

Tuesday 13 August 2024

# Storm Recovery Update



Drop into Council's Recovery Centre located at the Mirboo North and District Community Foundation for help connecting to mental health, wellbeing, financial and business advice services.

**Open: Tuesday and Thursday from 10.00am to 3.00pm.**

## Community Recovery Feedback

All of the community's suggestions, as well as how those who have been or continue to be impacted is currently being compiled into posters which will be ready for circulation by the end of August.

## Baths Road Reserve Update

South Gippsland Shire Council has engaged arborists are continuing to make the trees safe that line the tracks in the Baths Road Reserve. We expect to announce a re-opening date for the Reserve soon.

Thanks to the work of Boo Bird Boxes, the arborists have also been installing habitat nest boxes while they work on the trees within the Reserve. These nest boxes will support microbats, sugar gliders, rosellas and kookaburras.

## Mirboo North Swimming Pool

As mentioned last time, Council has been working closely with its insurers in relation to the damage at the Pool. It isn't clear how long repairs to the pool will take, but we expect there will be an indication once a builder is appointed.

We know that this is a community priority, and we will continue to provide regular updates on progress.

## FREE Mulch Available

Mirboo North's Transfer Station has a free supply of mulch available for the community. Please visit the Transfer Station to pick up the mulch during their operating hours:

**Wednesday and Friday:** 1.00pm to 5.00pm.

**Sunday:** 10.00am to 4.00pm.

## FREE Legal Outreach Service at Co-Space

Provided by Gippsland Community Legal Service and Victorian Legal Aid, this service continues at the Co-Space **every second Thursday** from 10.00am to 3.00pm – the next one being on 22 August. The attending lawyers will assist with any queries you have – that could be insurance delays, tenancy issues or more general queries. Remember that you can call them any time on **1800 004 402** or request an appointment at [www.gcls.org.au](http://www.gcls.org.au).

## Recovery Support

**Remember.** Recovery support is still available and depending on what you need, can be as simple as telephone advice on what programs and services can help you, including the removal of eligible dangerous trees.

To find out more, call the Emergency Recovery Hotline on **1800 560 760**.

## Upcoming Event

### Mirboo North Timber Reclamation Project Meeting – 27 August

Having gathered much windblown wood over the last few months, the Timber Reclamation Project Group is working through plans for the assessment, processing and distribution of this wood to the local community.

If you have skills in this area that you would like to share, their next meeting will be in the Mirboo North Hotel on Tuesday 27 August at 5.30pm.

### New Season, New Hope – 1 September

A combined Christian service will take place on the first day of spring, Sunday 1 September at 2.00pm.

The service will take place in Baromi Park near the playground and will involve the blessing and planting of a tree to symbolise new beginnings, regrowth and recovery for Mirboo North. After the service, the community is invited to share afternoon tea in the Park.

Everyone in the community is welcome to gather for this special service of thanksgiving and remembrance.

## Previous Events

### Winterfest Mirboo North

Thanks to some unseasonably clement weather and a large group of wonderful volunteers, Winterfest went beautifully last weekend.

Of particular note was the clootie writing and the forest ceremony, which allowed many within and outside the community to release messages of healing and hope.

It was also wonderful to see the work of sculptor Paul Stafford, creating a carving of a powerful owl out of windfallen cyprus that was donated by the Mirboo North Timber Reclamation Project.