gippsland Shire Council has received hundreds of ideas from community members, with most fitting into the following key themes:

- Reinstate Bair Street access
- Continue the rail trail
- Provide outdoor entertainment spaces
- Provide better facilities
- Make use of the station building
- Establish parkland
- Provide more parking

The council is undertaking this project because it has the opportunity to take over the lease of the railway land and develop the Leongatha railway site and its surrounds.

During consultation, many people wanted to know why the rail is not being returned to the



An artist's impression of how the rail land could look with a linking pedestrian bridge.

VOXPOP! What are your ideas to improve the old railway site in Leongatha?



"I think the arts centre idea is a wonderful idea but it would have to be designed in a way to get a daily use out of it. It's a fantastic opportunity to re-centre the town."

Marg Lynn, Berrys Creek.



"There are lots of good ideas. The town needs a car park and there needs to be access to this area from Bair Street. The railway station should be turned into a museum to retain the history."

John Runbelov, Leongatha South.



"There are some good ideas but definitely connecting this area to Bair Street is critical. We need a bike shed to keep bikes here over night for when the rail trail comes to this point. It would be the perfect area for a farmers market."

Jeremy Curtis, Berrys Creek.



"I think they should build something like the Sidney Myer Music Bowl in Melbourne. Also a car park and a market area."

Neville Drummond, Inverloch.

Community Involvement

The Ideas Engagement involved, supported and was supported by various community groups and organisations. Council is thankful for the following groups' support:

- Assistance with local history information by Leongatha and District Historical Society
- Leongatha Rotary Club generally and at the Ideas Fair
- West Gippsland Regional Library Corporation's offer of a railway-themed children's story time
- Leongatha Community House discussions and information
- Lions Club stall at the Ideas Fair serving food and drinks
- Local performers South Gippsland Brass Band, Invy Horn Jam and The Magic Theatre providing entertainment at the Ideas Fair
- Other support provided by individuals and groups including Project Reference Group members and Barry Skyes, railway and mining historian

PROJECT REFERENCE GROUP

A great response was received from a broad range of interested parties to join the Project Reference Group (PRG). The group includes representatives from Leongatha Rotary Club, Leongatha Community House, Leongatha Chamber of Commerce, The Great Southern Star Eisteddfod, South Gippsland Brass Band and the Carols in the Drome Committee as well as the ward Councillors for the area. It also includes nearby land and business owners.



Project Reference Group Site Visit

LEONGATHA SECONDARY COLLEGE

In February 2017, Leongatha Secondary College approached Council to determine if their class called Global Classrooms (Broadening Horizons) could be focused on a Council project and the Leongatha Railway Site Transformation project was nominated. The class involves approximately 25 students from year 9 and 10. Most of the program is focused in Term 3 with approximately five classes per fortnight. A full day workshop was held with students on Thursday 25 May 2017 during the Ideas Engagement where they came up with ideas for the site and presented them to Council officers and teachers. The students' input was considered as part of the ideas received during the Ideas Engagement for the project. Most of their ideas are reflected in the Draft Master Plan.

The students presented to Council in August their ideas for the site. As shown on the following page, their proposal included:

- A bridge to Bair Street
- Extending the rail trail into the site
- An all ages play area / playground
- An open space and entertainment space with sound shell
- Fitness equipment
- Traffic school
- Relocated and new car parking areas



Six students from the Leongatha Secondary College's Global Classroom Class, including from left, Isla Hickey, Shem Murphy, Molly Gurnett, Malik Phillips, Harry Vanderzalm and Amelia Dunn made a strong impression on the South Gippsland Council last week with their presentation about the Leongatha Railway Site Transformation Project. m103417

Students impress with playful rail land plan

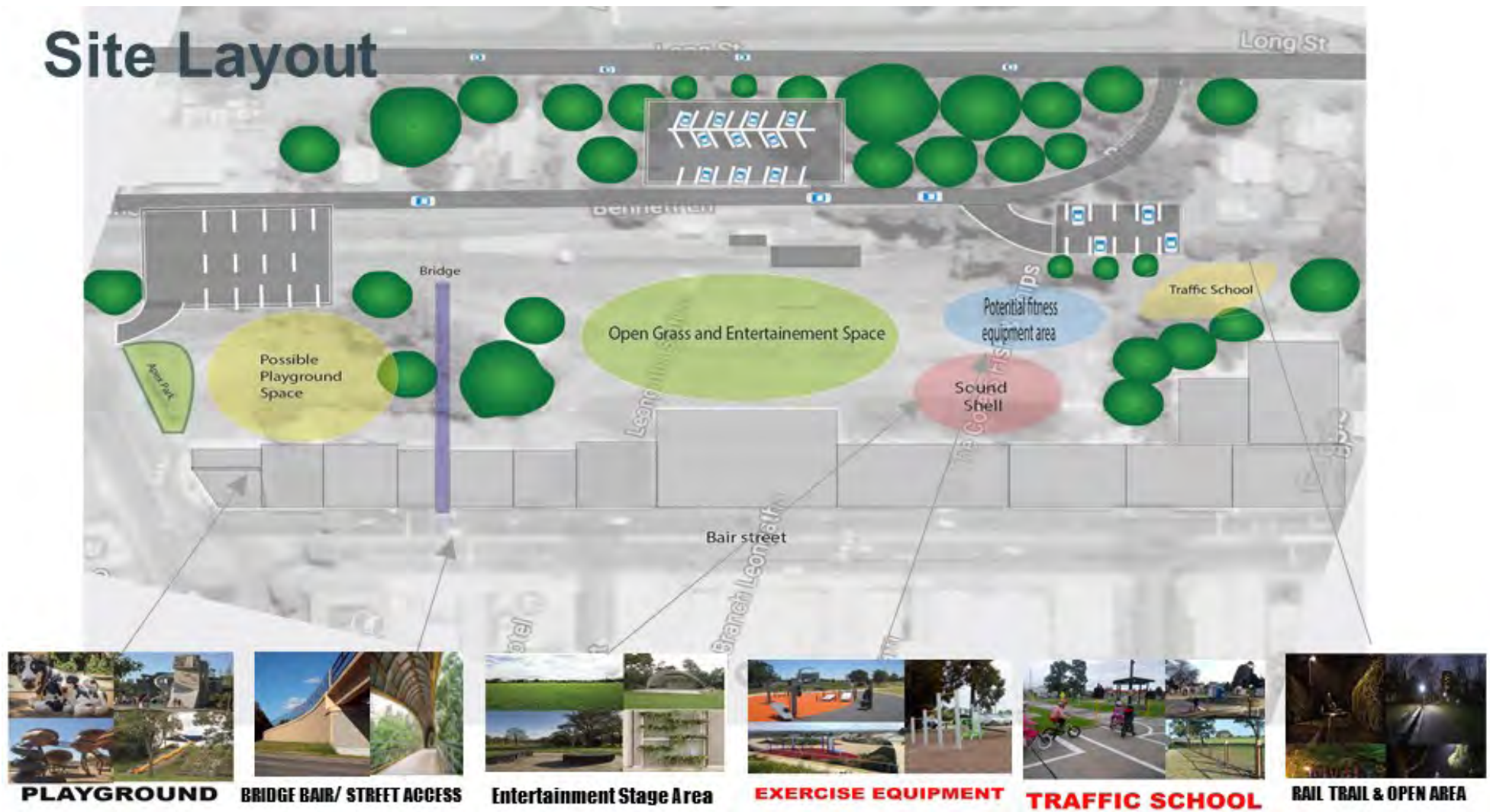
THE students of the Leongatha Secondary College's Global Classroom subject, who appeared before the South Gippsland Shire Council last week, did far more than express their views on what should be done with the old Leongatha Railway Station land.

As good as their ideas were, and the shire simply must include some of them in their final plan. What was equally impressive was how they set a new, high standard for how people who present to council should behave.

And how the councillors themselves should conduct



One of the suggested features in a redeveloped Leongatha railway yards is a big playground and entertainment space



Extract from Leongatha Secondary College Students Presentation to Councillors 16-8-17



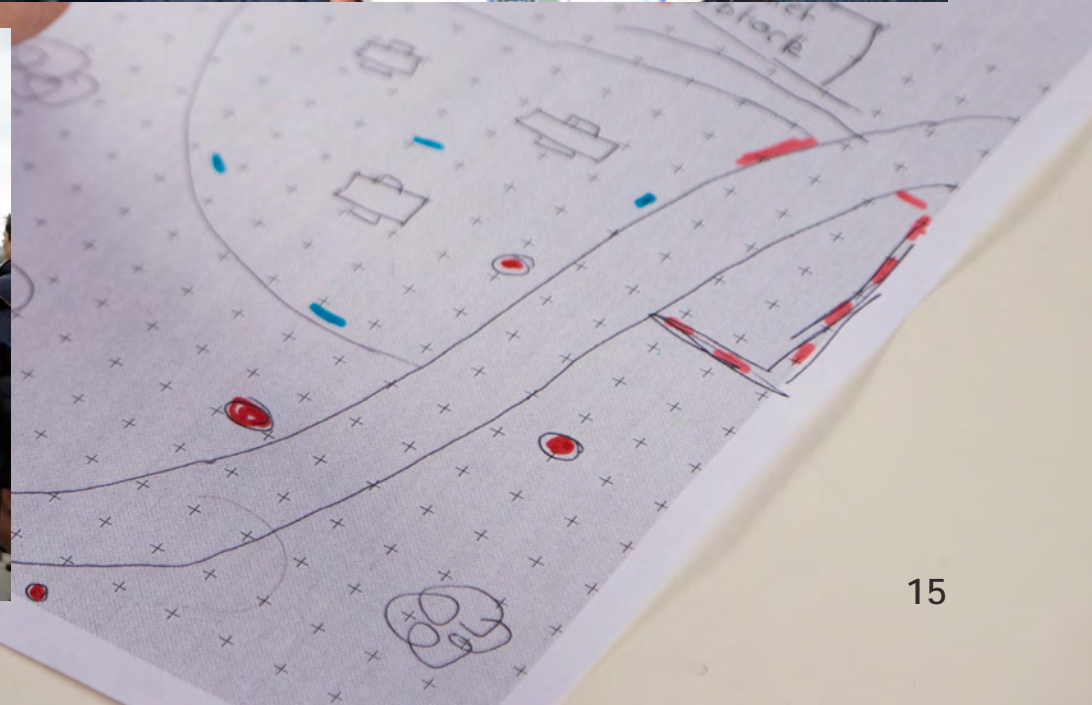
Leongatha Secondary College



Day Workshop 25-5-17



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Preliminary Concepts

During the consultation period, some initial sketches were prepared to illustrate the common ideas being received.

Sketch 1: Bridges & Open Space

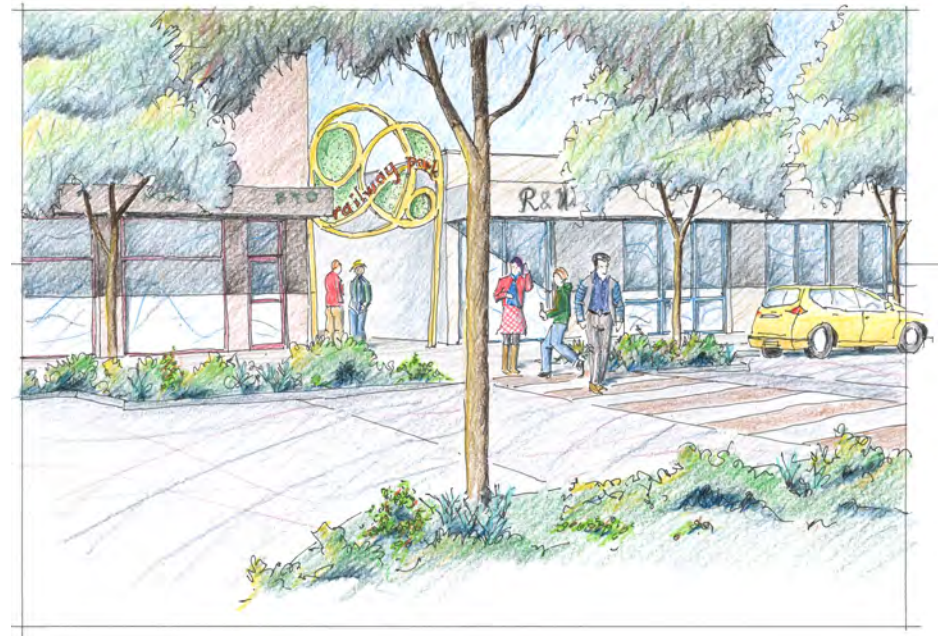


Existing View

Concept: Bridges connecting site to Bair Street and extending the rail trail through the site towards Korumburra with playground and amphitheatre seating

Location: Looking north across the Leongatha railway site towards the highway

Sketch 2: Railway Park Entrance



Existing View

Concept: Entrance to the railway site from laneway off Bair Street (showing vegetation proposed as part of streetscape upgrades)

Location: Laneway off Bair Street from which the former footbridge connected to the railway

Sketch 3: Rail Trail Extension



Sketch 4: Regular Market



Existing View

Concept: Bridge across highway to provide an extension to the rail trail

Location: Bennett Lane looking west towards the highway

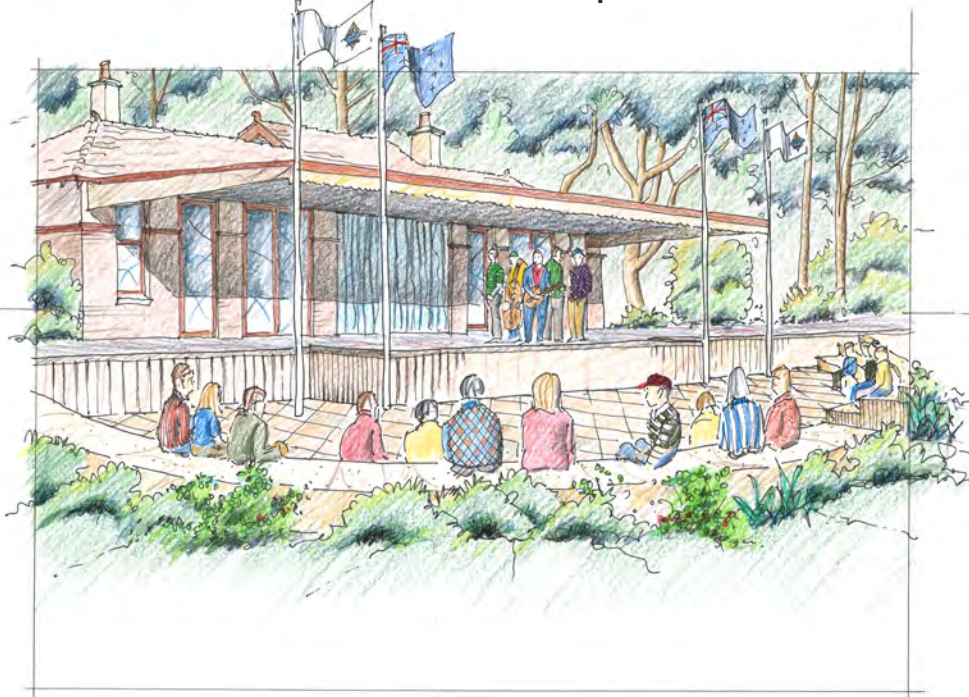


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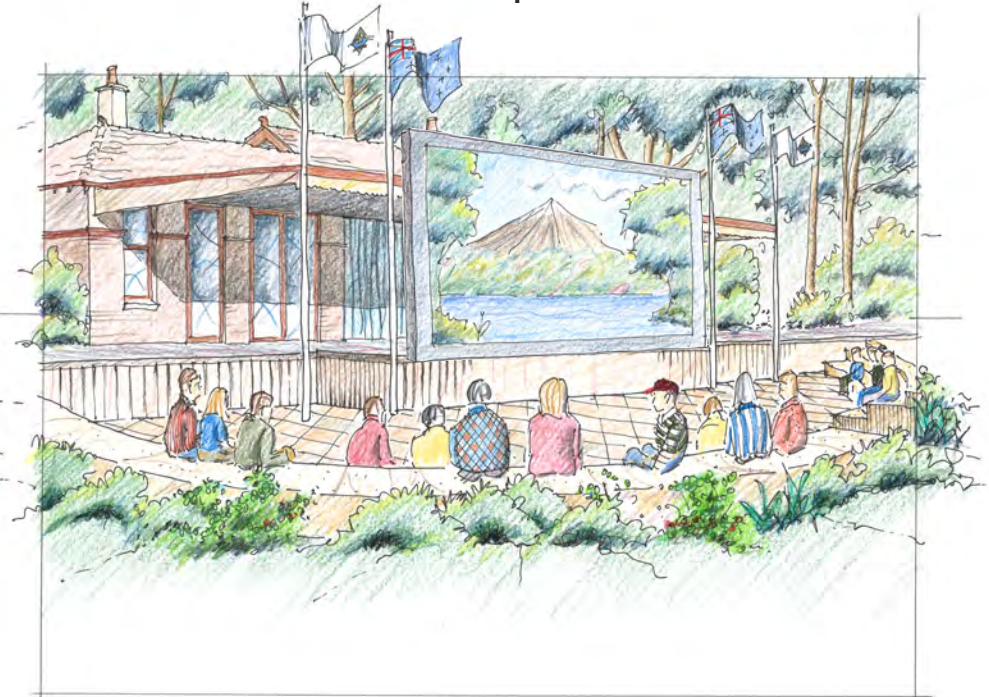
Concept: Regular market stalls

