

Media Release

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UPGRADE COMPLETE AT 1ST KOO WEE RUP SCOUT HALL

The 1st Koo Wee Rup Scout Hall has officially re-opened its doors after receiving a much-needed upgrade, thanks to the Andrews Labor Government.

A total of \$125,000 was contributed by the Labor Government to improve safety and access at the hall for Scout and community groups.

Works included external cladding replacement and installation of an external window. Kitchen refurbishments also took place, along with improvements to restroom facilities.

The investment is part of the Labor Government's 2018 election commitment of \$5.5 million over four years to build, upgrade or refurbish 23 Scout Halls across Victoria. Funding is matched by Scouts Victoria, bringing the total investment to \$11 million.

Scouts Victoria is one of the state's largest youth organisations and has a membership base of more than 20,000 young people and 5,000 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 work with others, tackle challenges and lead in their communities.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Youth Ros Spence

"We're proud to be supporting young people to develop skills and make friends for life – and this investment ensures that Koo Wee Rup Scouts have a more modern facility to call home."

"As Scouts Groups across the state continue to grow, this upgraded hall will give young people an accessible and safe place to come together well into the future."

Quote attributable to Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale

"This investment is such great news for our Koo Wee Rup Scouts – helping to grow the group – and giving them the more modern and accessible facilities they so deserve."