

Media Release

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BOOSTING CARAVAN ACCOMMODATION ACROSS WESTERN VICTORIA

More visitors to the Wimmera Southern Mallee will be able to stay longer and tour the region's epic silo art trail, with new accommodation ready for overnight guests thanks to support from the Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Regional Development Harriet Shing today officially announced the accommodation is complete and ready for booking, made possible by the Labor Government's \$2.8 million investment across five local government areas in the region.

There have been 14 caravan parks upgraded across Horsham Hindmarsh, West Wimmera, Yarriambiack and Northern Grampians municipalities.

Six new two-bedroom units at Dimboola, Jeparit, Nhill and Rainbow are offering more guests affordable and accessible accommodation options, with the self-contained units designed for people of all abilities.

At Brimbank Caravan Park, upgrades included the installation of eight new powered sites, solar battery upgrades and refurbishing shared amenities across the park while visitors at Minyip Rest will enjoy new landscaping and four additional caravan sites.

In the Northern Grampians, St Arnaud Caravan Park has been upgraded to now feature internal roads, electric and plumbing outlets – making it easier and more accessible for visitors.

These new upgrades will bring more visitors to regional towns across the Wimmera Southern Mallee – boosting local tourism at sites including the Silo Art Trail.

The Labor Government is also supporting the Silo Art Trail to grow through projects like the Albacutya Silo Art project near Rainbow and the Arkona Silo project near Dimboola.

These artworks share the stories behind Victoria's small regional towns, paying homage to key figures in the local community.

The project is part of the Government's record investment of more than \$41 billion in rural and regional Victoria since 2015.

The Government's new \$1 billion Regional Housing Fund will deliver more than 1,300 homes across regional Victoria to increase the supply of housing across regional Victoria. To provide even more new housing options for regional communities, the new \$150 million Regional Worker Accommodation Fund will support regions where key workers are struggling to find affordable places to live.

Quote attributable to Minister for Regional Development Harriet Shing

"I'm delighted to see this project complete as it will provide even more options for visitors to stay with upgraded caravan parks, cabins and accommodation."

"The Wimmera Southern Mallee is an iconic part of regional Victoria and thanks to this project there will be even more places for people to enjoy a weekend getaway."

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