Location: Along Long Street

Sketch 5: Outdoor Performance Space



Sketch 6: Outdoor Cinema Space



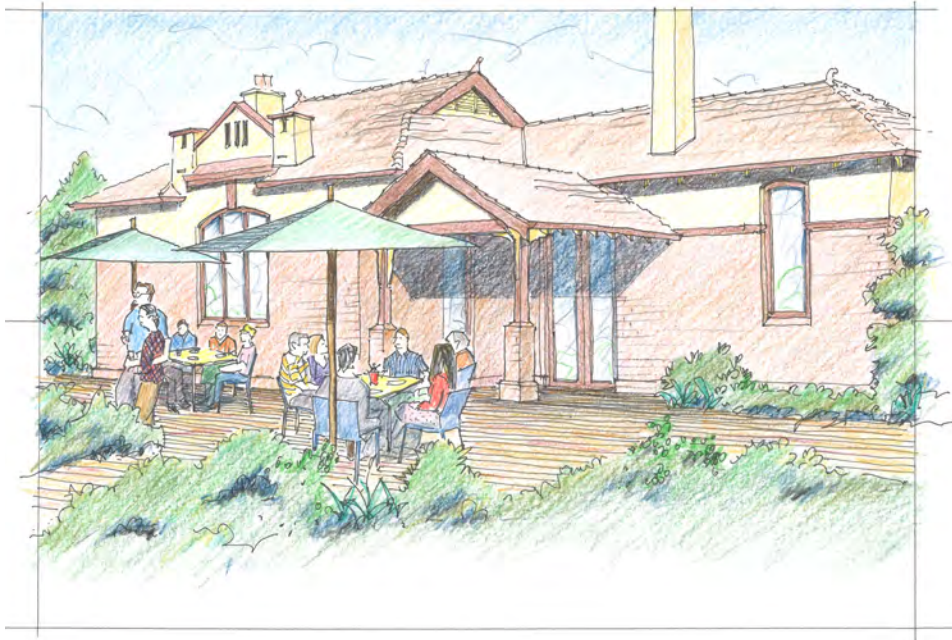
Existing View

Concept: Using the station platform as an outdoor performance space with tiered seating provided for viewing

Location: Leongatha railway station platform

Concept: This same set-up could also be used for a temporary outdoor cinema space

Sketch 7: Outdoor Dining



Existing View

Concept: Using the station building for a business with outdoor dining

Location: Leongatha railway station main building

What We Heard

Most community ideas for the site related to seven key themes. These have been summarised and discussed on the following pages under the heading of 'Key Themes'.

Following this is a section with 'Top Ideas' which compiles the ideas that were most popular with the community as identified by voting on the Our Say website and at the Ideas Exhibition. It also reflects the most popular comments from the Ideas Fair.

A full copy of all the ideas received from the community is available at **Appendix A** of this report.

Discussion of these ideas and Council's response to these messages is outlined in *italics*. This explains how public feedback has influenced the options considered and prepared as part of the Draft Master Plan. Following the Key Themes are other comments that were received.

Key Themes

REINSTATE BAIR STREET ACCESS

Community Comments

It was really clear from previous consultation and throughout the Ideas Engagement that the community really miss the bridge that previously provided a link from the laneway off Bair Street (next to the toy shop) across the Leongatha railway site to the station area. The footbridge was condemned for safety reasons and subsequently removed in the 2000s. Many comments simply asked for the footbridge between Bair Street, the main shopping area, and the railway site to be rebuilt. Others more generally requested a link to be re-established from Bair Street to the site. Some requested a more obvious connection, for example through the possible acquisition of land along Bair Street. Another idea was to provide a lift up to Bair Street, for example within a building.

Preliminary Concepts

An illustration (Sketch 1) was prepared early in the consultation to show a pedestrian walkway reinstated between Bair Street and the railway site from the laneway where the previous pedestrian bridge started.

Another illustration (Sketch 2) was prepared to show how, if the laneway connection was reinstated, it could be more obvious from Bair Street. This shows an entrance gateway to 'Railway Park'.



1952 aerial showing footbridge across railway site



Bridge across Leongatha railway site in 2000

Key Themes (cont.)

REINSTATE BAIR STREET ACCESS (cont.)

Discussion

Restoring the footbridge could be achieved by removing vegetation that has established in the area since the condemned bridge's removal and bridging between the laneway and the mounded landing then ramping down to the site. This will not necessarily need to span the railway track area. The Leongatha Secondary College students suggested a covering the ramp to provide weather protection. A lookout and information about Leongatha's history could also be incorporated into the bridge design.

There are another couple of laneway connections off Bair Street that could be used to link to the railway site but do not have a landing, are narrower laneways and are in private ownership. Creating a wider connection would require purchase of a property. All the properties along Bair Street contain a building. As such, the building would need to be either demolished or altered to provide access through from Bair Street to the railway site. There is a drop of several metres between Bair Street and the railway site that would also need to be addressed. It is likely that the cost of buying a property, any demolition and construction could easily be \$1 million. This would probably need to be funded by Council rates as the State Government generally do not provide funding for land purchase. Discussion with the Project Reference Group on this topic concluded that it would be better to focus plans and spending on improvements at the railway site and make use of the existing laneway.

Draft Master Plan

The Draft Master Plan proposes a covered bridge connecting the laneway off Bair Street (next to the toy shop) across the railway site. Ramps are proposed at the end of the bridge which provide a continuous path to the station area (and VLine bus stop) and another back towards Roughead Street (Strzelecki Highway) which also connects to the adjacent car parking area.

The design of the bridge will also take into consideration the proposed bridge over Roughead Street (Strzelecki Highway) (see page 25 for more information). This is likely to be a later bridge extension as part of a future stage. If staged, the most important link on the ground is to build the ramp connecting to the station area.

The design of the bridge will seek to complement the area. The bridge will provide good views particularly to the north and east. An lookout is proposed on the bridge to make the most of this opportunity (see an example of a lookout in Towong on the opposite page). Information about Leongatha's history will also be integrated into the bridge's design.

An entrance-way is proposed at the end of the laneway to make the railway site more visible.



Proposed bridge from Bair St with lookout & ramps



Inspiration for proposed lookout (example in Towong)

Key Themes (cont.)

CONTINUE THE RAIL TRAIL

Community Comments

There was a lot of interest to see the rail trail extended into the Leongatha railway site and beyond. Some discussion focused on creating a start of the rail trail at the Leongatha station with facilities such as drinking fountains, bicycle hire, parking and a clear entrance. Several ideas suggested extending the rail trail to Korumburra. Comments made by community members in response to these ideas suggested continuing the rail trail further to Loch and Nyora.

Discussion

At the ordinary Council meeting 26 July 2017, Council resolved to make the Great Southern Rail Trail projects (which includes looking at Leongatha to Korumburra extension and west of Korumburra extension) as one of Council's priority projects for 2017/2018. Planning for these projects is now underway. Extending the rail trail towards Korumburra requires extending the rail trail through the Leongatha railway site and across Roughead Street (Strzelecki Highway). While crossing the highway is immediately outside the study area, it needs to be dealt with for the plans for a rail trail extension to Korumburra to be realised. The main options to address this are:

1. Establishing a crossing for rail trail users to cross the highway.
2. Building an underpass for the rail trail to travel under the highway.
3. Building a bridge over the highway.



A crossing with traffic lights would be preferred given that it would be located in the middle of town. Leongatha is a regional centre and heavy traffic travels along the Strzelecki highway. Such a crossing could easily cost \$1 million.

While an underpass would provide traffic separation, its construction would be problematic because of the number of services located under the highway. Underpasses have perceived safety issues and drainage needs to be addressed.

A bridge could easily be as costly as a crossing but would also separate traffic. It would need to be high enough to accommodate tall heavy vehicles along the highway. This could connect with the Bair Street bridge.

Draft Master Plan

The Draft Master Plan proposes extending the rail trail from Horticultural Park, under the Koonwarra Road (Bair Street) bridge with two paths that link to a bridge over Roughead Street (Strzelecki Highway):

1. Connecting to the station area.
2. Travelling along the back of Bair Street shops.

This bridge will be designed so that the Bair Street portion can be built as funds are available (separate from this bridge which is likely to be much more expensive).



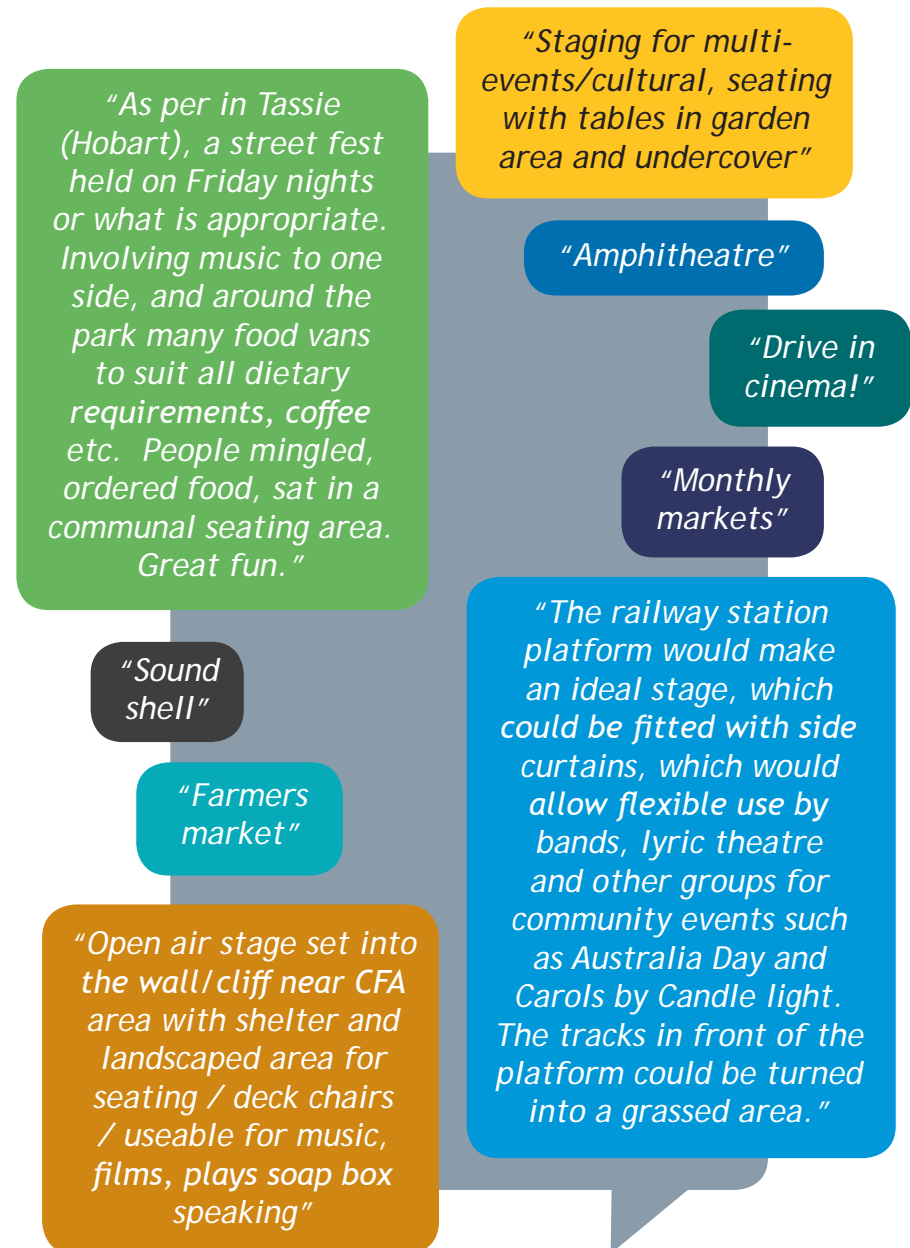
Proposed rail trail connection

Key Themes (cont.)

PROVIDE OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT SPACES

Community Comments

There were many ideas suggesting different entertainment activities at the site. The most popular were live performances (music, theatre), regular market and outdoor cinema. Suggested performance spaces included use of the railway station platform, building a sound shell and building a band rotunda. It was noted that the rotunda would be a less flexible space for live performances (e.g. not as useful for live theatre). Suggestions for the seating areas were to provide a grassed area (possibly sloped) or an amphitheatre. Other ideas included pop-up stalls and festivals (e.g. local produce), an 'Isle of Mann'-style race with go karts, miniature train rides, lasertag, paint ball, velodrome and box track, games area for teenagers, rock climbing wall and car boot sale. The suggestions of laser tag, paint ball, miniature train rides and velodrome were controversial.



Preliminary Concepts

Illustrations were prepared to show how the site could be used for outdoor entertainment.

Sketch 4 demonstrates how the treed area along Long Street could be used for a market. The concept shows marquees and a new set of stairs to provide additional access from Long Street.

Sketch 5 shows how the station platform could be used as a stage for performances. The stage could be extended to provide additional space for performers. It shows a paved area in front of the stage where existing railway tracks currently lie. This area is edged with a few levels of amphitheatre seating.

Sketch 6 is a variation on Sketch 5. It shows how a temporary screen could be set up to use the same space for an outdoor cinema.

Sketch 1 shows how the paved and seating area could fit with other nearby activities / infrastructure.

Discussion

With VicTrack approval, the Long Street area could already be used as a market space. A car boot sale could similarly be held in the car park areas. Before any markets or other types of events are held on the site, it is likely that the following issues would need to be addressed (depending on the size and scale of the event):

- Event space - some existing spaces (e.g. behind the shops, on the car park areas) may be suitable for events but suitable, accessible space is / may be limited depending on the event type
- Toilet provision - the existing toilets have been closed and are not in good condition, larger events may require additional toilets
- Impact on nearby residential development - any adverse impacts (e.g. noise in the evening) will need to be minimised given the proximity of housing to the site
- Traffic management & car parking - any event would need appropriate traffic management which could involve signage, people directing traffic and bus-ing people to the site (e.g. from recreation reserve)

Previously there was a rotunda at the site. A rotunda, while it would provide a space for a band and some types of other performances, would have a limited use when compared with a sound shell or using the platform as a performance space.

A sound shell is proposed at The Glade reserve in Inverloch. Its cost is estimated at about \$350,000. There may be a few

Key Themes (cont.)

PROVIDE OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT SPACES (cont.)

Discussion (cont.)

different locations that a sound shell could be located e.g. as suggested by some located in the corner of the site behind shops and the CFA.

The railway platform provides an already established stage that was used during the Ideas Fair. Some work would probably need to be done so that the edges of the platform are more secure as there is some crumbling occurring. The veranda provides for a wide undercover area. This is a generous width for a stage. Further stage depth may be required and might be achieved by a permanent stage extension or use of a temporary stage area. While the Shire has a temporary stage that could be used, given a stage extension is structural, a permanent stage would be better as it could be installed once rather than requiring proper installation for each use.

Other infrastructure that may need to be considered (whether provided temporarily or permanently) for a performance space include:

- Seating area
- Large power capacity (e.g. 3 phase power)
- Roof rigging points (e.g. for speakers and lighting)
- Location to mount lights in the open space area
- Wings for side stage
- Security measures (e.g. cameras)
- Dressing rooms

Seating for a performance area could be established by providing a grassed area, possibly on an incline, and / or amphitheatre seating. Discussion with community members, including Project Reference Group members and relevant community groups, indicated a preference for a grassed area which is more flexible.

