

# Media Release

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## NEW MEETING SPACES IN FIVE GREAT VICTORIAN TOWNS

The streets and meeting places in five towns across the Buloke Shire have been given an upgrade thanks to support from the Allan Labor Government.

The Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Development Michaela Settle MP represented Minister for Regional Development Gayle Tierney in Birchip to check out the updates completed through the Buloke Shire Streetscape Renewal project.

The project is backed by \$4 million from the Labor Government's *Building Works* package to keep Birchip, Wycheproof, Charlton, Donald and Sea Lake looking their very best, helping to attract visitors and making them even better places to live.

Fourteen jobs were created during construction and the upgrades will have flow-on benefits to local businesses – ensuring the towns remain attractive and vibrant places for local businesses to set up shop and expand.

New additions include Birchip's alfresco dining area where people can meet and sample local produce, including the town's award-winning vanilla slice. Footpath and drainage upgrades will improve access to the town's shops.

In Charlton there is a new pedestrian walkway over the Avoca River and a refurbished Travellers Rest with a barbecue shelter with picnic tables, accessible toilets and a children's play area.

Sea Lake's Apex Park now has an electric barbecue to bring families and friends together to enjoy the great outdoors.

In Wycheproof, Donald and Sea Lake, electric vehicle charging stations have been installed to support the increasing number of electric vehicle owners visiting the Mallee region.

Other works include planting trees in the five towns and infrastructure upgrades like new footpaths, crossings, bike racks and outdoor seating.

The works add to Buloke Shire's position as a key destination in regional Victoria, linking to other attractions including the Silo Art Trail that stretches across towns like Sea Lake.

These projects are part of the Government's record investment of more than \$41 billion in rural and regional Victoria. For more information go to [rdv.vic.gov.au](http://rdv.vic.gov.au)

### Quote attributable to Minister for Regional Development Gayle Tierney

*"From new meeting spaces to outdoor picnic areas, we're excited to see these great towns in northern Victoria get some brand new upgrades – helping them to attract visitors and making them even better places to live."*

### Quote attributable to Member for Northern Victoria Jaclyn Symes

*"These projects are enhancing these already great towns – making them even better places to live and visit."*

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