

## Funding Secured for Agnes Falls

At its meeting last week South Gippsland Shire Council reallocated \$170,000 from the Toora Dredging Project to the Agnes Falls Project to construct a scenic cantilever platform.

The project will link in with other projects including the Port Welshpool Long Jetty and Great Southern Rail Trail to attract visitors whilst complementing Wilsons Promontory National Park.

Visitation numbers to Agnes Falls directly aids in the support of smaller Corner Inlet communities.

Council will receive a further report to award the contract for the design and construction of the cantilever platform.

Discussions will be made with Parks Victoria to identify funding to complete the car park upgrade and associated road works.

The Toora Dredging project has been unsuccessful in previous attempts to attract additional funding and would have significant ongoing costs had the project progressed.

South Gippsland Shire Mayor, Councillor Ray Argento was pleased to support the second highest visited attraction in South Gippsland.

“Since Agnes Falls is Victoria’s highest single-span waterfall at 59 metres it is a strategic asset for attracting tourists to our region.

“I would like to congratulate the Friends of the Agnes Falls who have been persistent in their efforts to have a cantilever platform funded.

“It has been a pleasure to fund such a deserving project and we look forward to see it progress and the impact this will have on our local tourism industry,” said the Mayor.

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