

## Grand Plans for Korumburra Station

South Gippsland Shire Council will commence negotiations with VicTrack for a lease of the Korumburra Railway Station Building following its support of a business case by The Station @ Korumburra working group.

The Station @ Korumburra working group propose to repurpose this grand station building to make it functional for use by the community as a space for arts and music groups, place-based training for local students, private and corporate functions as well as craft markets.

A key focus of the business case is to market the unique architecture of the building, Korumburra's history, railway history, heritage value and significance, sustainability and environmental efficiencies and practices to attract users.

The working group has a vision of making the 19<sup>th</sup> century heritage building into an energy efficient 21<sup>st</sup> century operation that is cost competitive for facility use by the community; mixing old architecture with new technology.

South Gippsland Shire Mayor Councillor Ray Argento was pleased to see the community sentiment surrounding the Korumburra station building.

“Council is proud of the dedicated community members who have taken on the responsibility of this project and invested their time and effort into planning for a facility fit for everyone.

“It has been made quite apparent that the Korumburra station building has a lot of potential that many community members can benefit from.

“The building in itself is a destination to appreciate the history of the building. I have no doubts that with the proposed business case it will be a successful endeavour,” said the Mayor.

Council expects to receive a further report on the outcome of the funding application to VicTrack by The Station @ Korumburra working group and negotiations for the lease.

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