

# Media Release

**The Hon Natalie Suleyman MP**  
Minister for Veterans  
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Minister for Youth



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## UPGRADE FOR SOUTH FRANKSTON SCOUTS DELIVERED

The Allan Labor Government is making sure Victoria's youngest scouts can gain life skills, make friends and stay connected with their community -with the upgraded scout hall in South Frankston now open.

Minister for Youth Natalie Suleyman will today visit the newly refurbished South Frankston Scout Hall where repairs and the installation of a defibrillator have been completed.

Refurbishment of the South Frankston Scout Hall is part of the Labor Government's investment in building, upgrading and refurbishing scout halls right across Victoria.

The *Victorian Budget 2023/24* funded the redevelopment and upgrade of the South Frankston and a further five scout halls at Bannockburn, Deer Park, Bundoora, Sandown and Eltham.

The number of young people participating in Scouts has grown by 30 per cent since Labor came into office in 2014, with more than 25,000 kids and volunteers taking part in every corner of the state - making Scouts Victoria the state's largest informal education organisation.

Scouts Victoria has a rich history of fostering teamwork, caring for community and developing leadership skills among young Victorians.

Participating in 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.

### **Quote attributable to Minister for Youth Natalie Suleyman**

*"We're proud to be delivering upgrades of scout halls across Victoria - like this improved home for scouts in South Frankston."*

*"The new South Frankston hall is about ensuring scouts have a safe and accessible place to make genuine community connections, enrich their knowledge and develop leadership skills that will give them a bright future."*

### **Quote attributable to Member for Frankston Paul Edbrooke**

*"The upgraded hall will ensure local scouts have a safe and modern place to call home well into the future."*

### **Quote attributable to Chief Commissioner of Scouts Victoria Rod Byrnes**

*"We're thrilled with the South Frankston Scout Hall refurbishment, a testament to our partnership with the Allan Labor Government. This upgrade rejuvenates a vital community hub and reinforces our mission to empower young Victorians."*