Media Release

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BEMBIT BAG-ROOK CENTRE A NEW COMMUNITY HUB FOR TARNEIT

A new community hub will be well positioned to provide critical services to Tarneit's growing community thanks to the Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Local Government Melissa Horne joined Member for Tarneit Sarah Connolly to officially open the new Bembit Bag-rook Community Centre, backed by Labor Government investments worth \$5 million from the *Growing Suburbs Fund* and *Building Blocks Grants* program.

The new \$20.9 million Centre includes a family area with early learning facilities and consulting suites, as well as an outdoor barbeque area, basketball and netball courts and a playground.

The Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation worked with Wyndham City Council to name the Centre – in the Bunurong language "Bembit" means flower and "Bag-rook" means women.

Through the Growing Suburbs Fund the Government continues to invest in critical infrastructure projects in the Wyndham area, recently announcing support for a redevelopment of the Galvin Park Football Cricket Community Pavilion and a new family recreation space at Alfred Road Reserve.

Since 2015, the Government has invested \$425 million in local infrastructure in Melbourne's growing suburbs, including \$45 million towards 30 projects with Wyndham City Council.

To find out more about the Growing Suburbs Fund, visit localgovernment.vic.gov.au/grants.

To find out more about the Building Blocks grants program, visit <u>schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/school-building-grants-and-programs</u>.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Local Government Melissa Horne

"Over the last eight years we've been building a legacy by upgrading parks, playgrounds and libraries for Victorians, where they're needed most."

"Our suburbs are great places to live, work and play and we're making sure they stay that way by investing in the things communities deserve."

Quote attributable to Minister for Early Childhood and Pre-Prep Ingrid Stitt

"Tarneit is a growing suburb with more young families moving to the area each year, that's why we're providing the community with a new centre that delivers vital early learning services."

Quote attributable to Member for Tarneit Sarah Connolly

"It's exciting that the Tarneit community now has a new space for sport, recreation and family support services, that will be enjoyed for generations."

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