

Education

Leongatha residents have access to quality education facilities. Government, Independent and Catholic schools are located close to the town centre and cater to both primary and secondary students. The South Gippsland Specialist School is also located in town and caters for children with a learning disability. Several kindergartens and child care centres are also available.



Education Overview

- 4 pre-schools
- 2 primary schools
- 2 secondary schools
- 1 combined prep - year 12 school
- 1 specialist school

Other education options are available via a short bus journey (a government subsidy may apply)

Tertiary education options within Leongatha include:

GippsTAFE

The Leongatha campus features a hairdressing salon, computer facilities, automotive and metal-fabrication workshops, a fully-equipped training kitchen and restaurant, as well as nursing and aged care training facilities.

Education Centre Gippsland (ECG) Leongatha

ECG is a registered training organisation that provides students with work-related knowledge and skills. ECG offers a broad range of nationally-recognised training programs for secondary students and adults.

Apprenticeships Group Australia is located in Korumburra, just a ten minute drive from Leongatha.

Monash University's Gippsland Campus is located in Churchill, an approximate 45 minute drive from Leongatha.

School Name	School Type	Sector	Mix	No. of students*
Leongatha Primary School	Primary (P-6)	Government	Co-ed	566
Leongatha Secondary College	Secondary (7-12)	Government	Co-ed	552
South Coast Christian College	Combined (P-12)	Independent	Co-ed	182
St. Laurence O'Toole Primary School	Primary (P-6)	Catholic	Co-ed	173
Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College	Secondary (7-12)	Catholic	Co-ed	413
South Gippsland Specialist School	Specialist	Government	Co-ed	71

*Student number data obtained from www.myschool.edu.au in June 2010.

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Victorian
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Term
Dates

	2011	2012	2013
Term 1	4 Feb - 8 Apr	6 Feb - 30 Mar	1 Feb - 28 Mar
Term 2	27 Apr - 1 Jul	16 Apr - 29 Jun	15 Apr - 28 Jun
Term 3	18 Jul - 23 Sep	16 Jul - 21 Sep	15 Jul - 20 Sep
Term 4	10 Oct - 22 Dec	8 Oct - 21 Dec	7 Oct - 20 Dec



Leongatha Education Directory

Pre-School	Primary
<p>Hassett Street Kindergarten Address: 9 Hassett Street, Leongatha, 3953 Phone: (03) 5662 2326</p> <p>Li'I Rascals Early Learning Centre Address: 48-52 Brown Street, Leongatha, 3953 Phone: (03) 5662 5533</p> <p>Leongatha Children's Centre Address: Symmons Street, Leongatha, 3953 Phone: (03) 5662 3533</p> <p>Allora Kindergarten Address: Symmons Street, Leongatha, 3953 Phone: (03) 5662 2547</p>	<p>Leongatha Primary School Address: Horn St (Nerrena Rd from 2011), Leongatha, 3953 Phone: (03) 5662 2544 Email: leongatha.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au Web: www.leongathaps.vic.edu.au</p> <p>St Laurence O'Toole Primary School Address: 33 - 35 Ogilvy Street, Leongatha, 3953 Phone: (03) 5662 2192 Email: principal@stleongatha.catholic.edu.au Web: www.stleongatha.catholic.edu.au</p>
Secondary	Tertiary/Adult
<p>Leongatha Secondary College Address: Nerrena Road, Leongatha, 3953 Phone: (03) 5662 4333 Email: leongatha.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au Web: www.leonsec.vic.edu.au</p> <p>Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College Address: Horn Street, Leongatha, 3953 Phone: (03) 5662 4255 Email: info@mackillopleongatha.catholic.edu.au Web: www.mackillopleongatha.catholic.edu.au</p>	<p>GippsTAFE Address: Nerrena Road, Leongatha, 3953 Phone: (03) 5662 6800 Web: www.gippstafe.vic.edu.au</p> <p>Education Centre Gippsland (ECG) Leongatha Address: Nerrena Road, Leongatha, 3953 Phone: (03) 5662 6700 Email: sgadmin@ecg.vic.edu.au Web: www.ecg.asn.au</p>
Combined	<p><i>Nearby Tertiary Education Institutions...</i></p> <p>Apprenticeships Group Australia Address: Lot 1 Kurrle Street, Korumburra, 3950 Phone: (03) 5624 3060 Web: www.agaustralia.com.au</p> <p>Monash University - Gippsland Campus Address: Northways Road, Churchill, 3842 Phone: (03) 9902 6200 Email: gippsland.campus@adm.monash.edu.au Web: www.gippsland.monash.edu.au</p>
<p>South Coast Christian College Address: 101 Horn Street, Leongatha, 3953 Phone: (03) 5662 4355 Email: enquiries@sccc.vic.edu.au Web: www.sccc.vic.edu.au</p> <p>South Gippsland Specialist School Address: 1-47 Horn Street, Leongatha, 3953 Phone: (03) 5662 4496 Email: south.gippsland.ss@edumail.vic.gov.au</p>	