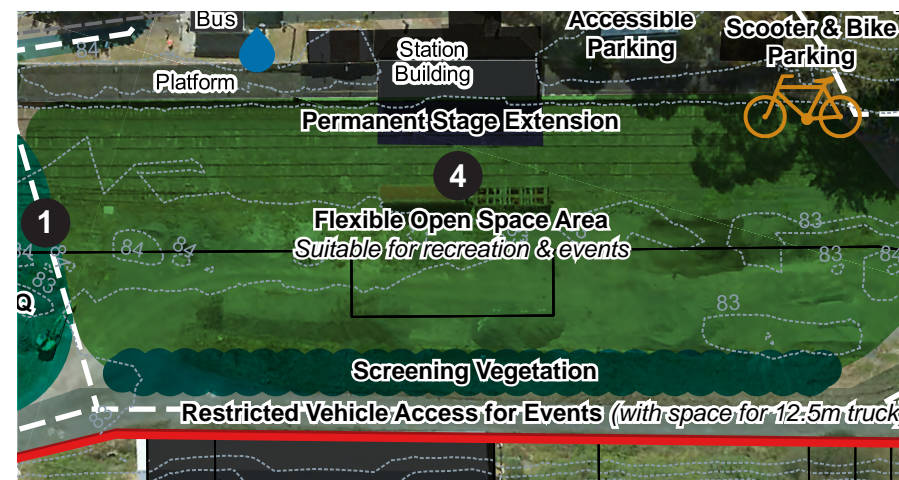
A grassed area could be used for a variety of activities including markets, festivals, pop-up stalls, games area for teenagers and informal recreation (e.g. picnics, kicking a football).

Ideas like laser tag, paint ball, velodrome and box track and miniature train rides have not been pursued because they were not strongly supported and are considered impractical. Each of these ideas requires a fair amount of infrastructure for set up. A velodrome is already provided up the road at the Leongatha recreation reserve. Some amenity issues would also need to be addressed.

A rock climbing wall could be considered as part of the playground design (see page 35).

Draft Master Plan

The Draft Master Plan proposes to use the platform as a stage for performances and establish a grassed area with a subtle incline for seating (and other uses when performances are not taking place). Most of the railway tracks in front of the platform would need to be removed to achieve this.



Proposed performance space



Key Themes (cont.)

PROVIDE BETTER FACILITIES

Community Comments

Many ideas were received regarding better toilet facilities at the site. Toilets were suggested as being useful for bus users, rail trail users, tourists, heavy vehicles and other travellers stopping in Leongatha on their travels and for any other proposed activities on the site (e.g. events, cafe). Suggestions for infrastructure included drinking fountains (water bubblers) with dog tap, shelter from the weather, information, better signage (not only at the site but in town), seating, lighting, BBQs, dump point for caravans, bike racks and vehicle parking (discussed separately from page 39). Several people were not keen on having a dump point at the site. Newer types of facilities suggested included the use of QR codes, providing wifi and digital information and installing Tesla chargers for electric vehicles.



Discussion

At present there is a toilet block that was recently closed as VicTrack were not willing to service the toilets. They had been maintained by the South Gippsland Tourist Railway and were opened and closed by the VLine bus drivers until recently. Because they are on the platform not visible to bus customers, many people did not realise when they were open. VicTrack did not consider there to be a need for toilet facilities for VLine bus users as there are toilets on the VLine buses. The existing toilets are in poor condition.

In March 2017, the State government announced that they are proposing to upgrade the Leongatha bus interchange at the Leongatha railway site in response to consultation on the Victorian Regional Network Development Plan. The proposed works involve replacing the existing bus shelter, installing a self-contained toilet unit, providing a pedestrian crossing and other minor works (kerb changes etc.). It is anticipated that these works will take place later this year or in 2018.

The options for toilets at the site include opening up the existing toilets as they are, upgrading these toilets and building new toilets. A new toilet block could be integrated into the playground and BBQ area in the long-term (discussed from page 36). This provides flexibility for the existing toilets at the site to be upgraded to complement the future use of the station buildings. Alternatively they could be removed to provide additional building floorspace given that such space is limited in the existing buildings.

Bike racks and drinking fountains with both a water bottle refill tap and dog tap would complement the proposed rail trail extension and fitness equipment at the site.

Given South Gippsland is known for its wet weather, a shelter at the BBQ area would be beneficial. A shelter was proposed in Horticultural Park as part of the Leongatha Streetscape Master Plan. If this proposal was relocated to the railway site, it is likely to receive more use.

Information could be provided on the bridge detailing Leongatha's history as suggested by the Leongatha Secondary students.

Signage is important for improving navigation of the site and to and from the site. A park entry on the laneway that leads to the bridge could alert passers-by to the railway site. Signs at the site could direct people to and from the rail trail and the centre of town. Road signs are likely to be important to alert passing vehicles to the proposed playground and parking available.

As per Council's RV Strategy, Council encourages community groups to contact the appropriate organisations and land owners to establish if a proposed dump point in their community can be facilitated. Council will assist community groups in providing the relevant information required if they seek to install a dump point. At present Council is aware of local advocates seeking a location in Leongatha but the

Key Themes (cont.)

PROVIDE BETTER FACILITIES (cont.)

Discussion (cont.)

railway site does not seem to be the most appropriate given that South Gippsland Water require these points to be locked where they are provided in a public space.

At present there are five public dump points in South Gippsland (in Korumburra, Meeniyan, Mirboo North, Foster & Tidal River) and five private with a majority of those also only available to the public for a small fee. The Shire is well serviced for dump points.

The idea of providing free wifi at the site was discussed with the Leongatha Secondary College students who did not think that it would be needed.

Digital displays with real time bus information were requested as part of the bus interchange upgrades but at this stage, do not appear to be funded or proposed.

The idea of car charging points for electric vehicles was also raised during the Leongatha Streetscape Master Plan project. There is already a car charging station in Leongatha at the Leongatha Motel. Given the current level of demand for charging stations appears to be relatively low, this is something that could be installed in the future in line with any demand increases.

Draft Master Plan

The Draft Master Plan proposes an additional toilet block in the vicinity of the playground and BBQ in the long-term. Timing should be considered as different activities are established at the site. In the short-term, the State government's new self-contained toilet will provide an accessible toilet at the site. Refurbishment and possible expansion of the existing toilets will be considered as a tenant for the existing buildings is established.

A large shelter is proposed in the playground and BBQ area which will replace the proposed shelter in Horticultural Park in the Leongatha Streetscape Master Plan.

Signage, bike racks and a water fountain (with water bottle refill and dog tap) are proposed in strategic locations around the site. Bicycle parking is discussed in more detail on page 41. A bike tool stand ('fixit' station) is proposed in combination with the proposed bicycle parking near the station building.

MAKE USE OF THE STATION BUILDING

Community Comments

It was clear that the community would like to see the existing station building retained and refurbished. There was a variety of ideas for activities in the station building. Most ideas rely on businesses setting up in the building. Suggestions generally sought to complement the local area e.g. linking with the rail trail, promoting local produce. Some were very specific e.g. Argentinian restaurant. Others were more general, often suggesting that food, drink and information be provided.

Preliminary Concepts

An illustration (Sketch 7) was prepared showing how a outdoor dining surrounded by gardens could look located in front of the station building on the existing road space.



"Preserve the existing railway station building for its historic significance"

"Could be used as a museum / information"

"Fine dining? (I believe coffee shops are well covered?)"

"Farming and Produce Display/outlet - local produce including dairying, snow peas, potatoes, wine, timber (historic), beef, etc"

"I would like to see the commercial development of the station building and platform area. Restaurant, cafe, tourist information centre, train themed? bike themed for the rail trail."

"The old railway station could be converted to restaurant with a garden setting."

"Cafés that are open on the weekends."

"Maybe a kiosk"

"Bike Shop, Bike Hire, Bike Repair in support of rail trail use"

Key Themes (cont.)

MAKE USE OF THE STATION BUILDINGS (cont.)

Discussion

The heritage significance of the station building and surrounds is afforded planning protection by the Heritage Overlay. The intention of this overlay is for the station building to be retained and enhanced. VicTrack currently monitors and undertakes maintenance on the building and, like Council, are keen on a tenant. While some individuals have expressed interest in the building, no proposals have been provided to Council or VicTrack. Council intend to pursue this further once lease of the building area is secured. Council and VicTrack are in discussion to negotiate this.

Establishing a cafe, restaurant, kiosk, bike hire or other retail presence in the building will need a business interested in setting this up. It's likely that such a business will be interested in providing information to the public and Council will seek to give preference to such a tenant. Council could give preference to tenants that propose uses which complement the proposed Draft Master Plan.

Council recently undertook a review of visitor information services. At present there are accredited visitor information centres in Korumburra and Foster and a non-accredited centre at Leongatha. Visitation trends have shown locally and State-wide that walk-in visitors to visitor information centres are declining. Council is looking at making decisions on visitor information services later this year.

Draft Master Plan

As no tenant has been established for the station buildings, the Draft Master Plan does not identify their use. It does include the following guiding principles that Council will seek to use when VicTrack and Council evaluate tenants for the buildings:

- Provides an activity that complements the other use and development proposed for the site (e.g. snacks, hot drinks, bike hire, tourist information).
- Contributes to activity at the site, particularly at times retail is quiet in the town (i.e. opening hours on Saturday afternoon and Sundays).

ESTABLISH PARKLAND & RECREATION SPACES

Community Comments

A range of ideas related to establishing more parkland and recreation spaces at the railway site. Building a playground at the site was reasonably popular. There were suggestions that this should be all-abilities. There was an emphasis on setting up a flexible parkland area that could for example be used as a play space, for markets, festivals, picnics and big games like giant chess. Lawn and garden areas were suggested including an area for indigenous planting. There were a couple of suggestions to involve the community in the garden designing and planting. Another common suggestion was for adult exercise equipment. Other more controversial suggestions included a town orchard and an off-leash dog park.

Preliminary Concepts

An illustration (Sketch 1) was prepared which included a playground shown next to the proposed bridge from Bair Street.

Another illustration (Sketch 4) was prepared that showed how the existing treed open space could be used for a market.

Sketch 5 and Sketch 6 show how the area between the station platform and the back of the Bair Street shops could be redeveloped as a paved open space area bordered by gardens.

"A green space for markets, festivals and travellers would be beneficial"

"Playground"

"Exercise equipment circuit like at Adrenalinski Park, Zagreb, Croatia"

"Town orchard"

"Kids park with water playground"

"Public art sculptures"

"I would like to see open space, an all abilities playground, a secure leash-free dog park. The site is quite high, with great views and with a number of levels so it should be possible to accommodate a range of users, while taking advantage of the scenery. While I think some covered eating spaces and electric BBQs would be useful"

"An emphasis on Australian native plants including indigenous species."

"Preserve the open, relaxed, spacious character of the area as much as possible by opening up key views along the rail line and visual links to other significant features such as:

- the other heritage building in town (Memorial Hall, Courthouse, Post Office)*
- retain large significant trees particularly the Palm Trees, Eucalypts, and some of the pines and oaks if appropriate.*
- develop new gardens and opportunities for floral displays in support of events such as the Daffodil Festival"*

Key Themes (cont.)

ESTABLISH PARKLAND & RECREATION SPACES (cont.)

Discussion

The Leongatha railway site is located between two open space areas:

- Centenary Park north of Roughead St (Strzelecki Hwy)
- Horticultural Park south of Bair St / Koonwarra Rd

Centenary Park has recently been redeveloped as part of the Leongatha Heavy Vehicle Alternate Route works. The park is primarily a treed garden area with seating. It includes a parking area with toilets 150 metres from Roughead St.

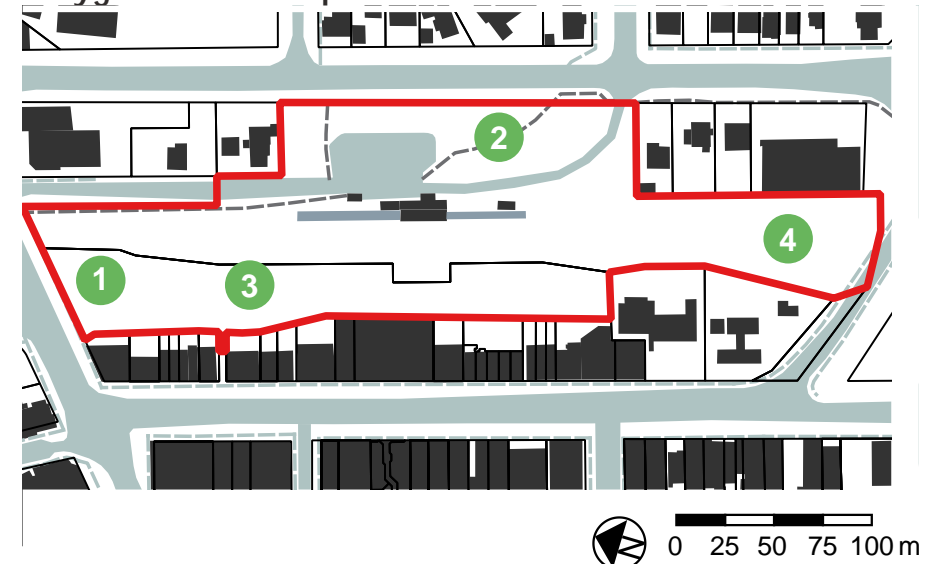
Horticultural Park is also a treed garden area. It includes tables and seating as well as some playground equipment (swings and climbing net). The Great Southern Rail Trail, which retraces Australia's most southern mainland rail line for 72 kilometres to Port Welshpool, starts within the park.

At present there is a small open space area at the Leongatha railway site with tables and seating, referred to as Apex Park, which faces and adjoins Roughead St (Strzelecki Hwy). Anecdotal evidence is that the park is infrequently used. While the park is prominent for people arriving in town from Melbourne and Korumburra direction, the area is subject to the noise and fumes of passing vehicles. To provide additional parking at the site (see page 39), it is proposed to reduce the size of this open space and provide new, more useable open spaces at the site instead.

The proposed performance seating space is a large grassed area which, when not being used for performances, could be used as open space. A grassed area could be used for recreation such as general play, kicking a football or picnicking as well as other events like a market.

A playground and sheltered BBQ area could be located at the site in a few different locations. Options include a playground at (1) Apex Park, (2) along the Long St frontage, (3) next to the open space area and (4) at the Bair St / Koonwarra Rd end of the site.

Playground Site Options



Ideally the playground would be obvious to passers-by, benefit from passive surveillance, be easy to access on foot and by vehicle from the main streets and have safe, close access to toilets. Discussion with the PRG indicated that fencing around the playground would be preferred. The Leongatha Secondary College students proposed an outstanding park for all age groups that would attract tourists to the town and benefit local business.

Option 1 would provide for a very prominent playground, particularly for passing visitors from Melbourne. It would, however, be very exposed to traffic noise and hazards. The park is located next to one of two access points for the site and is currently surrounded by car parking.

Option 2 would also be prominent for passers-by and exposed to traffic noise and hazards. It would need a fence around it because of the slope down to the highway and adjacent car park and roadway. The surrounding trees could provide shelter but might also block the sun to equipment - making the playground less desirable in the cooler months. The area is further from the centre of town than Options 1 or 3 and there is a roadway separating the station and proposed performance and open space.

By contrast, Option 3 would be protected from passing traffic noises and hazards. It is centrally located and would be easily accessible from Roughead St (Strzelecki Hwy),

Long St, the proposed bridges and the adjacent proposed open space. Co-locating these open spaces would provide for children to play on the playground while related visitors watch a performance, play at the proposed grassed area or have a BBQ. A playground at this location, however, is likely to be obscured from view of the surrounding areas because of the topography and proposed footbridge. Perceptions of the playground's safety may be not as high as Options 1 and 2 where passing traffic provides passive surveillance of the area. Some surveillance would be provided by the Bair St bridge. If new toilets were provided on site (discussed on page 31), they would be best placed close to the station area and the proposed path network adjacent to this site.

Option 4 is the furthest from town centre activity and the most hidden from view except to passing traffic along Bair St / Koonwarra Rd. The site would be sheltered and have good solar access.

While no location appears ideal, Option 3 appears to provide the most benefits. As discussed with the PRG, the playground's location could be advertised using road signage and an entrance-way at the Bair St laneway.

As well as the play equipment at Horticultural Park, there is a substantial playground at nearby McIndoe Park, approximately 700 metres away. McIndoe Park is very popular but is outside walking distance from the town centre and out

Key Themes (cont.)

ESTABLISH PARKLAND & RECREATION SPACES (cont.)

