

Media Release

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DEER PARK SCOUT HALL FUNDED FOR BUILDING UPGRADES

The Andrews Labor Government is encouraging young Victorians to get involved in all that scouting has to offer with upgraded facilities at Deer Park Scout Hall.

Minister for Youth Natalie Suleyman today announced new funding to upgrade facilities at Deer Park Scout Hall, which will help young people in Deer Park experience fun programs, make new community connections and learn the leadership skills Scouts has to offer.

The *Victorian Budget 2023/24* contributes significantly towards the redevelopment and upgrade of another six Scout Halls in Deer Park, South Frankston, Bannockburn, Bundoora, Sandown and Eltham.

Scouts Victoria is one of the state's largest youth organisations with more than 20,000 members 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, a sense of community and leadership skills among young Victorians. Accessing 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 Natalie Suleyman

"I'm delighted we can support young people in Deer Park and ensure they have access to all that Scouts has to offer."

"We know how important a sense of community is to our health and wellbeing and Scouts provides just that as well as a chance to learn leadership skills and have a lot of fun."

Quote attributable to Member for Kororoit Luba Grigorovitch

"This funding will ensure our local Scouts can gather in a space that is safe and accessible for years to come."