Employment

Leongatha provides a diverse range of employment opportunities for prospective job seekers. As the largest service and business centre in the South Gippsland Shire, Leongatha has a high demand for skilled workers and comparatively low unemployment.

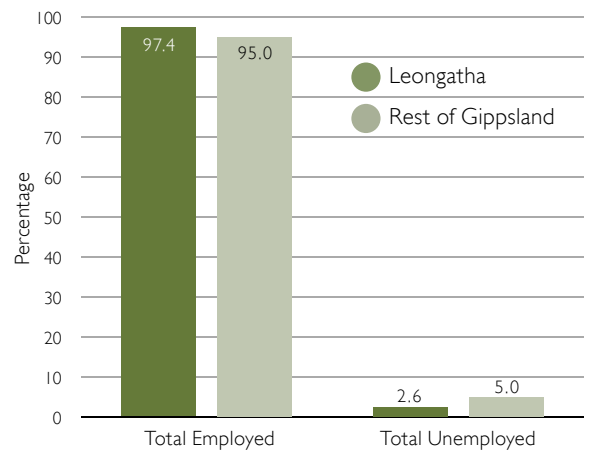
The 2006 Australian Bureau of Statistics Census found that:

- 97.4% of Leongatha residents of a working age were employed
- 2.6% of Leongatha residents of a working age were unemployed
- 85.9% of workers in South Gippsland, live and work within the Shire
- 2167 people were employed in Leongatha (57.6% full-time)



In Leongatha, the three most popular industry sectors for residential employment were:

- Manufacturing (13.3%)
- Retail Trade (12.7%)
- Health Care & Social Assistance (10.6%)



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics
2006 Census of Population and Housing

Other key industry sectors for Leongatha residents were:

- Agribusiness
- Horticulture
- Tourism
- Medical/Health services
- Education
- Commerce

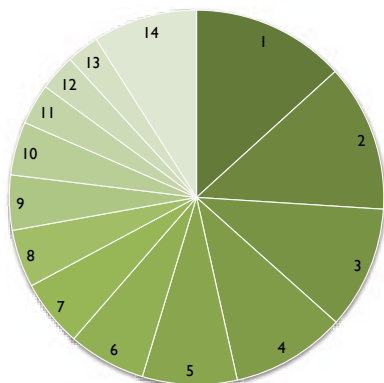
Murray Goulburn, one of the largest employers in South Gippsland has a workforce of over 400 people, however many live outside of the Leongatha township. This is reflected in the lower than expected employment figures for agriculture in the employment profile on the reverse of this page.



Employment

Large-scale employers in South Gippsland include:

- Murray Goulburn
- Burra Foods
- Hulls Engineering
- Select Produce
- Esso
- South Gippsland Shire Council
- Gippsland Southern Health Service



Leongatha Residents Employment Profile			
No.	Industry	Number of employees	Percentage of employed
1	Manufacturing	279	13.3%
2	Retail Trade	268	12.7%
3	Health Care and Social Assistance	223	10.6%
4	Construction	208	9.9%
5	Education and Training	172	8.2%
6	Accommodation and Food Services	141	6.7%
7	Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	122	5.8%
8	Public Administration and Safety	105	5.0%
9	Other Services	100	4.8%
10	Transport, Postal and Warehousing	97	4.6%
11	Wholesale Trade	74	3.5%
12	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	66	3.1%
13	Administrative and Support Services	59	2.8%
14	Financial and Insurance Services	39	1.9%
	Information Media and Telecommunications	30	1.4%
	Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	28	1.3%
	Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	25	1.2%
	Arts and Recreation Services	16	0.8%
	Mining	6	0.3%
	Inadequately described or not stated	45	2.1%
TOTAL		2103	100%

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics - 2006 Census of Population and Housing

