



## ANZAC Room Ready for Opening

The refurbished ANZAC room at Coal Creek Community Park and Museum is ready for its official opening by Mr Russel Broadbent MP on the 26 January 2016 at 2.00pm.

The project was funded by \$6,000 from the Department of Veteran Affairs and the sale of handmade poppies by the Coal Creek Spinners.

An interactive, interpretive screen has been installed that will focus on the Dawes Brothers; three local Korumburra men who were killed in World War One.

The interactive display aims to provide awareness of more than 500 service men and women who enlisted in the war from Korumburra and the impact this had on their families and the area.

The works also included the installation of two memorabilia cabinets, two text panels and electrical works to run the new displays.

South Gippsland Shire Mayor Councillor Bob Newton was pleased that the ANZAC room was ready to view by the public.

“It is extremely important that we recognise the service men and women who dedicated their lives to the safety and future of our country.

“Often the men and women of Korumburra would enlist alongside their siblings, many of whom didn’t return home. This display highlights the impact this had on their families left behind.

“The refurbished ANZAC room at Coal Creek provides this tribute as a form of gratitude and respect for their bravery. With the opening coinciding with Australia Day this is the perfect way to acknowledge Australia’s past and celebrate our future,” said Mr Newton.

Any individuals wishing to attend the official ceremony are asked to RSVP to Council’s Coordinator Coal Creek Community Park and Museum Rowena Ashley on 56551811 or by email to [rowenaa@southgippsland.vic.gov.au](mailto:rowenaa@southgippsland.vic.gov.au).

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