Discussion (cont.)

of the way and rather hidden to passing tourists. Anecdotally, the play equipment at nearby Horticultural Park does not receive much use. The park and its equipment is relatively hidden from view to passers by though views from Bair St / Koonwarra Rd bridge are more open since some vegetation removal has taken place in the park. Play equipment at the railway site, while it may not be any more visible than the equipment at Horticultural Park, would be located more centrally. Council has limited resources for maintaining infrastructure and as such, needs to maximise the potential for ongoing maintenance of any equipment. To assist with the maintenance of playground equipment at the railway site, the playground could replace the equipment at Horticultural Park.

There are a number of opportunities for garden areas to be incorporated into the site. Weeding and additional planting would improve the steep banks at the southern end of the site (behind the Salvation Army, CFA and petrol station). It could also help screen the back of shops and soften the appearance of car parking areas. Planting could be established as part of any new uses around the station building and the playground area. More indigenous plantings could be established along Long St treed area. Some of the pine trees in this vicinity will over time decline and need replacement. These could progressively be replaced with indigenous plants that complement the existing native canopy trees.

In relation to the proposed town orchard, there is already a community garden with fruit trees in Howard Street, Leongatha on the Community College Gippsland site. A town orchard at the railway site poses a potential public health risk because of contamination at the railway site.

The closest example of fitness equipment in the region is the exercise stations along the foreshore area at Inverloch. A couple of fitness stations could be accommodated at the site. One of them could be located at playground site Option 2 to attract attention to the site.

A dog park was considered but was difficult to accommodate amongst the many other proposals for the site.



Draft Master Plan

The Draft Master Plan proposes a flexible grassed open space area (that can be used for seating in the case of performances on the station platform). This area could be used for recreation and events.

Adjacent to this area, a well-lit playground with covered BBQ area is proposed, replacing the existing play equipment and proposed shelter and Horticultural Park.

Fitness equipment is proposed in two locations on the site. One visible from Long St adjacent to the existing pedestrian path. Another is proposed next to the open space area, behind the CFA.

Planting is proposed to beautify the area (i.e. along steep southern slopes), screen the back of the shops, replace trees as they approach the end of their life or become dangerous and complement the proposed development (e.g. car park extensions, playground).



Inspiration for proposed playground provided by Leongatha Secondary College students

PROVIDE MORE PARKING

Community Comments

There was generally a desire for more parking at the railway site. Most of this specifically requested long-vehicle parking to encourage visitors to stop in the area e.g. on the way to Wilsons Promontory. Other parking was suggested for rail trail users, VLine bus customers and businesses. A couple of people suggested a multi-storey car park, using the elevation difference across the site. Bicycle parking was also suggested.

Preliminary Concepts

The following preliminary concepts were prepared to provide an indication about where and how additional car parking spaces could be provided at the site. By reconfiguring the existing Apex car park, some more car parking spaces could be established (see image below left). An indicative plan was also prepared for a new car park area at the southern end of the site (see image below right).



Key Themes (cont.)

PROVIDE MORE PARKING (cont.)

Discussion

The indicative layout at the southern end of the railway site is likely to be difficult to achieve given the steep sloping land and contamination in that area.

As well as re-configuring the Apex Park site, other sites were also considered to provide additional car parking including an extension of the existing VLine bus parking area and parking on the flattened area at the Long St entry (next to 8 Long St). The area near the Long St entry is sometimes used informally for car parking and could be formalised.

RMIT students prepared plans several years ago, some of which were on display at the Ideas Fair, which proposed large building complexes with underground car parking. Attracting such an investment would be more likely to support the development of a multi-storey car park. Otherwise the cost burden of building such a car park would be prohibitive. Even if the parking spaces attracted a fee (which would not be popular), it would take a long time to recover the costs of development.

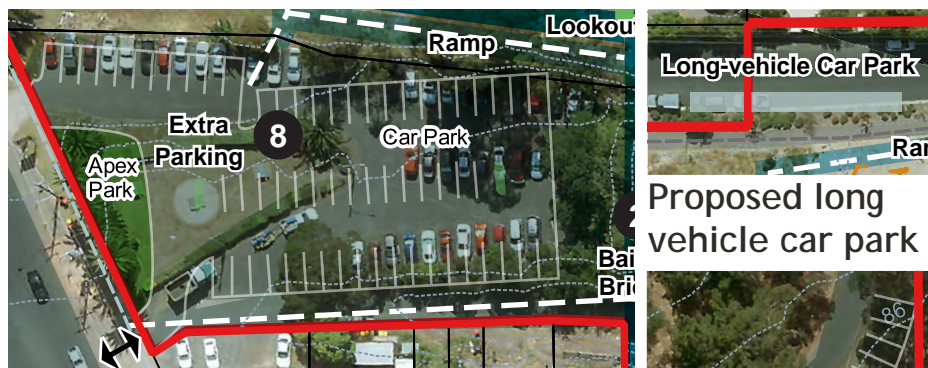
Additional long vehicle car parking is being arranged next to Woolworths in Leongatha. Some long vehicle car parking could also be provided along the roadway for vehicles arriving at the site off Long St.

Bicycle parking could be provided on the site in key locations. Where possible, it would be preferable to locate them in

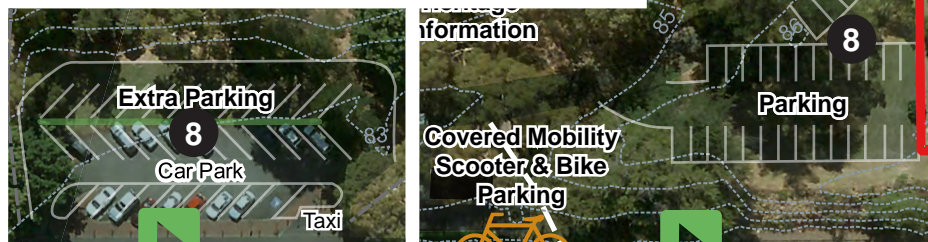
covered areas, with good surveillance and where people are expected to stop. The suggested locations at the station building (e.g. for VLine customers), at the playground and BBQ area next to the ramp up to the Bair St bridge and between the Traffic School and adjacent fitness equipment station.

Draft Master Plan

The Draft Master Plan proposes to extend both of the existing car parking areas on the site. It also proposes a new car parking area on the flattened area at the Long St entry (next to 8 Long St). Adjacent to this parking area is a proposed covered bicycle and scooter parking area. Other bicycle parking is proposed at the playground and next to the Traffic School. Long vehicle car parking is proposed along Long St.



Proposed Apex car park extension



Proposed VLine car park extension

Proposed new parking areas off Long St

"Create park-like setting with parking suitable for cars with caravans to pull into. This parking should encourage through traffic to stop and explore our town - we do have at least 10 coffee shops!!"

"Spaces for caravans to stop, more parking, more parking for VLine Bus"

"Car parking long-term behind shops. Caravan access points."

"Long vehicle park. For caravans, motorhomes, boats etc."

"I would like to see all day parking for business"

"Multi/storey carpark that links to Bair Street and possible arcade."

"Better access in for parking for visitors ie caravan campers rail trail users. Via entrance off Long St behind the old station."

"Car parking needed for any additional activity especially RV car parking"

"Need a parking area for caravans, buses and rail trail users in Leongatha"

Top Ideas

REQUEST RETURN OF RAIL TO THE REGION

This idea was most prominent on the Our Say forum and was the most popular idea. By contrast, it was a topic of discussion at the consultation events but not proposed as a popular idea.

The State Government is responsible for public transport networks in Victoria and manages the railway corridor to Leongatha. The railway line to Leongatha has been designated an 'open' railway line by State Government (specifically Public Transport Victoria). This means that the corridor is being reserved in the case that rail is returned in the future. At present, the State Government has made no commitment to return rail services to South Gippsland. South Gippsland Shire Council supports the return of rail services to the area and recognise the great benefit that the return of rail would provide to the area. In the meantime, however, Council would like to see the Leongatha railway station area improved in a way that benefits the community.

PRESERVE & REFURBISH EXISTING HERITAGE BUILDINGS

The Draft Master Plan seeks to preserve and restore the existing heritage buildings. This topic was one of the key themes discussed on page 34.

REINSTATE LINK TO BAIR ST (e.g. rebuild bridge)

The Draft Master Plan proposes a reinstated link. This topic was discussed from page 20.

PROVIDE PUBLIC TOILETS AT THE SITE

The Draft Master Plan proposes public toilets at the site. This was discussed from page 30.

PROVIDE ALL DAY PARKING, including parking for bikes & recreational vehicles for passers-by to stop in town

The Draft Master Plan proposes additional parking at the site including for bikes and recreational vehicles. This was discussed from page 39.

PROVIDE PARKLAND AT THE SITE (e.g. all abilities playground, leash-free dog park, BBQs, covered eating areas)

The Draft Master Plan proposes additional parkland at the site as well as a playground and a covered BBQ area. This was discussed from page 35.

***ESTABLISH A MARKET AT THE SITE
(e.g. along Long St)***

The Draft Master Plan proposes a large, flexible open space area that could be used as a market site. This was discussed in more detail on page 27.

***EXTEND RAIL TRAIL TO KORUMBURRA & BEYOND
(or at least to the site)***

The Draft Master Plan proposes to extend the rail trail into and beyond the railway site towards Korumburra. This was discussed from page 24.

***ESTABLISH A BUSINESS IN THE EXISTING BUILDING/S
(e.g. café, restaurant)***

The Draft Master Plan seeks to encourage a tenant in the existing buildings such as a cafe or restaurant business. This was discussed on page 34.

PROVIDE FITNESS EQUIPMENT ON THE SITE

The Draft Master Plan proposes fitness equipment on the site. This was discussed on page 38.

ESTABLISH A FUN RUN AT THE SITE

The Draft Master Plan proposes to extend the rail trail through the site which could be used to establish a fun run.

***ESTABLISH AN OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT SPACE
(e.g. using platform as stage, soundshell) with
grassed area for seating (e.g. for pop-up cinema,
live music, events)***

The Draft Master Plan proposes to establish an outdoor entertainment space on the site. This was discussed from page 26.

***PROVIDE BETTER AMENITIES AT THE SITE (e.g.
water fountain for drinking, better weather
protection, seating, BBQs)***

The Draft Master Plan proposes improved amenities at the site from page 30. The BBQ area with weather protection is also discussed from page 36.

Top Ideas (cont.)

RETAIN SIGNIFICANT TREES ON THE SITE

The trees on the site have been reviewed for consideration in the Significant Tree Register but no significant trees were identified apart from the palm trees which are already protected by Heritage Overlay - Schedule 69. That said, there are a number of notable trees on the site that will seek to be retained. The trees along the Long St frontage provide a canopy that can be viewed for some distance. The Draft Master Plan seeks to retain the trees as far as possible, while recognising that some may need to be removed for safety reasons over time. Some regrowth trees where the former bridge was located, including a few larger ones, are expected to need removing to re-instate the bridge.

DEVELOP CLEAR & WIDE SIGHTLINES INTO BAIR ST (possibly removing / modifying existing building)

The option of removing or modifying an existing building was considered and not pursued. The Draft Master Plan proposes an entrance-way at the beginning of the laneway along Bair St to improve awareness of the railway site as discussed on page 22.

ESTABLISH A USE IN THE EXISTING BUILDINGS (e.g. information centre, museum)

The Draft Master Plan seeks to encourage a tenant in the existing buildings. This was discussed on page 34.

ESTABLISH A PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

While a performing arts centre is lacking in the area, there was not enough community support to seriously consider such a large investment on a site and one that might conflict with the need for the site to be retained as a railway corridor into the future. There are other performing arts centres in the wider region (e.g. Wonthaggi and Warragul).

ESTABLISH A TRAFFIC SCHOOL

The Leongatha Rotary Club have been working with the Leongatha Specialist School to establish a road safety education facility for the community. This can be referred to as a traffic school or bicycle education facility like the one in Morwell. Originally they were looking at the Specialist School as a location to provide this but there were issues in establishing an appropriate site. The Club have put forward the idea of a traffic school at the railway site. The Leongatha Primary School and Specialist School have provided their support for this idea.

The Draft Master Plan proposes to establish a traffic school at the southern end of the site. The Rotary Club have proposed that the site be gated and opened for bookings as well as possibly during the day subject to an appropriate manager for the facility being established.

What We Learnt

FEEDBACK

The postcard letter box drop was an effective way to reach a wide spectrum of people and let them know about the project. Putting on an event was helpful for drawing attention to the site and the project.

Working with the Project Reference Group and the Leongatha Secondary College students has helped identify some of the finer detail earlier in the process.

Where to Next?

DRAFT MASTER PLAN FOR CONSULTATION

This report explains how the Draft Master Plan responds to what we heard from the community. The Draft Master Plan is available online at Council's website, at Council offices and at 37-43 Bair Street.

FINAL MASTER PLAN

Following consultation and further site investigation as required, the Final Master Plan will be prepared later this year.



LEONGATHA



*South Gippsland
Shire Council*

Ideas & Comments Received

Our Say Comments	Comment Split	Comment Type	Theme	Ideas Exhibition Votes*	
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Develop clear and wide sightlines into Bair Street - possibly be removing or modifying existing buildings ??	No	Idea	Bair St Access	7	0
ACCESS TO MAIN STREET - Use the existing earthen ramp, and replace the span to the main street.	Yes	Idea	Bair St Access	5	0
Agree that a walkway or link to the main shopping area would be good.	Yes	Idea	Bair St Access	3	0
Put the walkway back and have a massive clean up for a start	No	Idea	Bair St Access	1	0
Returned access to Bair street.	Yes	Idea	Bair St Access	0	0
A walking bridge back, for easy access to Bair street	Yes	Idea	Bair St Access	0	0
Improve pedestrian and disabled connectivity into and around the precinct particularly from Bair Street and McCartin Street	No	Idea	Bair St Access	0	0
Re-establish easy access to shops.	Yes	Idea	Bair St Access	0	0
I would also like to see easy access to the coffee shops in town.	Yes	Idea	Bair St Access	0	0
Reinstate a connection between Bair Street and the railway site (feedback from Leongatha Streetscape Master Plan consultation)	No	Idea	Bair St Access	0	0
I would like to see a walk through to bair st	Yes	Idea	Bair St Access	0	0
I would like to see the commercial development of the station building and platform area. Restaurant, cafe, tourist information centre, train themed? bike themed for the rail trail.	Yes	Idea	Building	1	0
The Station building to be leased out to micro brewery/restaurant move the bus stop to Bair street once Bair street has been revitalized.	Yes	Idea	Building	1	0
RAILWAY STATION - Could be used as a museum / information. Refurbish toilets and waiting room to be used by Coach travellers / rail trail users, and visitors.	Yes	Idea	Building	1	0
The railway station - cafe/restaurant and town information centre. The current information Centre is not easily accessible to visitors and not enough parking. Maybe gallery could be incorporated as well. Cafe/restaurant should benefit Vline passengers AND/OR weekend visitors to the information Centre and rail trail as well locals.	Yes	Idea	Building	1	0

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Possible information hub - Library, Visitor Information Centre, Citizens Advice Bureau	No	Idea	Building	1	0
Doing up of old railway station with a cafe or restaurant.	Yes	Idea	Building	1	0
Even though there are a number of cafes having the rail station developed into restaurant, cafe space, delis and a market space with unique goods with outdoor activity spaces for families to enjoy. Create a hub - one stop place for eating (similar to say hobarts market space), undercover parking to link through to bair street in an attempt to draw a department store to town.	No	Idea	Building	0	1
A restaurant precinct.. With places like 'Nando's, 'Grill'd' burgers, An ice cream shop featuring local made dairy products. Lots of outdoor eating space that offers heated areas during the colder months.	Yes	Idea	Building	0	5
A railway or more broadly a transport museum The transport to the area, horses and carts, ships to the nearby coast to trains,cars and trucks. Car parking could be provided. access from the town and the highway.	No	Idea	Building	0	0
I have not seen the station since steamrail last ran a tourist vintage service from there to Loch. That trip was fantastic through some of the most stunning country side I believe the original building has heritage value and could be refurbished as a transport museum with vintage carriages used as a craft or antique centre with a cafe. This has been done in other regions across Vic and NSW.	No	Idea	Building	0	0
Maybe a kiosk	Yes	Idea	Building	0	0
The old railway station could be converted to restaurant with a garden setting.	Yes	Idea	Building	0	0
It would be great to have a drawing point like the old railway, built back to its original glory, suitable rest rooms, full of history and information of the local area, possibly a miniature train set up, a miniature of what was the railway from Leongatha through to Yarram, featuring all the tourist attractions along the way.	Yes	Idea	Building	0	0
Maybe a few refreshments sold at the railway, rather than another restaurant.	Yes	Idea	Building	0	0

