

# Media Release

**The Hon Melissa Horne MP**

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Minister for Ports and Freight

Minister for Local Government

Minister for Suburban Development



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## **BUILDING STRONGER REGIONAL AND SUBURBAN COMMUNITIES**

The Andrews Labor Government is continuing to support local communities with the infrastructure and services they need to grow and thrive.

Minister for Suburban Development Melissa Horne and Minister for Regional Development Harriet Shing today announced hundreds of successful projects that will share \$20 million in grants from the Labor Government's *Living Local Fund*.

More than 400 projects across the state will be supported through the Fund, with \$15 million available for suburban projects and another \$5 million for the regions.

Local councils and community organisations have received grants of up to \$200,000 for upgrades to shopping strips, playgrounds, community gardens and public art projects, or to buy new equipment and carry out minor refurbishment works.

One of this year's key investments is a \$200,000 allocation to not-for-profit organization DPV Health in Melbourne's north, to complete an external upgrade at their Meadow Heights Community Health Centre.

Regionally, the Light Up Camperdown project has received \$200,000 to increase its current lighting around the central streetscape, enhancing safety for the local community.

From playground upgrades in Pakenham to the creation of an Aboriginal community art gallery in Ballarat, the Living Local Fund is supporting a wealth of diverse and important locally led projects right across Victoria.

The Living Local Fund is part of the Government's *Our Suburbs: Living Local* and *Our Regions: Living Local* Initiatives.

For more information visit [www.suburbandevlopment.vic.gov.au/living-local](http://www.suburbandevlopment.vic.gov.au/living-local) or [www.rdv.vic.gov.au/living-local](http://www.rdv.vic.gov.au/living-local).

### **Quotes attributable to Minister for Suburban Development Melissa Horne**

*"We're doing what matters by investing in infrastructure that our local communities need to enjoy the services they deserve."*

*"Our suburbs and regions are great places to live, work and play and we're making sure they stay that way."*

### **Quotes attributable to Minister for Regional Development Harriet Shing**

*"It's great to see so many new projects on the way that will help our regions – when our regions do well, the whole of Victoria benefits."*

*"We are determined to continue our record investment in regional Victoria to build social and community connection through projects like Light Up Camperdown."*

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