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Boost for Creswick Railway Station community hub plan

The restoration of the Creswick Railway Station has reached another milestone with the Hepburn Shire Council giving the project its in principle support at last night's Ordinary Meeting (16 March 2010).

This follows a number of positive meetings with VicTrack Heritage and members of the local community.

In a Notice of Motion to support the project, Hepburn Shire Council Creswick Ward Councillor Don Henderson said revitalisation of the station would provide a venue for a diverse range of individuals and groups with the potential to attract visitors to the area as well.

"The aim is to create a series of working and leisure areas to meet the needs of our community, now and into the future", Cr Henderson said.

"The proposed Creswick Railway Workshop complex contains a series of buildings within the station itself as well as a large building previously used as a freight shed", he said.

"These will provide an opportunity to encourage young people and the general community to become skilled and involved with subjects such as the arts, trades, ecology and local history.

"These core activities will be further developed and expanded as time progresses.

"The proposed Workshop complex will also provide a community hub for local groups and organisations to utilise in support of their various endeavours."

Cr Henderson said that to date a small 'focus group' formed following a community meeting had been working through various issues and negotiations.

The group now seeks to involve the wider Creswick community and to establish the 'Friends of the Creswick Railway Workshops'. A public meeting will be called in the near future in order to involve all interested parties.

Council officers will also now enter into discussions with VicTrack regarding opportunities to lease the Creswick Railway Station for development of the community and tourist hub.

Photo opportunity: Creswick Railway Station 3 pm Thursday 18 March 2010

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