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Preserve the existing railway station building for its historic significance (interesting building style not used extensively on the rail network). Develop a photo display of other railway heritage buildings- images of other station buildings along the South Gippsland line that have since been removed etc - building on the unique design of the station building.	No	Idea	Building	0	0
Farming and Produce Display/outlet - local produce including dairying, snow peas, potatoes, wine, timber (historic), beef, etc	No	Idea	Building	0	0
Bike Shop, Bike Hire, Bike Repair in support of rail trail use	No	Idea	Building	0	0
fine dining? (i believe coffee shops are well covered?)	Yes	Idea	Building	0	0
A coffee shop would be good	Yes	Idea	Building	0	0
I would like to see bike hire (often have friends visit from nsw and not enough bikes)	Yes	Idea	Building	0	0
The Station can be sympathetically refurbished/redeveloped as is being proposed in Korumburra	Yes	Idea	Building	0	0
PERFORMANCE AREA - The railway station platform would make an ideal stage, which could be fitted with side curtains, which would allow flexible use by bands, lyric theatre and other groups for community events such as Australia Day and Carols by Candle light. The tracks in front of the platform could be turned into a grassed area.	Yes	Idea	Entertainment	8	0
Drive in cinema!	No	Idea	Entertainment	2	2
Install a miniature ride on railway as a tourist attraction and memorial to the former purpose of the site.	No	Idea	Entertainment	0	3
Build a Lasertag/Paintball arena into the area using existing railway infrastructure and theming to provide cover and objectives.	No	Idea	Entertainment	0	7
New velodrome and box track	No	Idea	Entertainment	0	4
SOUND SHELL - Similar to the one at Mossvale Park would be ideal, located in the corner near the CFA.	Yes	Idea	Entertainment		
Have a Sunday Market with local produce & crafts and use the tracks to run a tourist train starting at Leongatha along GSR (Puffing Billy tourist style) to attract more visitors to the area. The other towns then also have the	No	Idea	Entertainment	0	0

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opportunity to put on their own attractions for visitors to hop off the train and enjoy					
Create a visual screen to the rear of buildings along Bair Street	No	Idea	Entertainment	0	0
Maybe a stage for local live music acts too. A drop down screen in one section for moonlight cinema where they show classic old movies.	Yes	Idea	Entertainment	0	0
Improved access for popup stalls (to cater for weekend tourists/functions/produce sales)	Yes	Idea	Entertainment	0	0
An annual 'Isle of Mann' style race in Leongatha with go karts.	Yes	Idea	Entertainment	0	0
a. If the shire is really up for a challenge and wishing to put Leongatha on the global map, make it electric drive train only. This would foster talent in engineering/electronics/chemistry in an emerging industry. (the age of the internal combustion will end July, 2017) The railway site would make an ideal start finish point. A once a year race, even a bike race could bring in some \$ and attention both in Australia and abroad.					
b. Use donated hay bales for need for feed after using as barriers during race.					
Annual food/beverage festival (integrate with popup stalls. water/power/shelter access) local produce only	Yes	Idea	Entertainment	0	0
Outdoor area suitable for performances. integrated seating.	Yes	Idea	Entertainment	0	0
Leongatha doesn't have a market. Once a month would be nice .	Yes	Idea	Entertainment	0	0
It would be great if the toilets were open whenever a bus is due!	Yes	Idea	Facilities	1	0
The railway station is also the bus depot, the only public transport available for regional people who need to go to the city. The railway station needs basic amenities for travellers - overnight secure parking, drinking water, toilets, a coffee shop would be good, improved shelter from the weather and better security and comfort for all travellers.	Yes	Idea	Facilities	1	0
Public toilets	Yes	Idea	Facilities	0	0
Preserve the "travelling through" aspect and transport significance of the precinct as a "stopping off point on the way to somewhere else" - movement lines along the rail-line, public bus connection point, rail trail	No	Idea	Facilities	0	0

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connection. Develop supporting infrastructure such as : Local and Regional maps and information boards, wi-fi connection point, public toilets, water bubbler, car and long-vehicle parking.					
Tesla chargers. first 2 are free https://www.tesla.com/en_AU/destination-charging (this will encourage future electric vehicle traffic through the town and encourage users to shop whilst charging. establish Leongatha as a gateway town ideal distance from Melbourne to have a topup charge. solar on roof to offset)	Yes	Idea	Facilities	0	0
Short duration wireless access to encourage stop overs.	Yes	Idea	Facilities	0	0
Shop/services information board, qr codes.	Yes	Idea	Facilities	0	0
Efficient LED lighting that makes it comfortable to visit and walk through after hours.	Yes	Idea	Facilities	0	0
Multilanguage tourism information. Chinese/French. Even better if a digital format that could be improved over time and dynamic.	Yes	Idea	Facilities	0	0
I would like to see more public toilets	Yes	Idea	Facilities	0	0
Korumburra has a railroad sight and huge train station....any plans for this or is only Leongatha getting any upgrades as usual....getting tired of being the bastard son here....!	No	Comment	N/A	0	0
Korumburra.....? How about us....?	No	Comment	N/A	0	0
I think Leongatha needs a proper bypass, removing all the trucks and cars which don't need to stop in town. The new road system hasn't really improved traveling through the town.	No	Comment	N/A	0	0
People are looking to visit regional areas looking for history, everything old is new again. We can all see towns like Loch, Mirboo North, Meeniyah are busy on weekends, business is thriving, empty shops are becoming full again, people are loving the Sunday drive to get out of that rat race, back to the relaxed feel of those gorgeous regional villages, full of original old shops and definitely full of the old country charm and the old fashioned customer service. The new streetscape for Bair street looks so inviting, but firstly will the shops be there and secondly if they are there, will they be opened	Yes	Comment	N/A	0	0

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at the convenience for visitors on weekends and to those who work Mon to Fri?					
I went along to the station on the ideas fair day it was a great turn out lots of people do care about what happens ! However I can't understand why the car boot sale wasn't at the station to have the fair and the car boot so far apart was silly most of the people wandered around the car boot not knowing where the shires ideas part was then lots of elderly folk (the ones who care what happens) had to tackle the long walk some even walked across the rail tracks and got a pull up to the platform ! Now back to the car boot sale where it was was a mess the treated pine rails and posts fallen over and higgledy piggledy and logs of wood laying around from a half finished job . It seems these things have been unkept for some time so is it wise to embark on more that needs upkeeping if what needs doing is already not done ! I also can't for a moment understand the walkway being pulled down it needed fixing not removing them if a part of your property needs work you do it not simply pull it down if this attitude continues we will have no infrastructure. And as for the gravel stored in there that's just not on it makes it look like that's why the walkway was removed to get trucks in and out ? I have only lived here 15 years or so but I have seen the walk way across the rail way removed the covered area between the town hall and mechanics institute removed and a beaut old building at coal creek removed when maintenance should have been done you can't continue doing this ! You wouldn't do this with your assets . Now back to the rail land idea fair I couldn't believe that when we hung our ideas proudly on the wall we were encouraged by a legend to place coloured stickers on other people's ideas in the way of blue for a good idea green ect ect now I walked through the crowded room to the far side away from where the ideas were hung ask the lady with the stickers what colour ment what ? She said I don't know so back across to the other side to see what colour I	No	Comment	N/A	0	0

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wanted and back to get stickers dolled out so I asked why arnt the stickers over where the ideas are to only be told we don't want people to use them all????????? Omg . You wanted our input ? Now when we asked the people who seamed to be the officials what could be built ie could it house a men's shed or community building and what length the lease on the rail sight would be , 20 years was suggested and build on it ? No you can't build on the land ??? I was flabigasted because the walls were adorned with rather flash expensive purposely drafted designs of a art gallery a amphitheater ect yes designs of buildings that from all accounts can't be built on ? The music supplied by the fun inverloch horn band was awesome . (an idea would be to get them to play in bair and martins streets on Saturday mornings to liven the town up) the toilets at the station were not accessible and most people had to ask to be given directions through a room in the station into the loo ! And only one rubbish bin and that was inside holding a door open ? The idea off sausage sizzle way nice but within no time at all the 50 snags where all gone and I'm sorry you simply don't sausage sizzle without onions and 50 snags ????? Come on ? Well done lions club great job I guess the shire must have been overwhelmed by the numbers ! It was great to see so many passionate locals					
Once in a generation opportunity that may be grand or humble but sure to influence the town for decades...	Yes	Comment	N/A	0	0
12. Hyperloop. Discuss with state/national government & universities to trial a hyperloop between Leongatha>Korumburra>Kooweerup>Melbourne. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hyperloop	Yes	Comment	N/A	0	0
12a. Link with government plans to regionalize key services. Incentive for rail/fast transit.	Yes	Comment	N/A	0	0
Bring back the train line to south Gippsland! We want to go to Melbourne and everywhere by train, not by car or bus - its better for the environment and more fun.	No	Comment	N/A	0	0

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Don't waste ratepayers money on employing expensive city consultants to research superfluous projects e.g. Leongatha Railway Precinct, a new SGS palace, further development of SPLASH. Instead, spend our rates on maintaining the existing facilities e.g. SGS owned but community managed local town halls, swimming pools, tennis clubs, Coal Creek Community Park & Museum, etc. Perhaps pay the public liability insurance for them all so the communities small and large throughout the shire can make best use of the existing infrastructure. That way all SGS ratepayers can benefit from the expenditure of their rates in their local area.	No	Comment	N/A		
Restore a regular rail service to Leongatha and down to Yarram	No	Comment	N/A	0	0
Don't give up on a return of the railway service- it may only be an election away . Australia's pathetic rail service compared to other countries is just embarrassing!	No	Comment	N/A	0	0
Return of rail is the only solution to SO MANY OF OUR SHIRE'S CURRENT CHALLENGES!!! - just for example - it would bring new residents (with sympathetic sustainable residential development) and tourism, improve property values and would generate a sustainable revenue base for the Shire; it would help local retailers (with the right sort of goods and services to offer) to survive and thrive; it would broaden job opportunities within the Shire and also offer access to jobs outside the local area without adding yet another car to the already congested and dangerous roads; it would improve ease of access to education and training facilities and resources for our young people as well as for reskilling an older workforce that is going to be expected to work well into later years; it will provide simple direct and non-stressful access to limited specialist medical and associated health treatment based in Melbourne and surrounds (including eg Peter Mac); South Gippsland residents will finally be able to participate in and readily access Melbourne's cultural/arts/sporting/community events and	Yes	Comment	N/A	0	0

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get home at the end of the night on safe and reliable public transport; it will help in resolving the dilapidated and dangerous condition of South Gippsland Highway especially due to overloading by freight transport (eg one fully laden B-Double sand truck does the same damage as 20,000 cars a year to the road surface). It is simply ridiculous that the train has not been returned and it is so disappointing that local Council, State and Federal members of parliament have not been aggressively agitating for the return of rail to our region for the last 20 years!! The time to act has well and truly come.					
The Dream \$\$\$? would be a performing arts centre as mentioned by others with extra parking , surrounded by gardens and including space for outdoor performances, ampitheatre, sound shell.	Yes	Idea	New building	2	0
Shopping centre	Yes	Idea	New building	1	9
I would like to see a performing arts center, where local dance schools and theatre companies can use. Also having traveling concerts, ballets and entertainment.	No	Idea	New building	1	2
I would like to see open space, an all abilities playground, a secure leash-free dog park. The site is quite high, with great views and with a number of levels so it should be possible to accomodate a range of users, while taking advantage of the scenery. While I think some covered eating spaces and electric BBQs would be useful	Yes	Idea	Open Space	4	0
A green space for markets, festivals and travellers would also be beneficial.	Yes	Idea	Open Space	2	1
I would like to see an all abilities park, work out equipment, open area for pop up outdoor cinema, large open area near park for festivals and markets.	Yes	Idea	Open Space	2	0
Preserve the open, relaxed, spacious character of the area as much as possible by opening up key views along the rail line and visual links to other significant features such as: - the other heritage building in town (Memorial Hall, Courthouse, Post Office) - retain large significant trees - particularly the	No	Idea	Open Space	1	0

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Palm Trees, Eucalypts, and some of the pines and oaks if appropriate.					
- Develop new gardens and opportunities for floral displays in support of events such as the Daffodil Festival					
Playground	Yes	Idea	Open Space	0	1
Large lawn area activities- eg Giant Chess, Giant scrabble,. Mini golf.	Yes	Idea	Open Space	0	0
Walking track	Yes	Idea	Open Space	0	0
Open area between station and long street be developed into Park with exercise equipment, shelters BBQs linking to the rail trail along the old line.	Yes	Idea	Open Space	0	0
PARK NEAR LONG STREET - More could be made of this area. (BBQs / picnic tables / playground.	Yes	Idea	Open Space	0	0
The beautiful lawn and gardens, (kid friendly as the busy road is nearby and buses are coming in and out), can be an area where the local Sunday Market can be held, maybe on a fortnightly basis, with every other weekend having an area for a local community events or performance, possibly using the part of the newly developed old railway ledge as a stage. If we could support events and markets in the shire offering a wonderful place to stop off, or to spend an afternoon after a market to browse around our gorgeous town, would hopefully help our town to thrive.	Yes	Idea	Open Space	0	0
Develop the Turntable as a symbolic compass/decision wheel/performance space to support "change of direction" theme; with mounded amphitheatre seating/terraces for spectators	No	Idea	Open Space	0	0
Some trees planted along back of bair st buildings to hide them abit. Bbq area and places for people to sit. Some park land area with some nice trees. Maybe some park land fitness equipment. New toilets for bus and parkland use.	Yes	Idea	Open Space	0	0
The railway yards (Near the overhead bridge) could be used for large memorabilia, such as rolling stock, signals, gates etc. (eg as at Donald).	Yes	Idea	Other	1	0

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Either lease to CMCA for a RV park or create a RV park for motorhome/caravan travellers as Leongatha is not an RV friendly town.	No	Idea	Other	0	1
Remove the water tank and small toilet building/s to improve the visual prominence of the railway station building when viewed from South Gippsland Highway/Roughhead Street. Possibly also redevelop the bus stop for the same reason	No	Idea	Other	0	2
Turn it into a bulk food/fresh food store. Rubbish is a HUGE problem worldwide (and if you look at the station down there it is disgusting and always full of rubbish). So why not start at the source and begin bringing in bulk food stores to minimize the waste and rubbish. This spot would be perfect for it! It would bring people to Leongatha (both on the public transport and in their own transport), would provide a place for people on the bus to quickly stop in and grab some food before they head off again, will help out the people who don't have cars and have to lug their shopping around, is close enough to Melbourne for deliveries... We NEED a big change that will help the environment and future generations and this would be a step in the right direction. Not to mention it might stop the bus stop from looking like a dumping ground.	No	Idea	Other	0	1
The area should be made into a railway museum set in a park with a restaurant.	Yes	Idea	Other	0	0
Schools /TAFE use - outdoor classroom	No	Idea	Other	0	0
Lenny Gwyther Statue location	No	Idea	Other	0	0
Possible use of space by adjoining businesses in Bair Street for extension to outdoor dining areas, market stalls etc	No	Idea	Other	0	0
Provide visual and pedestrian connectivity to McIndoe Park	No	Idea	Other	0	0
Maintain an attractive visual feature at the "entrance" to the precinct and town from Melbourne - enhance the palm trees with more colourful garden beds beneath for example	No	Idea	Other	0	0
I would like to see all day parking for business	Yes	Idea	Parking	1	0
My idea is to establish a caravan parking bay so that we can capture some tourists on the way to the prom. If you have convenient parking if these long caravans, they may stop to pickup	No	Idea	Parking		

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supplies for their camping trips. The businesses like supermarkets, bottle shops, butchers and camping shops may benefit.					
Extra parking, long vehicle	Yes	Idea	Parking	0	0
Create long vehicle parking along the old tracks for Caravans and offer free overnight camping make sure there is easy access to Bair street for visitors.	Yes	Idea	Parking	0	0
I would like to see some car parks for shop keepers. Some parking for visitors and caravans.	Yes	Idea	Parking	0	0
All day parking is needed also there doesn't seem to be enough of that by the end of the week	Yes	Idea	Parking	0	0
Parking for vehicles including RVs and bikes.	Yes	Idea	Parking	0	0
Maintain long term view of reopening for rail / transportation access in future and not build over areas that might need to be demolished in future.	Yes	Idea	Principle	0	0
Please keep the country look, trees, open space and the classic red brick railway building.	Yes	Idea	Principle	0	0
ALWAYS plan on the basis of the trains return being imminent. Don't take away railway/track access.	Yes	Idea	Principle	0	0
As a general principle keep the area as a flexible multi use space.	Yes	Idea	Principles	0	0
Great Southern Rail Trail to start from close to the station and then go under bridge to join current trail. Parking should encourage trail riders to leave their cars in a secure space to travel the rail trail for numerous days. Parking should also benefit caravan parking. It should also connect easily to town Centre.	Yes	Idea	Rail Trail	3	0
Extend the rail trail through to Korumburra, and eventually to Loch. Then the Leongatha and Korumburra Railway stations can provide services to the biking public	No	Idea	Rail Trail	2	0
Whatever you do with the site please extend the rail trail past it and through to Korumburra.	No	Idea	Rail Trail	1	0
Continuation of the railtrail - start it at the station.	Yes	Idea	Rail Trail	0	0
A more formal beginning for the walking track of the South Gippsland Rail Trail, with the hope of the old steam train back to show case our gorgeous country side, making it easier to	Yes	Idea	Rail Trail	0	0

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access the other country towns like Korumburra, Loch, and especially Coal Creek, which I believe is such a big asset to our community.					
Interpretive centre displaying the history of the South Gippsland train line and its evolution as a rail trail. Could also include other regional transport history - trucks in particular, given the number and type of trucks that continue to go through the town.	No	Idea	Rail Trail	0	0
Rail trail start point. Water access for riders. Information on bike hire.	Yes	Idea	Rail Trail	0	0
Make the start of rail trail just b4 the bridge with area to start fun runs and things like that.	Yes	Idea	Rail Trail	0	0
Extend the Great Southern Rail Trail to the Leongatha station platform area (feedback from Leongatha Streetscape Master Plan consultation)	No	Idea	Rail Trail	0	0
I would like to see a new start to the rail trail (in the hope we could start our own parkrun)	Yes	Idea	Rail Trail	0	0

* At the Ideas Exhibition all the Our Say ideas, Ideas Fair ideas and Project Reference Group ideas were available for viewing and voting on. Each Ideas Exhibition participant was given three dots that indicate whether they love an idea. Another three dots were also provided to indicate ideas that were not preferred.

