

Message from the Administrator



I have been spending quite a bit of time in Korumburra since being appointed as an Administrator six or seven weeks ago. It is so impressive to see a small community working together to achieve great things. I know it's something of a cliché, but I get the sense that Korumburra is more than the sum of its parts.

It was so inspiring to hear first-hand the story of how the Karmai Community Children's Centre went from being a dream to a real jewel for Korumburra. Community passion, researched need, Council vision and a united advocacy effort all combined to pull off this landmark building that really sets the standard for the future of Korumburra.

Council staff have been busy getting Rick, Christian and myself up to speed on the various projects that are on the horizon for Korumburra. We have had the opportunity to visit the railway station land that is the proposed site for the Korumburra Community Hub. We've also been lucky enough to walk through the old railway station building – what a treasure! Such a pity it has been left to slip into disrepair, though. I have made enquiries about who we need to speak to to make sure that this beautiful building is restored and properly maintained into the future.

We have been briefed on extending the Great Southern Rail Trail so that it will eventually run from beyond Nyora all the way to Yarram. Our immediate priority is to get the section between Leongatha and Korumburra built so that the key priority projects in our two major towns are linked by our preeminent tourism and recreation asset.

Looking forward five years, I'd like to see the community passion that is so evident matched by key projects that Council has delivered or brokered for Korumburra. I am hopeful that we'll soon get the negotiations on a new supermarket back on track, which will be the catalyst for the most exciting Council project in Korumburra since Karmai: the community hub.

A new community hub with library and meeting spaces will be a terrific asset for Korumburra. When combined with the new energy in the main street and – fingers crossed – a full-line supermarket, Korumburra will have a solid foundation for a bright future.

I've been to Foster a couple of times this week and seeing the pride that community has in its newly refurbished library, the streetscape and new arts laneway is demonstration that we're on the right track with Korumburra.

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