

Media Release

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MILDURA RIVERFRONT POWERS AHEAD

More people will soon be able to enjoy Mildura's scenic Murray River with major building works to begin next month on the next stage of a popular waterfront precinct, backed by support from the Andrews Labor Government.

Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Victoria Danielle Green today visited the Mildura riverfront, with the Labor Government investing \$5.5 million in the second stage of the Powerhouse redevelopment through two grants from the *Building Works* package and the *Regional Infrastructure Fund*.

The project will create 34 jobs and includes upgrades to the existing Powerhouse building and the creation of a Village Square featuring an in-depth digital information platform, café, outdoor area, public amenities and carpark.

The designs were released for the second stage of the Powerhouse Precinct in September last year, which followed extensive community input.

The designs also include transforming the former Powerhouse basement space into a multi-use arts area, a kitchen to help cater for events, flexible indoor and outdoor event spaces and a large outdoor shade structure. The second stage of the Precinct will be built with new landscaping to match the rest of the redeveloped riverfront.

Stage one of the project was completed in 2017, and included an interactive splash park, outdoor gym equipment, public art sculptures and improved accessibility. Three million people have visited the Mildura riverfront since stage one's completion.

The *Building Works* package is designed to provide immediate benefit to communities across Victoria through shovel-ready projects that will create jobs now and provide lasting benefits in response to economic challenges brought about by the pandemic, drought and bushfires.

The *Regional Infrastructure Fund* is part of the flagship *Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Fund*, with both programs key to the Government's almost \$30 billion investment across regional and rural Victoria since 2015. Information about the *Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Fund* are available at rdv.vic.gov.au/rjif.

Quote attributable to Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Victoria Danielle Green

"The Mildura Riverfront is a beautiful location and these upgrades will ensure it remains a perfect spot for both residents and visitors, while also creating dozens of jobs for locals."

Quote attributable to Member for Northern Victoria Mark Gepp

"I am looking forward to seeing the next stage of this fantastic project – delivering major improvements to the iconic riverfront and boosting Mildura's liveability and tourism sector."