

# Media Release

The Hon Daniel Andrews MP  
Premier



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## GALKANGU BENDIGO GOVHUB OPEN FOR BUSINESS

More Bendigo residents will now have better access to government services in the heart of the city centre, with the Andrews Labor Government's new Galkangu Bendigo GovHub now officially open.

Premier Daniel Andrews was joined by Member for Bendigo East Jacinta Allan and Member for Bendigo West Maree Edwards today to open the building which brings together eight local and state government agencies to create a one-stop-shop for government services for locals, backed by a \$133 million investment from the Labor Government.

With workers moved in, we're making it easier for public sector workers to do work that matters close to where they want to live – and making sure more regional Victorians can access government support and services closer to home.

The project created more than 200 jobs during construction, with another 1,000 jobs supported through the supply chain – and the project expected to inject \$131 million into the local economy each year through flow-on benefits.

The project team led by Regional Development Victoria, Development Victoria and builders Icon Fairbrother worked alongside DJAARA (Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation) and Traditional Owners.

Meaning "we make things happen together and are more connected to Country" in Dja Dja Wurrung language, the name Galkangu was chosen after consultation with Traditional Owners and Geographic Names Victoria.

Transforming the city skyline, the building's exterior features a frit pattern façade based on the diamond pattern of the Dja Dja Wurrung shield to represent the values of respect, recognition, reconciliation and self-determination. The façade is also signed by Dja Dja Wurrung, Yorta Yorta and Jaru artist Natasha Carter.

The landmark building features a 6-Star Green Star Rating for design and includes energy efficient indoor air-quality systems, solar panels, water and energy monitoring systems and a sustainable timber frame.

It is one of three GovHubs backed by the Government to improve the way communities access public services, boost local economies and provide better career opportunities in Bendigo, Ballarat and the Latrobe Valley.

### Quote attributable to Premier Daniel Andrews

*"We're making sure that more Victorians have access to the services they need closer to home. This new Bendigo GovHub gives more workers and the community the facilities and support they need to thrive."*

### Quote attributable to Member for Bendigo East Jacinta Allan

*"We're creating more economic and career opportunities for locals across Bendigo – bringing together workers and the community in the heart of the city centre."*

### Quote attributable to Member for Bendigo West Maree Edwards

*"It's fantastic to see Galkangu bring renewed, vibrant activity to our growing city, while supporting more local jobs."*

### Quote attributable to Minister for Regional Development Harriet Shing

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*“This major investment will revitalise Bendigo for generations to come – creating a significant economic boost for the region and ensuring more regional Victorians have access to good jobs close to home.”*