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Great News for Cobargo's Future

REBUILD PROJECT GETS THE TICK FROM BEGA VALLEY COUNCIL

The future of Cobargo took a major step forward this week with the Bega Valley Shire Council's approval of the Development Application for the Village Square project for the western side of the village's main street.

The Chairperson of the Cobargo Community Development Corporation (CCDC) - John Walters, addressed the Council meeting prior to the decision, outlining the depth of community consultation and work of the voluntary board which had gone into the proposal.

"This major bushfire recovery project, together with our proposed Market Hall and new Post Office, is critical to the restoration of the local economy and the long-term viability of Cobargo" Mr Walters told the meeting.

The project's managing architect, Ashley Dunn, also addressed the Council meeting, detailing the exhaustive consultation and design process which had led to the final design of the Village Square project.

"Dunn Hillam Architecture and Urban Design are very pleased to be working with the Cobargo community to rebuild their beautiful town and thank the Bega Shire Council for their support of these important projects." Mr Dunn Said

"The outcome is a result of the hard work and commitment of many people, all who have a vision of a generous, friendly, sustainable Cobargo, thriving well into the future.

"These buildings integrate economic vision and pragmatism with heritage sensitivity and a belief in the importance of public space in supporting resilient communities." Mr Dunn concluded.

The Village Square project will feature 4 retail shops and an accredited information centre, a shared allied health facility and a co-working centre, as well as two large two-bedroom apartments above the shops.

"I sincerely thank our architects and the board members of the CCDC for their contribution of thousands of hours to get the project to this point, and we look forward to a positive outcome for the DAs for our Market Hall and new Post Office projects at the Council's August meeting" Mr Walters concluded.

The Councillors voted 8 in favour with one abstention (Councillor Allen) to provide consent, with Mayor Russell FitzPatrick and several councillors congratulating the Cobargo community and the CCDC for all their hard work and persistence in reaching this stage of the project.

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Pics attached (see following page for captions)

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1. The CCDC board and architect Ashley Dunn, at the BVSC chambers after the DA decision (from left, Chair John Walters, directors Debra Summer, Shona Taranto and June Tarlinton, project architect Ashley Dunn, directors Graham Parr, Mickael Pryke, David Ledsam and Narelle Cooper



2. Artist's impression of the new Village Square project approved for Cobargo