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Footbridge access to Bair St	Yes	Idea	Bair St Access	6	0
Reinstate a connection between Bair Street and the Railway site.	No	Idea	Bair St Access	0	0
Link to Bair Street	Yes	Idea	Bair St Access	0	0
Rebuild / install the overhead walkway from Bair Street to the station road - provides excellent viewing area for pedestrians	No	Idea	Bair St Access	0	0
Elevator/lift up to Bair Street.	Yes	Idea	Bair St Access	0	0
Convert railway station into a museum.	No	Idea	Building	3	0
Café's that are open on the weekends.	Yes	Idea	Building	1	0
Create a multi craft centre.	Yes	Idea	Building	1	1
Station building: Information Bureau, Public toilets, Ticket Office for all buses with tickets available 7 days (wk), Café	Yes	Idea	Building	1	0
Make it attractive to a commercial operator/developer by low rent incentives. Use the natural assets of the town. Shire should not include funding for run a business or outlet.	Yes	Idea	Building	0	1
Plan A - To park a train carriage outside Leongatha Station and build a gigantic model railway inside the carriage. OR Plan B - To build the model railway inside the main room of the station. This would be a fabulous attraction designed not only to entertain the general public but to be used for practical purposes. School groups, historical societies and the like will be able to experience the layout with a hands-on approach while learning about the early development period of South Gippsland. You could call it a 'live history lesson'.	No	Idea	Building	0	5
A large Bus Terminal Depot with ample cover for travellers and car parking	Yes	Idea	Building	0	1
Turn Station into café.	Yes	Idea	Building	0	0
Small café or shop	Yes	Idea	Building	0	0
Country railway museum with a weekend café	Yes	Idea	Building	0	0
Farming families Hall of Fame.	Yes	Idea	Building	0	0
Use existing rooms as a restaurant.	No	Idea	Building	0	0
Information Centre.	No	Idea	Building	0	0
Use the station interior as a bus terminus with a screen to let you know if the bus is on time.	No	Idea	Building	0	0
Put in an Argentinean restaurant in the station with a train as the dining room and old style drinking room for older people rather than	No	Idea	Building	0	0

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the pub of the town. An exclusive place where you can relax and be in an inviting atmosphere.					
Create a local produce outlet – wine, cheese, fruit and vegies, communal vegie garden	Yes	Idea	Building	0	0
As per in Tassie (Hobart), a street fest held on Friday nights or what is appropriate. Involving music to one side, and around the park many food vans to suit all dietary requirements, coffee etc. People mingled, ordered food, sat in a communal seating area. Great fun.	No	Idea	Entertainment	1	0
Staging for multi-events/cultural, seating with tables in garden area and undercover.	Yes	Idea	Entertainment	0	0
Space available for a market (monthly).	Yes	Idea	Entertainment	0	0
Monthly markets	Yes	Idea	Entertainment	0	0
Sound shell.	Yes	Idea	Entertainment	0	0
Sunday community market once a month.	No	Idea	Entertainment	0	0
Car boot sale.	No	Idea	Entertainment	0	0
Build a large bandstand (gazebo?) for a stage for musical events surrounded by grassed area	No	Idea	Entertainment	0	0
Amphitheatre: Rotunda surrounded by tiered seating - suitable for concerts, band concerts, Christmas Festival, markets, naturisation ceremonies	Yes	Idea	Entertainment	0	0
Royal Children's Hospital Fair or markets.	No	Idea	Entertainment	0	0
Games area for teenagers 12-17.					
Dump point for caravans.	No	Idea	Facilities	2	5
Large toilet block, walking lanes for people with scooters, more signs in town – so people know where they are going.	Yes	Idea	Facilities	1	0
Water fountain for cyclists, bbq area, good lighting.	Yes	Idea	Facilities	1	0
Second bus stop.	No	Idea	Facilities	0	2
Drink tap for dogs. Seats for owners.	Yes	Idea	Facilities	0	0
Signage for the new bypass is detrimental to the town. Perhaps it should be like Foster and say Truck Bypass. We want the cars to travel through and stop in town.	No	Idea	Facilities	0	0
Drink machine.	No	Idea	Facilities	0	0
Seating	Yes	Idea	Facilities	0	0
Or bring the trains back.	Yes	Comment	N/A	0	0
Leave it alone and bring the train back.	No	Comment	N/A	0	0
Bring back the train. Possible station location outskirts of town and demolish current site.	No	Comment	N/A	0	0

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Turn Simons Lane into a bypass for heavy vehicles to take pressure off McCartin Street.	No	Comment	N/A	0	0
Don't ever bring the train back.	No	Comment	N/A	0	0
Lobby the State Government to bring back the trains.	No	Comment	N/A	0	0
Trains would be best! But!	Yes	Comment	N/A	0	0
Backpacker accommodation.	Yes	Idea	New building	1	2
Move the library up to the railway station with a play centre and garden.	Yes	Idea	New building	0	8
Exhibition Centre (similar to Bendigo). Restore/Develop and include the bus depot with modern toilet facilities.	Yes	Idea	New building	0	0
Men's shed.	Yes	Idea	New building	0	0
Site for Leongatha Men's Shed. 500 – 700m2	No	Idea	New building	0	0
Community arts and performance centre catering to all of South Gippsland.	No	Idea	New building	0	0
Shed to keep tools in.	Yes	Idea	New building	0	0
An arcade of old fashioned shops, keeping the original rail station untouched. Gallery for local artists.	Yes	Idea	New building	0	0
Revegetate with indigenous plants i.e. what grew here before European settlement.	No	Idea	Open Space	1	0
gardens	Yes	Idea	Open Space	0	1
Off-leash dog play/walk area.	Yes	Idea	Open Space	0	3
Town orchard.	No	Idea	Open Space	0	1
Community garden with nuts and fruit trees.	Yes	Idea	Open Space	0	6
Lake for ducks.	No	Idea	Open Space	0	3
Mother of all children's play area to encourage travellers to stop.	Yes	Idea	Open Space	0	0
Playground	Yes	Idea	Open Space	0	0
Amphitheatre = grass bank and below grass area for performers, band etc. Information area.	No	Idea	Open Space	0	0
All abilities playground to encourage disability tourism.	No	Idea	Open Space	0	0
Create a communal vegie garden	Yes	Idea	Open Space	0	0
Use provide native plants for re-vegetation. Discuss with Australian Plant Society (Jim Lyons).	No	Idea	Open Space	0	0
Garden with shade for picnics etc.	Yes	Idea	Open Space	0	0
Murals on back of buildings on south side of railway line to beautify area. With notable local personalities, dairying etc.	No	Idea	Other	1	3
Get rid of gravel storage.	No	Idea	Other	1	0

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Lenny and horse statue in garden at Highway T-intersection.	Yes	Idea	Other	0	0
Remove the duplicate/triplicate railway line and sell it.	No	Idea	Other	0	0
Make it easier for passing traffic to find the precinct and park.	Yes	Idea	Other	0	0
Keep the old train there as a feature.	Yes	Idea	Other	0	0
Create park-like setting with parking suitable for cars with caravans to pull into. This parking should encourage through traffic to stop and explore our town - we do have at least 10 coffee shops!!	No	Idea	Parking	10	0
Spaces for caravans to stop, more parking, more parking for VLine Bus	Yes	Idea	Parking	4	0
Multi/storey carpark that links to Bair Street and possible arcade.	Yes	Idea	Parking	0	0
Secure long term parking.	Yes	Idea	Parking	0	0
Parking for shop employees.	No	Idea	Parking	0	0
Access for cars-caravans from adopted station road opposite Jeffrey Street - one way - exit at Roughead St end	No	Idea	Parking	0	0
Make Leongatha the central town again.	No	Idea	Principle	0	0
Retain the identity of the railway and its ambience. Industrial heritage factor. Front of station/rails, northerly aspect needs to be utilised.	No	Idea	Principle	0	0
Make the area ready for the return of the trains in the future.	Yes	Idea	Principle	0	0
Start rail trail from here.	Yes	Idea	Rail Trail	0	0
Rail Trail start/stop at station.	Yes	Idea	Rail Trail	0	0
Start the rail trail from the railway station Maybe permit a kiosk to operate on the station platform	No	Idea	Rail Trail	0	0

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2 access points to Bair St - either (both) end.	Yes	Idea	Bair St Access	4	0
Access from Bair Street via ramp	Yes	Idea	Bair St Access	0	0
Overhead bridge etc from Bair St	Yes	Idea	Bair St Access	0	0
Put footbridge back & extend platform all to be covered	No	Idea	Bair St Access	0	0
2 rail carriages for restaurant.	Yes	Idea	Building	0	0
Markets	Yes	Idea	Entertainment	4	2
Open air stage set into the wall/cliff near CFA area with shelter and landscaped area for seating / deck chairs / useable for music, films, plays soap box speaking	No	Idea	Entertainment	1	0
Access to Horticultural park end of site down from bridge to band rotunda near old railway turntable.	Yes	Idea	Entertainment	0	0
Market area near platform	Yes	Idea	Entertainment	0	0
Sound shell etc. near Horticultural Park	Yes	Idea	Entertainment	0	0
Sound shell in corner of bank next to CFA.	Yes	Idea	Entertainment	0	0
Amphitheatre.	Yes	Idea	Entertainment	0	0
Farmers Market.	Yes	Idea	Entertainment	0	0
Sound shell	Yes	Idea	Entertainment	0	0
Tourist info centre and lookout at Apex Park	No	Idea	New building	1	0
Performing Arts Centre / Space fronting Roughead St.	Yes	Idea	New building		
Art display, Café, Hand crafts, Local produce behind shops, empty containers being turned into artist impressions - or outside (painted)	Yes	Idea	New building	0	0
Kids park with water playground.	Yes	Idea	Open Space	0	2
Public art sculptures.	Yes	Idea	Open Space	0	1
Dog park as well as playground space.	No	Idea	Open Space	0	1
Parkland	Yes	Idea	Open Space	0	0
Park near platform	Yes	Idea	Open Space	0	0
Park area for markets.	Yes	Idea	Open Space	0	0
Lawn area	Yes	Idea	Open Space	0	0
Open public space / playground	Yes	Idea	Open Space	0	0
Cycling/ walking tracks	Yes	Idea	Open Space	0	0
Railway gates on Roughead Street.	Yes	Idea	Other	2	0
Bike education driving school.	Yes	Idea	Other	1	0
Camping.	Yes	Idea	Other	0	4

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Blue stone bridge / tunnel façade at the bridge over the railway tracks near the petrol station / Salvation Army.	No	Idea	Other	0	0
Road extension to railway area behind shops off Bennett Lane South.	Yes	Idea	Other	0	0
Parking near back of shops accessible from the highway	Yes	Idea	Parking	1	0
Caravan & boat parking at Apex park car park	Yes	Idea	Parking	0	1
Car park at Horticultural park end.	Yes	Idea	Parking	0	0
Parking	Yes	Idea	Parking	0	0
Car parking long-term behind shops. Caravan access points.	Yes	Idea	Parking	0	0
Big parking area	Yes	Idea	Parking	0	0
Gateway to Great Southern Rail Trail.	Yes	Idea	Rail Trail	1	0
Great South Rail Trail opening - sculptural entrance	No	Idea	Rail Trail	1	1
Rail trail extended	Yes	Idea	Rail Trail	0	0
Start-finish of rail trail.	Yes	Idea	Rail Trail	0	0
Rail Trail users. Focal point start Great Southern Rail Trail.	Yes	Idea	Rail Trail	0	0
Joining into rail trail	Yes	Idea	Rail Trail	0	0

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i01	idea	I would like to see a new start to the rail trail (in the hope we could start our own parkrun), an all abilities park, work out equipment, walk through to bair st, bike hire (often have friends visit from nsw and not enough bikes), open area for pop up outdoor cinema, all day parking for business, more public toilets, large open area near park for festivals and markets.	16
i01-c1	comment	I love this idea	
i01-c2	comment	Clare mentioned not enough bikes for the rail trail. Just to let everyone know that Meeniyon Motel & Bike Hire has bikes available. We have adult bikes, children's bikes, a bike trailer for toddlers and/or to carry your supplies, helmets and a bike rack (no tow bar necessary). We also have the ability to pick up and deliver bikes for two people.	
i02	idea	I would like to see a performing arts center, where local dance schools and theatre companies can use. Also having traveling concerts, ballets and entertainment.	1
i03	idea	I would like to see open space, an all abilities playground, a secure leash-free dog park, and parking for vehicles including RVs and bikes. The site is quite high, with great views and with a number of levels so it should be possible to accommodate a range of users, while taking advantage of the scenery. While I think some covered eating spaces and electric BBQs would be useful, I would also like to see easy access to the coffee shops in town.	2
i04	idea	A railway or more broadly a transport museum The transport to the area, horses and carts, ships to the nearby coast to trains, cars and trucks. Car parking could be provided. access from the town and the highway.	0
i04-c1	comment	I think this would bring more people into the area and possibly incorporate a coffee shop which would open early enough for bus commuters. It would be so nice to see this site cleaned up a bit of an eye saw need the connection to main street ie bridge steps etc	
i05	idea	Reinstate a connection between Bair Street and the railway site (feedback from Leongatha Streetscape Master Plan consultation)	4
i05-c1	comment	Agree wholeheartedly but there needs to be something at the railway site that we are providing the link to	
i05-c1-reply	comment	The bus	
i06	idea	Extend the Great Southern Rail Trail to the Leongatha station platform area (feedback from Leongatha Streetscape Master Plan consultation)	2
i07	idea	My idea is to establish a caravan parking bay so that we can capture some tourists on the way to the prom. If you have convenient parking if these long caravans, they may stop to pickup supplies for their camping trips. The businesses like supermarkets, bottle shops, butchers and camping shops may benefit.	0
i08	idea	I would like to see the commercial development of the station building and platform area. Restaurant, cafe, tourist information centre, train themed? bike themed for the rail trail. Returned access to Bair street. Continuation of the railtrail - start it at the station. Extra parking, long vehicle, playground, public toilets, large lawn area activities- eg Giant Chess, Giant scrabble,. Mini golf. The Dream \$\$\$? would be a performing arts centre as mentioned by others with extra	0

