

Macqueen Barber Shop Exhibition Awarded

Coal Creek Community Park and Museum has been awarded the Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Award for Cultural Heritage.

Coal Creek won the award for the establishment of the Macqueen's Barber Shop for its design and curatorial excellence.

The project was completed in partnership with the Korumburra District Historical Society after an article was found in their archives relating to Lachie Macqueen and his family.

The historical society paid for the renovations while Coal Creek carried out the works and interpretation.

Coal Creek's Curatorial Officer Zoe Sargent transformed the information provided into two interpretive panels.

The panels focus on Lachie Macqueen, his barber shop and his children, with many who aided and survived the Australian war effort in World War II.

South Gippsland Shire Council's Manager Economic Development and Tourism Renae Littlejohn was pleased to see the exhibition recognised.

"It has been fantastic to have Coal Creek awarded for the Macqueen Barber Shop exhibition. This project took a lot of work between the historical society and Coal Creek, particularly our Curatorial Officer Zoe Sargent who dedicated her efforts towards the project.

"We would like to thank our volunteers who were instrumental in refurbishing the building where the exhibition has been installed. This was a great team effort and it has been fantastic to be recognised for all the hard work and dedication," said Ms Littlejohn.

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