

Media Release

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BAYSWATER SCOUT HALL UPGRADE COMPLETE

Scout and community groups will now have a safer and more accessible Bayswater Scout Hall, thanks to a much-needed upgrade.

The Andrews Labor Government contributed \$100,000 to improve safety and access at the hall and make it a more modern facility for Bayswater Scouts to call home.

Works included the replacement of gutters, repairing the roof and brickwork, upgrades to windows, the front door, ramp and facilities, as well as exterior painting.

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 Acting Minister for Youth Shaun Leane

"This investment ensures that Bayswater Scouts have the modern facility they deserve – and have an accessible and safe place to call home for years to come."

"We're proud to be helping Scouts groups and supporting them across the state as they continue to grow."

Quote attributable to Member for Bayswater Jackson Taylor

"We're helping to support and grow Scouts groups – and this investment will ensure our Bayswater Scouts have the facilities they need to keep operating well into the future."