

## Mirboo North Heritage Overlay Consultation

South Gippsland Shire Council's Planning Team will be visiting heritage recognised properties in Mirboo North during April to speak with landowners about the Mirboo North Heritage Overlay. The overlay aims to identify and protect places of state and local heritage significance.

Mirboo North has a long and rich history which is reflected in many of the town's historic buildings. To preserve the town's history and continue to develop the design and feel of the town, the Mirboo North Structure Plan Refresh identified an opportunity to preserve properties through the Heritage Overlay.

South Gippsland Shire Council's Manager Planning, Paul Stampton, is keen for local residents to share their thoughts during the onsite consultation.

"The overlay helps to protect heritage buildings that are significant to the Mirboo North community. Renovations and alterations will not necessarily be prohibited so it may mean that a planning permit will be required. This will help to ensure that the historical significance of the buildings is preserved and that any proposed development is complementary to the local surrounds."

"Some owners love their heritage buildings and invest much time and money into their preservation. Inclusion in the Heritage Overlay will ensure that all that good work is not lost to the community and character of the area if they move."

The Planning Team will be knocking on doors in Mirboo North early April as a follow up to invitation letters which were distributed to selected landowners late last year. Anyone with questions is encouraged to speak with Council's Planning Team on 5662 9200.

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