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Major Works to commence in Yinnar

Many months of hard work by arc Yinnar volunteers planning and consulting with Gippsland stakeholders and community has resulted in success! Arc Yinnar has received a total fund of \$286,600, with the major portion of \$228,935 from the Latrobe Valley Authority for a major refurbishment of the premises at the former butter factory in Yinnar's Main Street. Other funding partners in the re-development project are the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal, Latrobe City Council, the Mirboo North and District Community Branch of Bendigo Bank and the Mirboo North and District Community Foundation.

Part of the project includes a no-interest loan of \$11,000 from Energy Innovation Co-operative Ltd Southern CORE Fund to assist with the project. Funding for an energy audit and concept plans came from the Latrobe Valley Community Power Hub. The emphasis for the internal building re-development is energy efficiency, universal design and accessibility, improved amenity and upgrade for current OH&S standards. The project includes new insulation and ceiling lining, gallery lighting, heating, double-glazed windows, skylights and solar panels.

arc Yinnar is an artist run, not-for-profit organisation hosting a variety of activities and services for people to enjoy the visual arts, purchase original works, attend performances and learn new skills. The project will create a more financially sustainable space into the future. The social and economic benefits of this funded project to the community will result in greater capacity, creating a more comfortable and energy efficient space for people to visit and use. More broadly greater economic benefit will be achieved for Yinnar and district through visitation and tourism.

arc is currently closed to the public while the refurbishment is underway.

