

Media Release

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MORE PEOPLE AND JOBS COMING SOON TO SHEPPARTON'S MALL

The Maude Street Mall redevelopment continues to take shape, thanks to the Andrews Labor Government.

Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Victoria Danielle Green today visited the mall precinct to view progress on the project, which received \$3.75 million from the Labor Government's *Regional Infrastructure Fund - Stimulus Round*.

The revamp of the central community hub includes new events areas, a playground, outdoor seating and public art. New gardens and more trees will also be planted.

Works are on track for completion in November, with construction on the new playground at Fraser Street underway. A new one-way road, car parking bays and better pedestrian access are also part of the plan aimed at bringing more people into the Shepparton CBD.

Construction is expected to create more than 50 direct and indirect jobs, with almost 300 additional retail-related positions expected to be available after the project is completed.

The \$17.15 million project is being delivered in partnership with the Commonwealth Government and City of Greater Shepparton, which engaged the local community during the planning stage.

The *Regional Infrastructure Fund* is part of the Government's flagship *Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Fund*, which helps businesses create more jobs in regional Victoria, supports community projects and helps councils to build the infrastructure locals need.

The Fund is key to the Government's almost \$30 billion investment across regional and rural Victoria since 2015.

Information about the *Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Fund* is available at rdv.vic.gov.au/rjif.

Quotes attributable to Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Victoria Danielle Green

"Once complete, the Maude Street Mall will drive more locals and visitors to Shepparton and provide long-lasting benefits."

"The Maude Street mall redevelopment is creating dozens of jobs now and will deliver big benefits for local businesses in the years to come."

"We're investing in projects that help Shepparton become an even better place to live and work."