Employment Agency Directory

<p>Workways</p> <p>Address: 1A Church Street, Leongatha, 3953 Phone: (03) 5662 5264 Email: leongatha@workways.com.au Web: www.workways.org.au</p>	<p>Centrelink (Agency)</p> <p>Citizen's Advice Bureau Address: 2 Michael Place, Leongatha, 3953 Phone: (03) 5662 2111 Web: www.centrelink.gov.au</p>
<p>Employment Innovations Victoria</p> <p>Address: 14-16 Smith Street, Leongatha, 3953 Phone: (03) 5662 5325 Web: www.eiv.com.au</p>	<p>Campbell Page</p> <p>Address: 61 Bair Street, Leongatha, 3953 Phone: (03) 5662 2355 Web: www.campbellpage.com.au</p>

Real Estate

Leongatha provides relaxed rural living just an hour and a half drive from Melbourne. With extensive recreational, education and health care facilities, Leongatha provides city convenience in a safe, caring, family-friendly environment.

Leongatha has low unemployment and high industry productivity. This equates to good job prospects for residents and contributes towards a vibrant and active community. Key industries in Leongatha include agriculture, manufacturing, retail, education, health care and tourism.

Living in a rural community is a unique and rewarding experience. An easy-going, yet close-knit community such as Leongatha can provide new residents with support, understanding and friendship. It is easy to become involved with the many sporting, recreational, theatrical and cultural pursuits on offer.

Recent changes to the planning scheme introduced to protect the region's agricultural base (Amendment C51) have made the development of new dwellings on vacant rural land (Farming Zone) more restrictive. Potential purchasers of vacant Farming Zone land are strongly encouraged to contact Council before purchasing land with the intention to construct a dwelling or undertake a commercial operation.



Market Overview

- Sizeable, ready-to-build-on blocks are available for under \$100,000
- 2 bedroom units are available for around \$200,000
- 3 and 4 bedroom family homes are available for under \$300,000
- Large 100+ acre farms with lush grazing land are available for around \$1 million

Whether you are searching for a new home, business or investment opportunity, you will find a wide range of available real estate options in Leongatha. Due to its rural location, Leongatha's house and land prices are typically lower than those in metropolitan or outer suburban areas.

If you've ever dreamed of making a 'tree-change', now is a great time to make that dream a reality. Prices are low and with *First Home Buyer* grants targeted specifically towards regional development, there has never been a better time to consider moving to Leongatha.



Real Estate

Real Estate Directory

<p>Alex Scott & Staff</p> <p>Address: 45 Bair Street, Leongatha, 3953 Phone: (03) 5662 0922 Email: leongatha@alexscott.com.au Web: leongatha.alexscott.com.au</p>	<p>Cross Tasman Realty</p> <p>Address: PO Box 515, Leongatha, 3953 Phone: (03) 5662 3326 Email: walker.gary@bigpond.com</p>
<p>Grosvenor Perry</p> <p>Address: 24 Bair Street, Leongatha, 3953 Phone: (03) 5662 2821 Email: leongatha@grosvenorperry.com.au Web: www.grosvenorperry.com.au</p>	<p>Elders</p> <p>Address: 16 McCartin Street, Leongatha, 3953 Phone: (03) 5662 2317 Email: leongatha@elders.com.au Web: www.eldersrealestate.com.au</p>
<p>Landmark</p> <p>Address: 86 Yarragon Road, Leongatha, 3953 Phone: (03) 5662 2291 Web: www.landmark.com.au</p>	<p>Prom Country Real Estate</p> <p><i>Meeniyan</i> Address: 93 Whitelaw Street, Meeniyan, 3956 Phone: (03) 5664 0224</p>
<p>Rodwells Real Estate</p> <p>Address: 10-12 Hughes Street, Leongatha, 3953 Phone: (03) 5662 4388 Email: rodwellsleon@ruralco.com.au Web: www.rodwellsre.com.au</p>	<p><i>Mirboo North</i> Address: 84 Ridgway, Mirboo North, 3871 Phone: (03) 5668 1660</p> <p>Email: info@promcountryrealestate.com.au Web: www.promcountryrealestate.com.au</p>
<p>SEJ Real Estate</p> <p>Address: South Gippsland Highway, Leongatha, 3953 Phone: (03) 5662 4033 Email: leongatha@sej.com.au Web: www.sej.com.au</p>	<p>Stockdale & Leggo</p> <p>Address: 15 Bair Street, Leongatha, 3953 Phone: (03) 5662 5800 Web: www.stockdaleleggo.com.au</p>



