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NEW MOBILE LIBRARY VAN FOR PYRENEES COMMUNITY

The brand-new Pyrenees Mobile Library Van is ready to serve its community thanks to the Andrews Labor Government's *Living Libraries Infrastructure Program*.

The Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Victoria, Ms Danielle Green MP, officially launched the \$95,000 project today at an event in Beaufort.

The project was fully funded through the 2019 round of the *Living Libraries Infrastructure Program* and delivered by Pyrenees Shire Council.

The new Mobile Library Van is designed to make the library service much more versatile. It is a fit-for-purpose van, with appropriate shelving, a loading ramp and mobile book trolley. The van will increase the safety and efficiency of staff, increase comfort and choice for remote communities, encourage increased usage of library services and enable the future expansion of current library programs.

The Living Libraries Infrastructure Program enables Victorian councils and regional library corporations to deliver new or renewed library infrastructure for their communities. It supports the role of libraries in strengthening communities and encouraging opportunities for community participation.

The Andrews Government has invested more than \$32.5 million dollars over the last six years into 95 library infrastructure projects with a total project cost of \$236.8 million.

More information on the *Living Libraries Infrastructure Program* is available at: https://www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/public-libraries/public-library-programs/living-libraries-infrastructure-program

Quotes attributable to Minister for Local Government Shaun Leane

"Libraries are about so much more than books. They're among the most popular community assets in our State and the Pyrenees Mobile Library Van is no exception."

"It's great to see the Living Libraries Infrastructure Program delivering a legacy of high-quality facilities for communities across Victoria."

Quotes attributable to the Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Victoria Danielle Green

"It's fantastic to see the Andrews Labor Government recognise the importance of the Pyrenees Shire Library Service to the community through the Living Libraries Infrastructure Program."

"The funding has created a more welcoming, accessible and comfortable space for people who use the library."