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		parking , surrounded by gardens and including space for outdoor performances, ampitheatre, sound shell.	
i09	idea	Install a miniature ride on railway as a tourist attraction and memorial to the former purpose of the site.	0
i10	idea	Build a Lasertag/Paintball arena into the area using existing railway infrastructure and theming to provide cover and objectives.	0
i11	idea	Whatever you do with the site please extend the rail trail past it and through to Korumburra.	19
i11-c1	comment	Don't stop at Korumburra - keep going to Nyora!	
i11-c2	comment	Agree with this idea - extend rail trail to Korumburra	
i11-c3	comment	All the way to Nyora	
i11-c4	comment	Just thought it would be worth mentioning that Council have already proposed to do this in the Draft Council Plan. Page 11 of the draft plan includes the strategy: 'Investigate feasibility of further extensions and upgrades to the Rail Trails, particularly between Leongatha and Korumburra and explore opportunities to develop nationally significant trails. ' You can view it here: http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/info/20033/consultations/313/draft_council_plan_and_budget . Submissions to the draft can be made until 5pm today.	
i12	idea	Even though there are a number of cafes having the rail station developed into restaurant, cafe space, delis and a market space with unique goods with outdoor activity spaces for families to enjoy. Create a hub - one stop place for eating (similar to say hobarts market space), undercover parking to link through to bair street in an attempt to draw a department store to town.	0
i13	idea	I have not seen the station since steamrail last ran a tourist vintage service from there to Loch. That trip was fantastic through some of the most stunning country side I believe the original building has heritage value and could be refurbished as a transport museum with vintage carriages used as a craft or antique centre with a cafe. This has been done in other regions across Vic and NSW.	0
i14	idea	Don't give up on a return of the railway service- it may only be an election away . Australia's pathetic rail service compared to other countries is just embarrassing!	13
i14-c1	comment	Train link in both directions should be reestablished. Don't close off this possibility for the future, when a more forward thinking and enlightened government holds the reins. Residents need more employment options and that needs to be facilitated by the provision of adequate public transport. It would be a morale and hope boost for the entire region.	
i14-c2	comment	This is the only solution which will have long term and permanent benefits for Leongatha and district. We desperately need a reliable train service between Leongatha (or better still Yarram) and Melbourne so that us locals don't have to endure the problems of the Monash Freeway and so that city workers can live here (boosting Real Estate prices and local business) and commute to their jobs inthe city. PLEASE BRING BACK OUR TRAIN	
i14-c3	comment	The Station can be sympathetically refurbished/redeveloped as is being proposed in Korumburra but ALWAYS on the basis of the trains return being imminent. Don't take away railway/track access. Return of rail is the only solution to SO MANY OF OUR SHIRE'S CURRENT CHALLENGES!!! - just for example - it would bring new residents	

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		(with sympathetic sustainable residential development) and tourism, improve property values and would generate a sustainable revenue base for the Shire; it would help local retailers (with the right sort of goods and services to offer) to survive and thrive; it would broaden job opportunities within the Shire and also offer access to jobs outside the local area without adding yet another car to the already congested and dangerous roads; it would improve ease of access to education and training facilities and resources for our young people as well as for reskilling an older workforce that is going to be expected to work well into later years; it will provide simple direct and non-stressful access to limited specialist medical and associated health treatment based in Melbourne and surrounds (including eg Peter Mac); South Gippsland residents will finally be able to participate in and readily access Melbourne's cultural/arts/sporting/community events and get home at the end of the night on safe and reliable public transport; it will help in resolving the dilapidated and dangerous condition of South Gippsland Highway especially due to overloading by freight transport (eg one fully laden B-Double sand truck does the same damage as 20,000 cars a year to the road surface). It is simply ridiculous that the train has not been returned and it is so disappointing that local Council, State and Federal members of parliament have not been aggressively agitating for the return of rail to our region for the last 20 years!! The time to act has well and truly come.	
i14-c4	comment	Council would love to see the return of the rail service! Nothing we're doing at the site will prevent the return of rail in the future if the State Government does decide to bring the trains back. State Government have informed us that the line will remain an 'open' railway line so that rail can return though there is currently no State Government commitment to return rail to our region. This discussion forum is an opportunity for you to share your ideas about how the site can be improved in the meantime.	
i15	idea	Korumburra has a railroad sight and huge train station....any plans for this or is only Leongatha getting any upgrades as usual....getting tired of being the bastard son here....!	0
i15-c1	comment	It's not true to say that Korumburra is missing out. Council contributed \$2.05 million towards \$5.2M Karmai Community Children's Centre that was officially opened just last month – one of the most expensive capital works projects Council has ever undertaken. \$179,000 has been earmarked for design and investigation of the Korumburra Streetscape with a further \$3.387 million in 2020/2. With regards to the Korumburra station specifically Council has facilitated a number of meetings with Korumburra residents to discuss the future uses of the Korumburra railway station. A press release regarding the September meeting is available here: http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/downloads/file/1505/pr1907_community_on_track_for_korumburra_station . The Proposed Annual Budget includes the scoping of a similar but larger project in Korumburra (the Korumburra Revitalisation Project) that considers the railway land, future community hub/ library, the town centre framework plan and streetscape master plan. A copy of the draft plan is available at: http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/info/20033/consultations/313/draft_council_plan_and_budget	
i16	idea	Korumburra.....? How about us....?	0
i17	idea	The railway station is also the bus depot, the only public transport available for regional people who need to go to the city. The railway station needs basic amenities for travellers - overnight secure parking, drinking water, toilets, a coffee shop would be	6

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		good, improved shelter from the weather and better security and comfort for all travellers. Agree that a walkway or link to the main shopping area would be good. Please keep the country look, trees, open space and the classic red brick railway building.	
i17-c1	comment	I basically agree with the view of Mae Adams There should be an easy walking link to Bair Street I think there could be a major retail outlet such as Big W and coffee /café services And This area should be promoted as the terminus area for all bus, train and other transport for the area	
i17-c2	comment	Train link in both directions should be reestablished. Don't close off this possibility for the future, when a more forward thinking and enlightened government holds the reins. Residents need more employment options and that needs to be facilitated by the provision of adequate public transport. It would be a morale and hope boost for the entire region.	
i17-c3	comment	Thanks for your ideas Mae. There is currently parking at the site. How would you like it to be made secure overnight? Also, for your information, the red brick railway building has local heritage protection (it is affected by the Heritage Overlay).	
i18	idea	Restore a regular rail service to Leongatha and down to Yarram	6
i18-c1	comment	While Council would love to see the return of the rail service, this discussion forum is an opportunity for you to share your ideas about how the Leongatha railway site can be improved in the meantime given that State Government has no current commitment to return to Leongatha. The railway line up to Leongatha from Melbourne is still considered an 'open' railway line, by contrast, the line to Yarram has been formally closed and is now the responsibility of the Department of Land Water and Planning, managed by the Great Southern Rail Trail Committee.	
i19	idea	Extend the rail trail through to Korumburra, and eventually to Loch. Then the Leongatha and Korumburra Railway stations can provide services to the biking public	2
i20	idea	Drive in cinema!	0
i21	idea	Shop cent Walk crack	0
i22	idea	New velodrome and box track	0
i23	idea	I think Leongatha needs a proper bypass, removing all the trucks and cars which don't need to stop in town. The new road system hasn't really improved traveling through the town.	0
i23-c1	comment	Thanks for your thoughts on a future bypass, however as the bypass would be a VicRoads responsibility, Council is focussed on trying to make the most of the changes that have already taken place as part of the Leongatha Heavy Vehicle Alternate Route project.	
i24	idea	My Ideas are Create long vehicle parking along the old tracks for Caravans and offer free overnight camping make sure there is easy access to Bair street for visitors. The Station building to be leased out to micro brewery/restaurant move the bust stop to Bair street once Bair street has been revitalized. Open area between station and long street be developed into Park with exercise equipment, shelters BBQs linking to the rail trail along the old line. I would much prefer the development of the old rail yards to incorporate the rail trail and above facilities as a long term asset to the community than have the return of the train.	0

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i25	idea	<p>As a general principle keep the area as a flexible multi use space.</p> <p>ACCESS TO MAIN STREET.</p> <p>Use the existing earthen ramp, and replace the span to the main street.</p> <p>RAILWAY STATION.</p> <p>Could be used as a museum / information. Refurbish toilets and waiting room to be used by Coach travellers / rail trail users, and visitors.</p> <p>The railway yards (Near the overhead bridge) could be used for large memorabilia, such as rolling stock, signals, gates etc. (eg as at Donald).</p> <p>PERFORMANCE AREA.</p> <p>The railway station platform would make an ideal stage, which could be fitted with side curtains, which would allow flexible use by bands, lyric theatre and other groups for community events such as Australia Day and Carols by Candle light. The tracks in front of the platform could be turned into a grassed area.</p> <p>SOUND SHELL.</p> <p>Similar to the one at Mossvale Park would be ideal, located in the corner near the CFA.</p> <p>PARK NEAR LONG STREET.</p> <p>More could be made of this area. (BBQs / picnic tables / playground.</p>	0
i26	idea	<p>Don't waste ratepayers money on employing expensive city consultants to research superfluous projects e.g. Leongatha Railway Precinct, a new SGS palace, further development of SPLASH. Instead, spend our rates on maintaining the existing facilities e.g. SGS owned but community managed local town halls, swimming pools, tennis clubs, Coal Creek Community Park & Museum, etc. Perhaps pay the public liability insurance for them all so the communities small and large throughout the shire can make best use of the existing infrastructure. That way all SGS ratepayers can benefit from the expenditure of their rates in their local area.</p>	4
i26-c1	comment	<p>Thanks Elizabeth. The project and all of the community consultation for this project are being managed by Council staff. Consultants may be required for specialist services (e.g. contamination testing) as the project progresses (depending on the ideas that we receive). As for your other suggestions regarding how Council allocates its budget I recommend that you make a submission on the draft budget which is out on public exhibition until 5pm today. The budget is available here: http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/info/20033/consultations/313/draft_council_plan_and_budget.</p>	
i27	idea	<p>Turn it into a bulk food/fresh food store. Rubbish is a HUGE problem worldwide (and if you look at the station down there it is disgusting and always full of rubbish). So why not start at the source and begin bringing in bulk food stores to minimize the waste and rubbish. This spot would be perfect for it! It would bring people to Leongatha (both on the public transport and in their own transport), would provide a place for people on the bus to quickly stop in and grab some food before they head off again, will help out the people who don't have cars and have to lug their shopping around, is close enough to Melbourne for deliveries... We NEED a big change that will help the environment and future generations and this would be a step in the right direction. Not to mention it might stop the bus stop from looking like a dumping ground.</p>	4
i28	idea	<p>A restaurant precinct.. With places like 'Nando's, 'Grill'd' burgers, An ice cream shop featuring local made dairy products. Lots of outdoor eating space that offers heated areas during the colder months. Maybe a stage for local live music acts too. A drop down screen in one section for moonlight cinema where they show classic old movies.</p>	1

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i29	idea	<p>Once in a generation opportunity that may be grand or humble but sure to influence the town for decades...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tesla chargers. first 2 are free https://www.tesla.com/en_AU/destination-charging (this will encourage future electric vehicle traffic through the town and encourage users to shop whilst charging. establish Leongatha as a gateway town ideal distance from Melbourne to have a topup charge. solar on roof to offset) 2. Re-establish easy access to shops. 3. Rail trail start point. Water access for riders. Information on bike hire. 4. Short duration wireless access to encourage stop overs. 5. Improved access for popup stalls (to cater for weekend tourists/functions/produce sales) 6. Maintain long term view of reopening for rail / transportation access in future and not build over areas that might need to be demolished in future. 7. An annual 'Isle of Mann' style race in Leongatha with go karts. 7a. If the shire is really up for a challenge and wishing to put Leongatha on the global map, make it electric drive train only. This would foster talent in engineering/electronics/chemistry in an emerging industry. (the age of the internal combustion will end July, 2017) The railway site would make an ideal start finish point. A once a year race, even a bike race could bring in some \$ and attention both in Australia and abroad. 7b. Use donated hay bales for need for feed after using as barriers during race. 8. Annual food/beverage festival (integrate with popup stalls. water/power/shelter access) local produce only 9. Outdoor area suitable for performances. integrated seating. 10. Shop/services information board, qr codes. 11. Efficient LED lighting that makes it comfortable to visit and walk through after hours. 12. Hyperloop. Discuss with state/national government & universities to trial a hyperloop between Leongatha>Korumburra>Kooweerup>Melbourne. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hyperloop 12a. Link with government plans to regionalize key services. Incentive for rail/fast transit. 13. fine dining? (i believe coffee shops are well covered?) 14. Multilanguage tourism information. Chinese/French. Even better if a digital format that could be improved over time and dynamic. 	1
i29-c1	comment	Hi Simon, You might find that you get more support and response to your ideas if you submit them separately. Some of the ideas that you've mentioned may be the same as others e.g. re-establish easy access to shops. Thanks.	
i30	idea	It would be great if the toilets were open whenever a bus is due! Also maybe a kiosk.	0
i30-c1	comment	As part of State Government's proposed coach upgrade at the Leongatha bus stop VicTrack have informed us that they will be providing a self-contained toilet unit at the site. Contact details about the project are available at: https://www.victrack.com.au/projects/roadandrail .	
i30-c2	comment	It would also be nice if the current bus shelter was cleaned and maintained. It is very unwelcoming at the moment.	
i31	idea	The area should be made into a railway museum set in a park with a restaurant. The old railway station could be converted to restaurant with a garden setting.	0

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i32	idea	<p>The railway station - cafe/restaurant and town information centre. The current information Centre is not easily accessible to visitors and not enough parking. Maybe gallery could be incorporated as well. Cafe/restaurant should benefit Vline passengers AND/OR weekend visitors to the information Centre and rail trail as well locals.</p> <p>Great Southern Rail Trail to start from close to the station and then go under bridge to join current trail. Parking should encourage trail riders to leave their cars in a secure space to travel the rail trail for numerous days. Parking should also benefit caravan parking. It should also connect easily to town Centre. A green space for markets, festivals and travellers would also be beneficial.</p>	0
i33	idea	Have a Sunday Market with local produce & crafts and use the tracks to run a tourist train starting at Leongatha along GSR (Puffing Billy tourist style) to attract more visitors to the area. The other towns then also have the opportunity to put on their own attractions for visitors to hop off the train and enjoy	0
i34	idea	<p>The Station can be sympathetically refurbished/redeveloped as is being proposed in Korumburra but ALWAYS on the basis of the trains return being imminent. Don't take away railway/track access. Return of rail is the only solution to SO MANY OF OUR SHIRE'S CURRENT CHALLENGES!!! - just for example - it would bring new residents (with sympathetic sustainable residential development) and tourism, improve property values and would generate a sustainable revenue base for the Shire; it would help local retailers (with the right sort of goods and services to offer) to survive and thrive; it would broaden job opportunities within the Shire and also offer access to jobs outside the local area without adding yet another car to the already congested and dangerous roads; it would improve ease of access to education and training facilities and resources for our young people as well as for reskilling an older workforce that is going to be expected to work well into later years; it will provide simple direct and non-stressful access to limited specialist medical and associated health treatment based in Melbourne and surrounds (including eg Peter Mac); South Gippsland residents will finally be able to participate in and readily access Melbourne's cultural/arts/sporting/community events and get home at the end of the night on safe and reliable public transport; it will help in resolving the dilapidated and dangerous condition of South Gippsland Highway especially due to overloading by freight transport (eg one fully laden B-Double sand truck does the same damage as 20,000 cars a year to the road surface). It is simply ridiculous that the train has not been returned and it is so disappointing that local Council, State and Federal members of parliament have not been aggressively agitating for the return of rail to our region for the last 20 years!! The time to act has well and truly come.</p>	30
i34-c1	comment	<p>Could not agree anymore Mary. What I find fascinating is how the South Gippsland Shire Council keeps saying that the return of rail is a state government matter. That is a complete cop out! Yes it is true that the state government will have the final decision in making it a reality, however, the Shire seriously have more power than they realise. The development of an integrated transport plan is the first step. This will clearly identify what the current issues are and that rail and road logistics can work together in South Gippsland and be economically feasible and beneficial. The fact is that without rail logistics in the past, South Gippsland would not be where it is today and its absence for a generation has ultimately lead to the challenges and stagnation of growth that have been evidently apparent for a number of years. Yes, the initial capital costs will be a high expense, but it will not break the budget and once it has been completed, it will</p>	