Health Aged & Child Care

Health Care Services

Leongatha has a number of health care services, ensuring local residents are provided with quality medical assistance. Services include:

- A 7 day a week medical centre with a 24 hour on call service
- A local public hospital with 23 acute beds, 7 obstetric beds and an attached aged care facility
- Pathology and radiography
- Podiatry
- Myotherapy
- Physiotherapy
- Chiropractic Care
- Dietician Services
- Drug & Alcohol Counselling
- District Nursing Service
- Palliative Care

The closest referral hospital is Latrobe Regional Hospital (Traralgon). Korumburra and Warragul hospitals are located 15km and 47km from Leongatha, respectively.

In 2010, the State Government announced \$25 million in capital to fund the redevelopment of the Leongatha Hospital. The funding will assist in the creation of a new acute bed facility, a new day procedures area, new theatres and clinical support services, pathology and radiology facilities.



Residential Care

Leongatha provides a number of services designed to assist elderly residents. These include assistance services provided by the South Gippsland Shire Council such as Meals on Wheels, Community Transport Connections, Respite Care, Personal Care and Home Maintenance. Leongatha also has two aged care facilities, Koorooman House and Woorayl Lodge.

Woorayl Lodge

Woorayl Lodge is a not-for-profit aged care provider located in Leongatha. Offering 40 hostel care rooms (each with its own ensuite) and 30 one bedroom independent living units, Woorayl Lodge is a large, well-equipped facility. Hostel meals are cooked on the premises with consideration to dietary requirements and meal preferences. A comprehensive activities program ensures residents have access to a wide range of on-site entertainment.

Koorooman House

Koorooman House is a 36 bed facility that features single rooms for all residents, flat screen TVs in all rooms, an activities room and a home theatre. Koorooman House is administered by the Gippsland Southern Health Service.

Health, Aged and Child Care

Child Care

Li'l Rascals

Li'l Rascals is a family owned and operated child care facility located in Leongatha. Providing child care, kindergarten and after school services on a full-time, part-time or casual basis, Li'l Rascals aim to provide quality care in state-of-the-art facilities.

Leongatha Children's Centre

Leongatha Children's Centre provides quality and affordable care for children aged 0-12 years. The Centre provides quality before and after school care, holiday care and kindergarten services.

UnitingCare Gippsland

UnitingCare Gippsland (formerly Kilmany Uniting Care) provides quality, accredited, affordable and flexible child care at various locations for children aged 0-12 years in the home of a carer.

A 40 place child care centre also operates in Mirboo North, just a 15 minute drive away.

Maternal & Child Health Care

A maternal and child health care nurse provides new mothers with advice regarding breast-feeding, immunization, nutrition, family planning and child development. A friendly immunisation team facilitates a vaccination program throughout the South Gippsland Shire at various locations.

Leongatha Senior Citizen's Centre

The Leongatha Senior Citizen's Centre provides a meeting place and activities for seniors over the age of 55. Weekly activities include cards and carpet bowls. Special events and entertainment are coordinated regularly. The Centre is well equipped with excellent kitchen facilities and audio-visual equipment.

Address: 'Dakers Centre', Cnr Smith and Watt Streets, Leongatha, 3953

Health, Aged and Child Care Directory

Medical Services	
Leongatha Healthcare Address: 14 Koonwarra Road, Leongatha, 3953 Phone: (03) 5662 2201	Leongatha Memorial Hospital Address: 66 Koonwarra Road, Leongatha, 3953 Phone: (03) 5667 5555
Residential Care	
Koorooman House Address: Sloan Avenue, Leongatha, 3953 Phone: (03) 5667 5547	Woorayl Lodge Address: 71 McCartin Street, Leongatha, 3953 Phone: (03) 5662 2053
Child Care	
Leongatha Children's Centre Address: Symmons Street, Leongatha, 3953 Phone: (03) 5662 3533 Email: lcc@dcsi.net.au	Li'l Rascals Address: 48 - 52 Brown Street, Leongatha, 3953 Phone: (03) 5662 5533 Web: www.lilrascals.com.au
UnitingCare Gippsland Address: 3 Church Street, Leongatha, 3953 Phone: (03) 5662 5150 Web: www.ucgipps.org.au	<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> More Information www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au health.vic.gov.au </div>

Council Services

The South Gippsland Shire Council provides a number of services for local residents. These include aged, disability, health, welfare and youth services.

