



Council to Discuss Use of Korumburra Railway Precinct

South Gippsland Shire Council will hold discussions with local community groups in Korumburra to consider how to utilise vacant space in their local railway building.

Currently the Korumburra station building is not occupied and could provide an opportunity for a mix of commercial and community uses.

The South Gippsland Railway previously leased the Korumburra station building and volunteers are working to hand back the land, buildings, infrastructure and rolling stock to VicTrack. This could take several more weeks to complete.

The station building may be made available for public use subject to the development of a suitable proposal and business case to VicTrack. Funding from VicTrack may also be made available to redevelop the building depending on the strength of application.

The project would complement works currently being undertaken by VicTrack to remove sheds that were previously used by the South Gippsland Tourist Railway. The removal of these sheds will restore panoramic views of Korumburra.

If successful, the project will revitalise the railway precinct while providing a broad community benefit for Korumburra and the wider community.

Council's Manager of Sustainable Communities Chris Van Der Ark said the vacant station building in Korumburra provides a great opportunity to create a vibrant community space.

"This is an innovative VicTrack program that we have seen successfully implemented in other areas of Gippsland such as Trafalgar and Yarragon. Fifteen buildings have been reactivated across Victoria in recent years to become community, arts and culture, tourism, business and health hubs.

"We want to support the community to get involved to restore the station building and create beautiful new spaces that respond to identified community needs.

"Korumburra is part of the rail corridor from Leongatha to Nyora that VicTrack would like to see activated within the community again. This also includes the Nyora Goods Shed and Leongatha station buildings which are also vacant.

“Introducing a community space alongside VicTrack’s work to remove the former tourist railway sheds will produce an exciting community space that will benefit the whole of Korumburra,” said Ms Van Der Ark.

More information on the project will be distributed to local community groups who will be invited to discuss their thoughts on the project with Council.

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