

# Media Release

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## REVITALISING RUPANYUP TOWN HALL TO BRING COMMUNITY TOGETHER

The Andrews Labor Government has supported the small town of Rupanyup in western Victoria to refurbish its much-loved Town Hall.

Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Victoria Danielle Green today visited the newly renovated Rupanyup Memorial Hall which has been given a face-lift thanks to support from the Labor Government's *Regional Infrastructure Fund*.

The hall has been a community hub since 1920 and is a place for both formal and informal events for this small country town of 500 people.

The Rupanyup Memorial Hall is one of 14 community halls to receive support through the '*Home Is Where the Hall Is*' program which is enabling much-loved buildings to remain historic centrepieces in their local communities.

Works on five of the fourteen halls is now complete, including Rupanyup Memorial Hall, Boolite Memorial Hall, Brim Memorial Hall, Lubeck Hall, and Woomelang Memorial Hall.

Works range from minor upgrades such as a repainting, to major structural works including restumping and plastering to ensure the halls are accessible and provide a place for the community to come together.

The *Regional Infrastructure Fund* is part of the Victorian 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 that locals and visitors need.

The fund is part of the Labor Government's almost \$30 billion investment in regional and rural Victoria since 2015. More information on the *Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Fund* can be found at [rdv.vic.gov.au/rjif](https://rdv.vic.gov.au/rjif).

### Quotes attributable to Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Victoria Danielle Green

*"Places like the Rupanyup Memorial Hall sit at the heart of our regional communities, and I'm so pleased we are able to help restore these grand buildings to their former glory."*

*"We are revitalising 14 halls across regional Victoria, to allow them to remain a much-loved meeting place for the community for years to come."*

### Quote attributable to Minister for Regional Development Mary-Anne Thomas

*"These priority town hall projects form part of an investment plan for the future of the region, creating more jobs and revitalising community assets – we are proud to support the local council to help make these projects a reality."*