

## Progress Made on Mirboo North Resilience Hub

A new Resilience Hub for Mirboo North is one step closer following the installation of a Starlink connection at the Mirboo North and District Community Foundation's Co-Space.

The Resilience Hub is being funded by the Victorian Government via a \$180,000 Tiny Towns Fund grant and delivered by Council in partnership with the Mirboo Country Development Inc and the Community Foundation. When finished, the Hub will provide emergency communication, power and refrigeration services to support the town during future emergencies.

The Resilience Hub project has been broken up into three stages:

1. **Communication Systems:** focus on connectivity issues to ensure the Hub can function during emergencies.
2. **Generator Installation:** provide immediate energy resilience during emergencies.
3. **Solar Power and Battery System:** deliver long-term energy sustainability after critical systems are operational.

With the Fibre to the Premises upgrade and mobile Starlink now in place at the Co-Space, Stage One is now complete. Other stages of the project are progressing and will take place over time.

### **Quote attributable to South Gippsland Shire Council Mayor, John Schelling:**

*"After the storm event earlier this year, it is great to see projects taking place in Mirboo North to help them become more resilient. The Starlink connection proved extremely helpful during the event with other communications out, so this will be warmly received by the community."*

*"Should we experience more of these emergencies in the future, it is important that our towns plan as much as possible."*

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