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		<p>save South Gippsland economically and socially in the medium and long term as opposed to solely depending upon the road network.</p> <p>The best example is the operations and withdrawal of sand freight services to the Lang Lang sand mine. Rail once transported up to 400,000 tonnes of sand annually between Lang Lang, Dandenong and Spotswood. These trains were typically hauled with one diesel locomotive with just under 1,000 horsepower output conveying 800 tonnes or well above 1,000+ with a second loco due to the fact that the terrain between Lang Lang and Tooradin where the railway line is situated is one of the flattest in the state. Now we have tens to hundreds of thousands of trucks that are consuming higher amounts of diesel fuel, adding to the traffic volumes and congestion between Melbourne and South Gippsland and running on poorly maintained state and council roads. How road transport companies still do it so well without many accidents is something I credit. That example clearly shows that rail is far more efficient and economically a better alternative and I haven't even factored in the hundreds of employment opportunities it would provide. Yes, road transport will still have a role to transport what rail cannot, however, this does highlight that rail has a role to alleviate the pressures that road transport and ultimately the road network are facing, especially with worsening road deterioration and funding not always available.</p> <p>In terms of passenger rail services, it is a no brainer that it is the best alternative available. Some say it isn't economically viable and we should be advocating for improved bus services. Okay, so please explain how the 4 passenger rail services a day that previously operated between Melbourne and Leongatha managed to accumulate 100,000-128,000 passengers per annum on average during the early 1990's prior to withdrawal, which was doubled from 60,000 per annum during the late 1980's and could get to Melbourne in just over 2 hours? Whereas the current bus services struggle to arrive into Melbourne within 2.5 hours and achieve 70,000 passengers per annum despite running 16 times a day between Melbourne and Leongatha? The V/Line rail services may have operated with rollingstock that was ageing despite being refurbished yet it was still more reliable and commuter friendly in comparison to the available alternatives in 2017. Those facts yet again highlight the superior economic and social benefits that rail services have on a regional and rural community as opposed to the highly subsidised and still underperforming bus services that replaced them from 1993 onwards.</p> <p>It is ironic how the Wellington Shire and Bairnsdale worked collaboratively and undertook in a successful community campaign to restore passenger rail services to East Gippsland between Sale and Bairnsdale in August 2004 and Western Victorian municipalities are doing the same now in an attempt to reinstate services between Ararat and Horsham. Whereas, South Gippsland has been quite indecisive and not as unanimous especially during 1999 and 2008 when there was a great opportunity to restore passenger rail services to Leongatha. My thoughts are that it is clear that council has more power and responsibility than they actually realise and it is time to turn around the stigma and assumption that returning rail to South Gippsland is a pipedream. The South and West Gippsland Transport Group are not alone in the community who openly share this view and it is time to stop being apathetic on this issue!</p>	

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i34-c1-rep ly	comment	Chris Cantlon you have eloquently expressed everything I wish to say. I agree, I agree, I agree. I think public transport is the obvious choice for the future and even more so with an ageing population and the need for our young to travel for higher education, entertainment and employment as none of these things are being offered to them in the context of our south gippsland environment. So it's obvious. Spend the money and stop making lame excuses for irresponsible, inexcusable inaction, South Gippsland Shire.	
i34-c2	comment	Well said, Mary -And. I agree with everything you have written. Thanks.	
i34-c3	comment	Aim to get line reopened for freight. The sand truck argument sounds strong. Make sure it is done in such a way passenger services can follow. Significant rural/regional passenger service improvements must be brought into planning scope soon. While the anti public transport tide has turned, it is for now focused on big return items. Unfortunately there are way too many decision makers who just jump in their cars without thought to the wider benefits of using public or active transport.	
i34-c4	comment	Council would love to see the return of the rail service! Nothing we're doing at the site will prevent the return of rail in the future if the State Government does decide to bring the trains back. State Government have informed us that the line will remain an 'open' railway line so that rail can return though there is currently no State Government commitment to return rail to our region. This discussion forum is an opportunity for you to share your ideas about how the site can be improved in the meantime. A community group have taken charge of putting a proposal together for the Korumburra railway station building. They are preparing a funding bid to seek money from State Government (VicTrack) for upgrading the facilities for community use. Something similar could happen at Leongatha if there's a community group/s willing to apply for the use of the building. More details about the fund is available at: https://www.victrack.com.au/projects/key-projects/community-use-of-vacant-rail-buildings-program . Any groups interested can contact Council's strategic planning department on 5662 9200 or LeongathaRailwaySite@southgippsland.vic.gov.au .	
i35	idea	I would like to see some car parks for shop keepers. Some trees planted along back of bair st buildings to hide them abit. Some parking for visitors and caravans. Bbq area and places for people to sit. Some park land area with some nice trees. Maybe some park land fitness equipment. Make the start of rail trail just b4 the bridge with area to start fun runs and things like that. Doing up of old railway station with a cafe or restaurant. New toilets for bus and parkland use.	1
i36	idea	Either lease to CMCA for a RV park or create a RV park for motorhome/caravan travellers as Leongatha is not an RV friendly town.	0
i37	idea	People are looking to visit regional areas looking for history, everything old is new again. We can all see towns like Loch, Mirboo North, Meeniyan are busy on weekends, business is thriving, empty shops are becoming full again, people are loving the Sunday drive to get out of that rat race, back to the relaxed feel of those gorgeous regional villages, full of original old shops and definitely full of the old country charm and the old fashioned customer service. The new streetscape for Bair street looks so inviting, but firstly will the shops be there and secondly if they are there, will they be opened at the convenience for visitors on weekends and to those who work Mon to Fri? To have a drawing point like the old railway, built back to its original glory, suitable rest rooms,	0

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		full of history and information of the local area, possibly a miniature train set up, a miniature of what was the railway from Leongatha through to Yarram, featuring all the tourist attractions along the way. A walking bridge back, for easy access to Bair street, along with a more formal beginning for the walking track of the South Gippsland Rail Trail, with the hope of the old steam train back to show case our gorgeous country side, making it easier to access the other country towns like Korumburra, Loch, and especially Coal Creek, which I believe is such a big asset to our community. The beautiful lawn and gardens, (kid friendly as the busy road is nearby and buses are coming in and out), can be an area where the local Sunday Market can be held, maybe on a fortnightly basis, with every other weekend having an area for a local community events or performance, possibly using the part of the newly developed old railway ledge as a stage. To see the popularity of the Mossvale markets, but are our local towns making the most of the thousands of people who travel from far and wide to attend them. After attending the last Mossvale market, heading into Leongatha, finding many others doing the same, to find an empty town, almost a ghost town on a Sunday. If we could support events and markets in the shire offering a wonderful place to stop off, or to spend an afternoon after a market to browse around our gorgeous town, would hopefully help our town to thrive. A concern about having a restaurant in this facility, I don't believe this will do the town justice, we need a drawing point to get our visitors up to the main street, Maybe a few refreshments sold at the railway, but do we really need another restaurant, when we have empty shops waiting to be filled in other areas.	
i38	idea	Bring back the train line to south Gippsland! We want to go to Melbourne and everywhere by train, not by car or bus - its better for the environment and more fun.	1
i38-c1	comment	If rebuilding the line is a problem - then make it a skyrail with a minimal footprint on the environment	
i39	idea	Preserve the "travelling through" aspect and transport significance of the precinct as a "stopping off point on the way to somewhere else" - movement lines along the rail-line, public bus connection point, rail trail connection. Develop supporting infrastructure such as : Local and Regional maps and information boards, wi-fi connection point, public toilets, water bubbler, car and long-vehicle parking.	0
i40	idea	Preserve the open, relaxed, spacious character of the area as much as possible by opening up key views along the rail line and visual links to other significant features such as: - the other heritage building in town (Memorial Hall, Courthouse, Post Office) - retain large significant trees - particularly the Palm Trees, Eucalypts, and some of the pines and oaks if appropriate. - Develop new gardens and opportunities for floral displays in support of events such as the Daffodil Festival	0
i41	idea	Preserve the existing railway station building for its historic significance (interesting building style not used extensively on the rail network). Develop a photo display of other railway heritage buildings- images of other station buildings along the South Gippsland line that have since been removed etc - building on the unique design of the station building.	0
i42	idea	Interpretive centre displaying the history of the South Gippsland train line and its evolution as a rail trail. Could also include other regional transport history - trucks in particular, given the number and type of trucks that continue to go through the town.	0

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i43	idea	Farming and Produce Display/outlet - local produce including dairying, snow peas, potatoes, wine, timber (historic), beef, etc	0
i44	idea	Possible information hub - Library, Visitor Information Centre, Citizens Advice Bureau	0
i45	idea	Bike Shop, Bike Hire, Bike Repair in support of rail trail use	0
i46	idea	Schools /TAFE use - outdoor classroom	0
i47	idea	Develop the Turntable as a symbolic compass/decision wheel/performance space to support "change of direction" theme; with mounded amphitheatre seating/terraces for spectators	0
i48	idea	Lenny Gwyther Statue location	0
i49	idea	Possible use of space by adjoining businesses in Bair Street for extension to outdoor dining areas, market stalls etc	0
i50	idea	Improve pedestrian and disabled connectivity into and around the precinct particularly from Bair Street and McCartin Street	0
i51	idea	Develop clear and wide sightlines into Bair Street - possibly be removing or modifying existing buildings ??	3
i51-c1	comment	I agree. If we are to link it to Bair St it needs a wide well lit space from the current station across.	
i52	idea	Provide visual and pedestrian connectivity to McIndoe Park	0
i53	idea	Create a visual screen to the rear of buildings along Bair Street	0
i54	idea	Maintain an attractive visual feature at the "entrance" to the precinct and town from Melbourne - enhance the palm trees with more colourful garden beds beneath for example	0
i55	idea	Remove the water tank and small toilet building/s to improve the visual prominence of the railway station building when viewed from South Gippsland Highway/Roughhead Street. Possibly also redevelop the bus stop for the same reason	0
i56	idea	Leongatha doesn't have a market. Once a month would be nice . All day parking is needed also there doesn't seem to be enough of that by the end of the week	1
i57	idea	I went along to the station on the ideas fair day it was a great turn out lots of people do care about what happens ! However I can't understand why the car boot sale wasn't at the station to have the fair and the car boot so far apart was silly most of the people wandered around the car boot not knowing where the shires ideas part was then lots of elderly folk (the ones who care what happens) had to tackle the long walk some even walked across the rail tracks and got a pull up to the platform ! Now back to the car boot sale where it was was a mess the treated pine rails and posts fallen over and higgledy piggledy and logs of wood laying around from a half finished job . It seems these things have been unkept for some time so is it wise to embark on more that needs upkeeping if what needs doing is already not done ! I also can't for a moment understand the walkway being pulled down it needed fixing not removing them if a part of your property needs work you do it not simply pull it down if this attitude continues we will have no infrastructure. And as for the gravel stored in there that's just not on it makes it look like that's why the walkway was removed to get trucks in and out ? I have only lived here 15 years or so but I have seen the walk way across the rail way removed the covered area between the town hall and mechanics institute removed and a beaut old building at coal creek removed when maintenance should have been done you can't continue doing this ! You wouldn't do this with your assets . Now back to the rail land idea fair I couldn't believe that when we hung our ideas proudly on the wall we were encouraged by a legend to place coloured stickers on	0





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		<p>other people's ideas in the way of blue for a good idea green ect ect now I walked through the crowded room to the far side away from where the ideas were hung ask the lady with the stickers what colour ment what ? She said I don't know so back across to the other side to see what colour I wanted and back to get stickers dolled out so I asked why arnt the stickers over where the ideas are to only be told we don't want people to use them all????????? Omg . You wanted our input ? Now when we asked the people who seamed to be the officials what could be built ie could it house a men's shed or community building and what length the lease on the rail sight would be , 20 years was suggested and build on it ? No you can't build on the land ??? I was flabigasted because the walls were adorned with rather flash expensive purposely drafted designs of a art gallery a amphitheater ect yes designs of buildings that from all accounts can't be built on ? The music supplied by the fun inverloch horn band was awesome . (an idea would be to get them to play in bair and martins streets on Saturday mornings to liven the town up) the toilets at the station were not accessible and most people had to ask to be given directions through a room in the station into the loo ! And only one rubbish bin and that was inside holding a door open ? The idea off sausage sizzle way nice but within no time at all the 50 snags where all gone and I'm sorry you simply don't sausage sizzle without onions and 50 snags ????? Come on ? Well done lions club great job I guess the shire must have been overwhelmed by the numbers ! It was great to see so many passionate locals</p>	
i58	idea	Put the walkway back and have a massive clean up for a start	0






































** The Our Say platform provides each participant with a maximum number of seven votes.

Ideas Fair Cards & Votes

Votes were also taken during the Ideas Fair consultation. While at the start of the event the dots were regulated with a fixed number per person like for Ideas Exhibition event and Our Say, the dots were unregulated later in the event. As such a general indication of how many dots is provided rather than a detailed count. The bigger dots indicate a stronger response.

KEY:

-  Love this idea
-  Like this idea
-  Need more information
-  Idea not preferred

-  Exhibition Centre (similar to Bendigo). Restore/Develop and include the bus depot with modern toilet facilities. Men's shed. Staging for multi-events/cultural, seating with tables in garden area and undercover.
-   As per in Tassie (Hobart), a street fest held on Friday nights or what is appropriate. Involving music to one side, and around the park many food vans to suit all dietary requirements, coffee etc. People mingled, ordered food, sat in a communal seating area. Great fun.
-   Reinstate a connection between Bair Street and the Railway site.
-   Turn Station in café. Start rail trail from here. Space available for a market (monthly).
-   Large toilet block, spaces for caravans to stop, more parking, gardens, more parking for VLine Bus, small café or shop, walking lanes for people with scooters, more signs in town – so people know where they are going.
-  Site for Leongatha Men's Shed. 500 – 700m2
-    Country railway museum with a weekend café and monthly markets. Or bring the trains back.
-   Community arts and performance centre catering to all of South Gippsland.
-    Rail Trail start/stop at station. Lenny and horse statue in garden at Highway T-intersection.
-   Farming families Hall of Fame. Multi/storey carpark that links to Bair Street and possible arcade. Mother of all children's play area to encourage travellers to stop.
-    Backpacker accommodation. Secure long term parking. Café's that are open on the weekends.
-  Parking for shop employees.
-   Water fountain for cyclists, bbq area, playground, good lighting.
-    Leave it alone and bring the train back.
-  Use existing rooms as a restaurant.
-  Dump point for caravans.
-  Murals on back of buildings on south side of railway line to beautify area. With notable local personalities, dairying etc.
-   Off-leash dog play/walk area. Drink tap for dogs. Seats for owners.
-  Signage for the new bypass is detrimental to the town. Perhaps it should be like Foster and say Truck Bypass. We want the cars to travel through and stop in town.
-   Drink machine.

- Make Leongatha the central town again.
- Town orchard.
- ● Royal Children's Hospital Fair or markets. Games area for teenagers 12-17.
- ● Amphitheatre = grass bank and below grass area for performers, band etc. Information area.
- All abilities playground to encourage disability tourism.
- ● Information Centre.
- Second bus stop.
- ● ● Bring back the train. Possible station location outskirts of town and demolish current site.
- Retain the identity of the railway and its ambience. Industrial heritage factor. Front of station/rails, northerly aspect needs to be utilised.
- Revegetate with indigenous plants i.e. what grew here before European settlement.
- Remove the duplicate/triplicate railway line and sell it.
- Create a multi craft centre. Community garden with nuts and fruit trees. Seating and a shed to keep tools in.
- Use the station interior as a bus terminus with a screen to let you know if the bus is on time.

Turn Simons Lane into a bypass for heavy vehicles to take pressure off McCartin Street.

An arcade of old fashioned shops, keeping the original rain station untouched. Gallery for local artists. Make the area ready for the return of the trains in the future.

Put in an Argentinean restaurant in the station with a train as the dining room and old style drinking room for older people rather than the pub of the town. An exclusive place where you can relax and be in an inviting atmosphere.

Create a local produce outlet – wine, cheese, fruit and vegies, communal vegie garden,

Sound shell. Elevator/lift up to Bair Street.

Sunday community market once a month.

Get rid of gravel storage. Car boot sale.

Lake for ducks

- Make it attractive to a commercial operator/developer by low rent incentives. Make it easier for passing traffic to find the precinct and park. Use the natural assets of the town. Shire should not include funding for run a business or outlet.
- Move the library up to the railway station with a play centre and garden. Keep the old train there as a feature.
- ● Don't ever bring the train back.
- ● ● Lobby the State Government to bring back the trains.