

# Media Release

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Minister for Youth



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## EXCITING NEW HALL FOR EPPING NORTH SCOUTS

More young people will soon be able to enjoy a brand-new Scout Hall in Wollert as the Andrews Labor Government continues to support new and improved Scout facilities across the state.

Minister for Youth Ros Spence joined Member for Thomastown Bronwyn Halfpenny to turn the sod at the site of the new Epping North Scout Hall, which is being delivered thanks to a \$600,000 contribution from the Labor Government.

The Epping North Scout Hall is set to be built on the grounds of Edgars Creek Secondary School and is scheduled to be complete in March 2023. The investment is part of the Labor Government's \$5.5 million election commitment in 2018 to build, upgrade or refurbish Scout Halls across Victoria.

Scouts Victoria is one of the state's largest youth organisations and has a membership base of more than 20,000 young people and 9,000 adult volunteers. The number of young people participating in scouting activities has grown by 30 per cent in the last 10 years.

Scouts Victoria has a rich history of fostering teamwork, care for community and leadership skills among young Victorians.

Access to scouting activities supports young people's positive development and growth by creating opportunities for them to lead by example in their communities.

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Youth Ros Spence

*"An investment in scouting is an investment in our future young leaders – we're proud to be supporting young people to develop skills and make friends for life."*

*"This new hall will ensure that young people in the community have an accessible place to connect with their friends and to safely participate in the proud traditions of Scouts."*

### Quote attributable to Member for Thomastown Bronwyn Halfpenny

*"I'm proud of our continued support for Scout groups, this funding means that Scouts here in Wollert will have a modern new facility to call home."*