



Brumby's chief poised to step down

MICHAEL Sherlock is stepping down as managing director of Brumby's Bakeries after the board yesterday unanimously recommended Retail Food Group's takeover offer.

Mr Sherlock had formed the BBS syndicate with company secretary Steve Brown and Brumby's director Marcus Barlow to bid for the bakery.

But the syndicate decided to

back Retail Food Group's rival offer after it made a cash offer of \$3.40 a share and secured 15.59 per cent of Brumby's stock held by River Capital.

"River Capital selling its shares to RFG meant it was extremely unlikely that BBS could secure 100 per cent ownership of Brumby's," he said.

Brumby's was listed at on the Bendigo Stock Exchange at 55¢

a share more than three years ago.

RFG chairman John Cowley said that should BBS and other Brumby's directors sell their shares into the bid as indicated, RFG would control roughly 52 per cent of the bakery's capital.

RFG CEO Tony Alford said the board recommendation added certainty to the future ownership of Brumby's.



BACKED rival offer
Michael Sherlock.