

Message from the Administrator



It was great this week to have the opportunity attend a Community Forum at Mirboo North on Tuesday and hear firsthand from local ratepayers and residents about local priorities.

It was also terrific to hear about the outstanding work of several community groups, including the Italian Festa, Mirboo Country Development, and the new business network. These groups are doing great work and showing real leadership. It was a real pleasure to be able to talk to them about how the objective of the Administrators during our period at the Shire was to partner with local communities and achieve more together by doing this.

A great example of Council partnering with the local community is the Mirboo North pool project in which the local Mirboo North community is contributing \$1 million towards the total project cost of more than \$5 million, which represents a very significant local contribution. My understanding is that tenders have closed and it is our intention to have the project completed by November 2020 in time for the 2020/21 swimming season.

We know this project has a long history and know local people want to see us get in with it, which is exactly what we are doing.

The Korumburra Round Table met last week and I have been getting great feedback from the members about the hub project. They are excited about us getting on with the job after it has been talked about for several years.

As always, we're grateful to local people for their encouragement and support. At a personal level for me, it was fantastic to see so many people at Mirboo North who I hadn't seen for many years and who are continuing to do outstanding work in their local community. They're example is inspiring and a great example to all of us.

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