



Donation boosts club coffers

THE new Inverloch Surf Life Saving Clubhouse is on schedule for completion in time for the Christmas holidays.

Construction began just after Easter.

A donation of \$40,000 from Wonthaggi desalination plant construction company Thiess Degremont, was presented recently to club president Philippe du Plessis.

This means the club is only \$150,000 short of the \$1.3 million needed to build the new facility.

"We are extremely pleased to announce this substantial funding contribution," Mr du Plessis said, describing the donation as "generous".

"This project has and continues to galvanise many disparate recreational, environmental, economic and social community stakeholders."

Mr du Plessis said the new clubhouse was crucial for the club to continue to grow and maintain its "valuable community role of providing a safe beach environment and emergency rescue services for the Inverloch community and its many visitors".

Thiess Degremont desalination project director Greg Miller, said he was pleased to represent one of many organisations making a contribution "to an important

community project".

"We've heard a lot about this club. It's clear that a great deal of effort has been invested in getting this project off the ground and to securing funding from right across the community," he said.

"It's obviously an important project for the community and we congratulate the club on making it happen."

Mr du Plessis invited others to make "buy a brick" pledges or tax deductible donations. Details are on the club's website at www.islsc.org.au



Welcome gift: Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club president Philippe du Plessis (left) discusses plans for the new clubhouse with Thiess Degremont desalination project director Greg Miller: