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# MEDIA RELEASE

## **SHEPPARTON FOODSHARE GETS A NEW HOME**

Shepparton Foodshare, a local service providing food to those in need, will soon have a purpose-built home thanks to support from the Allan and Albanese Labor Governments.

Works begin today on Foodshare's new warehouse in Mooroopna, providing a permanent base for the business to operate its food rescue, warehousing and distribution service.

The project is a partnership between the federal and state governments, with \$600,000 funded federally and a \$2.9 million contribution by the state.

When completed next year, the warehouse will feature loading facilities, an administration office, meeting rooms, storage space, a kitchen and amenities, and parking.

It will significantly increase business capacity, helping Foodshare meet growing demand for food relief in the region.

Shepparton Foodshare distributes around 350,000 kgs of food per year to registered emergency relief agencies, schools, neighbourhood houses, community meals programs, as well as First Nations and faith organisations.

Recipients include individuals, families, children, homeless people, First Nations people and the multicultural community, including new arrivals and refugees.

The project is expected to generate 18 jobs during construction. It is part of the Victorian Government's investment of more than \$41 billion across rural and regional Victoria.

For more information go to rdv.vic.gov.au.

### **Quotes attributable to Victorian Minister for Regional Development Gayle Tierney:**

"FoodShare's role in providing nutritious meals for people facing hardship is vital – the Allan Government is proud to back this new warehouse.

"We're backing local initiatives, creating new jobs and improving liveability for local communities across Regional Victoria."

Quotes attributable to Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Catherine King:

"The Albanese Government is committed to investing in meaningful partnerships with regional communities.

"That is why we are showing our support to Shepparton Foodshare, who are helping provide crucial nourishment to those in need.

"I am pleased to see our investments be of value to those living in Shepparton and look forward to hearing more about the great work that is being done for the community."

#### **Quotes attributable to State Member for Northern Victoria Jaclyn Symes:**

"Shepparton Foodshare holds a special place in our community's heart, especially for the invaluable support they provided during the pandemic, ensuring access to vital nutrition when it mattered most."

"With the backing of the Allan Labor Government, this new purpose-built home will help Shepparton Foodshare to extend its essential food relief efforts to all those in need within our community."

#### **Quotes attributable to Shepparton FoodShare Chair Jeremy Rensford:**

"I'd like to thank the Victorian and Australian Government for backing Shepparton FoodShare's new warehouse – the demand for our services have never been higher, and this will enable us to reach out and support more people."

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