Health & Community Care

South Gippsland Shire Council's Home and Community Care program provides a range of services to assist people with a disability and the elderly. Services are designed to provide support to enable people to live independently at home for as long as possible. Eligibility for services is determined by Council Assessment Officers.

Home maintenance tasks include:

- Installation of safety rails and small ramps
- Cleaning of spouting (safety guidelines apply)
- Replacement of light-bulbs
- Minor tree lopping
- Repairs to locks, handles and doors
- Loose floorboards

Personal care services include:

- Bathing
- Grooming
- Dressing
- Toileting
- Shopping
- Banking

Meals on Wheels

A meals on wheels service is provided by the South Gippsland Shire Council for elderly or incapacitated residents. A team of volunteers delivers the meals, which can be hot, cold or frozen. Meals can cater for special dietary requirements (e.g. low-cholesterol or diabetic) and are nutritionally prepared.

Respite Care

Respite services provide the carers of frail older people, and people of any age with a disability, a break from their caring responsibilities.



Youth Services

The South Gippsland Shire Council provides a number of services to help engage, inspire and motivate young people. These include:

South Gippsland Youth Council

A Council comprising approximately 15 people aged between 12 and 25 years. The core function of the Youth Council is to help direct and develop youth activity in South Gippsland. Examples of Youth Council activities include running youth projects, assessing and making decisions on grant applications, and participating in team-building and leadership programs.

FReeZa

FReeZa events are live music and dance parties hosted in a drug and alcohol-free, supervised, safe and secure environment. FReeZa events are planned, developed and managed by young people for young people. The events are aimed towards 14-18 year-olds.



Council Services

Economic Development

The Economic Development department provides support and investment advice for prospective and established businesses. Workshops and events are held regularly, providing helpful information and professional development for employers and employees.

The Business Development team is keen to provide assistance to potential investors, developers and businesses in identifying or capitalising on regional opportunities.



Community Transport

Community Transport aims to provide transport assistance for elderly residents and people with a disability. Community car and bus services are available to eligible residents, with eligibility determined by qualified Council Assessment Officers. Advanced bookings are required for all services.

Cars

Community cars provide a compassionate door-to-door transport service to and from medical or hospital appointments in Melbourne and Gippsland.

Buses

Community buses can be used to access a larger town for appointments or shopping.



South Gippsland Shire Council

Private Bag 4, Leongatha, 3953
9 Smith Street, Leongatha, 3953

DX 94026, Leongatha

Phone: (03) 5662 9200

Email: council@southgippsland.vic.gov.au

Web: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

Business Hours: 8:30am - 5:00pm Mon to Fri
After Hours (Emergency Only): (03) 5662 9200

Council Services Directory

Main Office

South Gippsland Shire Council - Reception

Address: 9 Smith Street, Leongatha, 3953

Phone: (03) 5662 9200

Visitor Information Centres

Leongatha Community & Visitor Information Centre

Address: McCartin Street (Memorial Hall), Leongatha, 3953

Prom Country Visitor Information Centres

Korumburra:

Address: South Gippsland Highway, Korumburra (Coal Creek), 3950

Foster:

Address: Cnr Main & Station Streets, Foster, 3960

Toll Free Phone: 1800 630 704

Email: infocentre@southgippsland.vic.gov.au

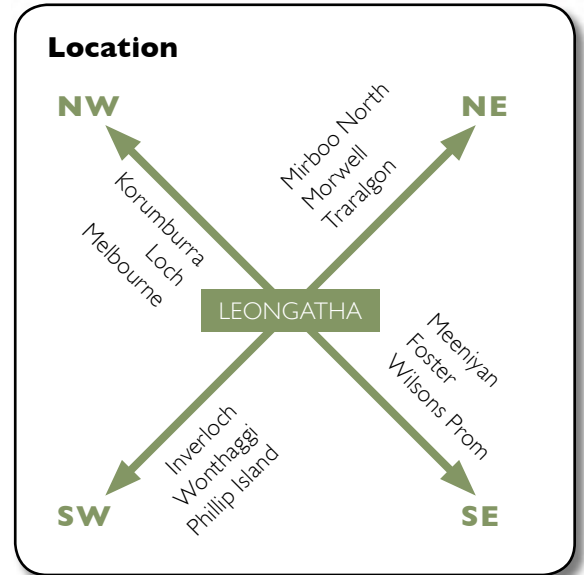
Web: www.visitpromcountry.com.au

Transport

Getting to and from Leongatha is easy. The major South Gippsland, Strzelecki and Bass Highways intersect at Leongatha, and this central location allows easy access to both Melbourne and Gippsland.

