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SUPPORT MEANS MORE PLACES TO STAY ALONG FAMOUS SILO ART TRAIL

The Andrews Labor Government is boosting accommodation along the state's popular Silo Art Trail, giving travellers more options to stop and enjoy regional towns.

Minister for Regional Development Mary-Anne Thomas today visited the St Arnaud Caravan Park in the state's north-west, one of 14 accommodation sites to share in \$2.8 million from the *Regional Infrastructure Fund* to better link some of Victoria's smallest towns to Australia's largest outdoor gallery.

Visitors will be able to enjoy their stay at the St Arnaud Caravan Park with upgrades to landscaping and internal roads, additional water and power connections, and a waste disposal point for campervans.

The Labor Government is investing in caravan park and accommodation upgrades across the Wimmera Southern Mallee, including in Kaniva, Stawell, Horsham, Hindmarsh and Yarriambiack municipalities. The upgrades will help these towns capitalise on more people visiting the Silo Art Trail and help provide a better visitor experience.

The Silo Art Trail stretches over 200 kilometres and celebrates people in the region through a series of large-scale murals painted on grain silos. There are now 21 Silo Art murals in the Wimmera Southern Mallee and in North East Victoria.

The Government has supported the Silo Art Trail to grow, including in St Arnaud where the *Creative Activations Fund* enabled local artist Kyle Torney to paint a large-scale mural as a homage to the town's gold mining past.

This latest support from the *Regional Infrastructure Fund* will help local councils revitalise small towns as they recover from the pandemic by creating more jobs and improving tourism and community infrastructure.

The *Regional Infrastructure Fund* is part of the Labor Government's flagship \$156 million *Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Fund*, helping businesses create more jobs in regional Victoria, supporting community projects and backing councils to build the infrastructure locals and visitors need.

This project is part of the Government's record investment of almost \$30 billion in rural and regional Victoria since 2015. Find out more visit rdv.vic.gov.au/about-rdv/regional-jobs-and-infrastructure-fund.

Quote attributable to Minister for Regional Development Mary-Anne Thomas

"This funding for accommodation along the Silo Art Trail will have a huge flow on-effect for regional businesses – allowing more tourists to stop and stay in our small towns and providing a real boost to local economies."

Quote attributable to Member for Western Victoria Jaala Pulford

"The wonderful Silo Art Trail is putting a spotlight on the Wimmera Southern Mallee – I encourage all Victorians to visit this fantastic part of the state as we once again hit the road."