



Permit Granted for New Place of Worship in Korumburra

South Gippsland Shire Council granted a permit for a place of worship at 85 Commercial Street, Korumburra.

The site is currently vacant and has been for some time. It was last used as a National Australia Bank branch. Part of the permit includes a reduction in the number of required carparks.

Council's Acting Director of Development Services, Paul Stampton, could understand why there had been some interest in the decision.

"Council doesn't often have to make decisions about places of worship, particularly in the main streets of our large towns.

"In this case the planners were supportive of the application. The main entrance of the church will be changed to the side of the existing building, with access to this entrance being from the rear of the building along Little Commercial Street.

"The intention is to hold a church service on Sunday mornings and a youth group on either Friday or Saturday evenings.

"The proposed use of the land for a Place of Worship has a car parking requirement of 34 spaces based on a maximum patronage of 114. However, given that there are three existing car parking spaces on site the proposal sought a reduction of 31 car parking spaces. A Car Parking Demand Assessment was provided by the permit applicant, which demonstrated that there is suitable parking availability to the rear of the shop, with 111 vacant spaces surveyed at the time of assessment," said Mr Stampton.

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