Buses fulfil the public transport requirements of Leongatha, since commuter and freight trains no longer service the region. The nearest V-Line trains can be accessed via Morwell (approximate 45 minute drive from Leongatha) or Traralgon (approximate 1 hour drive from Leongatha).

Other transport options in Leongatha include taxi providers and the Leongatha Airport.



V-Line Bus Timetables

MON - FRI	Dep.	Arr.
Leongatha to Melbourne	5:55am	8:15am
	6:55am	9:15am
	8:00am	10:15am
	10:30am	12:55pm
	12:40pm	2:55pm
	2:30pm	5:00pm
	4:40pm	6:40pm
	6:55pm	9:00pm
Melbourne to Leongatha	6:35am	8:35am
	9:20am	11:13am
	11:20am	1:23pm
	1:10pm	3:13pm
	3:10pm	5:20pm
	5:10pm	7:26pm
	7:00pm	8:51pm
	9:00pm	11:01pm

V-Line Bus Services

The Yarram-Melbourne V-Line bus service regularly stops at Leongatha, providing a convenient way to travel to the heart of Melbourne. With eight Melbourne-bound services on weekdays and four on weekends, Leongatha residents need not worry if they do not own a car.

V-Line buses stop outside the Leongatha Railway Station in Long Street and generally travel all the way to Melbourne's Southern Cross Station, with an optional connection to the metropolitan train network at Dandenong Station.

SAT - SUN	Dep.	Arr.
Leongatha to Melbourne	8:00am	10:12am
	11:50am	2:02pm
	2:30pm	4:42pm
	6:01pm	8:07pm
Melbourne to Leongatha	8:50am	10:46pm
	11:10am	1:06pm
	3:00pm	4:56pm
	5:55pm	7:51pm

Transport

Regional Bus Services

Gippsland Bus Services and Wilson's Bus Lines provide transport from Leongatha to Traralgon or Wonthaggi three times per weekday and two times a day on weekends. An additional service runs between Leongatha and Inverloch on weekdays only.

Regional Bus Timetables

MON - FRI	Dep.	Arr.	SAT - SUN	Dep.	Arr.	
Leongatha to Wonthaggi	10:44am	11:25am	Leongatha to Wonthaggi	11:52am	12:33pm	
	1:38pm	2:19pm		Wonthaggi to Leongatha	4:25pm	5:06pm
	4:54pm	5:35pm			8:35am	9:15am
Wonthaggi to Leongatha	6:35am	7:15am	Wonthaggi to Leongatha	12:45pm	1:25pm	
	9:40am	10:20am				
	1:30pm	2:10pm				

Community Transport

The South Gippsland Shire Council provides Community Transport for frail or elderly residents or for people with a disability.

See Council Services Information Sheet for more information.

MON - FRI	Dep.	Arr.	SAT - SUN	Dep.	Arr.	
Leongatha to Traralgon	7:15am	8:35am	Leongatha to Traralgon	9:15am	10:35am	
	10:20am	11:40am		Traralgon to Leongatha	1:25pm	2:45pm
	2:10pm	3:30pm			10:40am	11:52am
Traralgon to Leongatha	9:30am	10:44am	Traralgon to Leongatha	3:13pm	4:25pm	
	12:24pm	1:38pm				
	3:40pm	4:54pm				

MON - FRI	Dep.	Arr.
Leongatha to Inverloch	3:38pm	4:02pm
Inverloch to Leongatha	8:05am	8:35am



Leongatha Airport

Located about ten minutes drive out of town, the Leongatha Airport is used by Woorayl Air Services to provide chartered flights, pilot training and agricultural operations.

Transport Directory

South Gippsland Regional Taxis
Address: 13 Michael Place, Leongatha, 3953 Phone: (03) 5662 4242
Woorayl Air Services
Address: 105 Aerodrome Road, Leongatha South, 3953 Phone: (03) 5664 3288 Web: www.wooraylairservices.com.au

More Information

www.viclink.com.au

www.vline.com.au