

## Future Management of the Baromi Centre

A meeting was held on 22 March at the Baromi Centre in Mirboo North to discuss options for future management and ongoing community use of the facility.

The Baromi Centre is currently home to the Mirboo North Senior Citizens Club and has been managed by the club since the building was erected in 1977.

The club continues to be a viable and effective group serving the older members of this district however the committee feels they no longer need to hold the lease and manage the building as their use requirements are considerably smaller.

The meeting had a pleasing attendance with many local groups represented such as Mirboo Country Development Inc, Mirboo North Arts and the Mirboo North and District Community Bank.

Mirboo Country Development Inc advised the meeting that they would like to take on the lease of the facility after 30 June 2018 so that a wide range of community groups and organisations can continue to utilise the facility.

Examples of possible new uses of the facility discussed at the meeting included regular classes and forums by the Mirboo North U3A, rehearsals for theatre activities by the recently established Mirboo North Drama Group, weekend craft activities and other cultural and business forums.

South Gippsland Shire Council's Coordinator Community Strengthening Ned Dennis has spoken about the importance of community centres.

"We understand the importance of a community centre for Mirboo North and it will continue to be utilised by many community groups.

"We are pleased to have Mirboo Country Development Inc move forward with their discussions with Council on establishing a lease.

"The Baromi Centre is a key part in bringing the community together and we hope the community will enjoy the various activities and community events that it holds" said Mr Dennis.

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