

Media Release

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WORKING FOR VICTORIA: CREATING A LOCAL JOBS BOOM

The Andrews Labor Government is creating more jobs to support regional and metropolitan communities as part of the *Working for Victoria* initiative.

Minister for Employment Jaala Pulford today announced more than 360 new jobs across 16 local government areas, including roles in environmental management, upgrading community facilities and infrastructure, community support and outreach, arts programs, economic development and tourism recovery.

The Labor Government's *Working for Victoria* Fund is helping people who have lost their jobs, including those as a result of coronavirus, to find paid work that supports the Victorian community. The initiative has created over 11,000 jobs since it was launched in April.

Boroondara will employ a sport development officer to help clubs provide COVID-Safe environments and lead a "return to sport" event across the city. The council will also offer library support roles to help meet increased community needs as libraries re-open and continue to develop online services for residents in their homes.

Yarra is assisting local hospitality businesses to manage outdoor dining spaces safely while Campaspe workers will help with vital flood mitigation work and upgrade town entrances – removing weeds, painting posts and bollards and clearing open drains.

Mornington Peninsula will employ township ambassadors to provide information about local activities and attractions, as well as ensure social distancing and COVID safety as businesses re-open and the peak summer season arrives.

Bayside, Benalla, Gannawarra, Indigo, Kingston, Nillumbik, Port Philip, Pyrenees, Stonnington, South Gippsland, Surf Coast and Warrnambool will also join 53 local governments across Victoria that have already received *Working for Victoria* support.

For more information or to register for *Working for Victoria*, go to vic.gov.au/workingforvictoria.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Employment Jaala Pulford

"Working for Victoria has helped thousands of people find work in their local community and it's fantastic that these new jobs are coming on board."

"This is creating opportunities for people who have lost their job through no fault of their own and providing crucial workers for local councils and community organisations."

Quotes attributable to Minister for Local Government Shaun Leane

"Working for Victoria has partnered with almost 70 councils across the state, creating important jobs in and for local communities."

"By working with local government we've been able to support thousands of people into jobs ranging from land management and community outreach to hardship relief delivery and crisis co-ordination."

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