## **Media Release**

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## **BOOSTING MUCH NEEDED HOUSING FOR SHEPPARTON**

Works are well underway on a new social housing development in Shepparton that will provide housing for people who need it most over the age of 55.

The development is part of \$37.5 million already being invested in social housing in the Shepparton area by the Andrews Labor Government, which will create more than 130 homes.

It is one of several projects to be delivered in partnership with community housing organisations, aimed at addressing the critical need for more housing across regional Victoria as well as creating more than 250 jobs.

This development, in partnership with Wintringham, is scheduled to be completed later this year and will include 28 new one-bedroom homes for people over the age of 55. The site will also be home to 20 residential aged care homes.

In addition to this development, other projects delivered through the \$37.5 million investment include a new 16 dwelling development in Mooroopna that will provide supported housing for people living with a mental illness.

The Big Housing Build is delivering much needed housing across Shepparton, providing safe and secure homes to those who need it most on the Victorian Housing Register.

The historic \$5.3 billion Big Housing Build is delivering more than 12,000 new homes – boosting Victoria's social housing supply by 10 per cent – while generating 10,000 jobs each year over the four-year program.

The Big Housing Build is investing \$1.25 billion in regional areas – including a landmark minimum investment guarantee of \$45 million for Greater Shepparton – ensuring the economic and social benefits of the program are felt in communities across the state.

## **Quotes attributable to Minister for Housing Danny Pearson**

"We are serious about creating more social housing for those most in need, which is why we have made a landmark investment to address this problem."

"These developments will not only create much needed housing, but also create jobs and help stimulate the economy locally."

## **Quotes attributable to Member for Northern Victoria Mark Gepp**

"Shepparton has many people in need of social housing and these new developments will deliver homes to help generations of people to come."

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