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VICTORIANS' CHANCE TO APPLY FOR UNCLAIMED MONEY

The Allan Labor Government is encouraging the thousands of Victorians who are eligible for a surprise windfall to search the State Revenue Office's register and apply for their share of the unclaimed money.

Every year millions of dollars end up in the Victorian Unclaimed Money Register – with substantial funds to be claimed across Melbourne and regional Victoria.

Greater Geelong has the most unclaimed money – with more than 33,000 entitlements valued at over \$4.3 million, followed by Ballarat (more than 14,000 entitlements, \$1.8 million), Greater Bendigo (13,000, \$1.8 million), Latrobe (13,000, \$1.5 million), Greater Shepparton (9,000, \$1.2 million) and Mildura (7,000, \$1 million).

In metropolitan Melbourne, the City of Melbourne is the council area with the most unclaimed money – more than 67,000 entitlements worth over \$17.7 million – followed by Boroondara (\$9.8 million), Stonnington (\$6.9 million) and Whitehorse (\$6.6 million).

One Bendigo local has just over \$137,000 waiting for them, while a Box Hill individual has a claim to more than \$880,000, someone from Nunawading is owed more than \$670,000 and a person in Mount Martha can apply for more than \$232,000.

The State Revenue Office Victoria holds records of money that remains unclaimed after 12 months in Victoria from sources including share dividends, salaries and wages, rents and bonds, debentures and interest, proceeds from sales, and Tattersalls, Intralot and Tabcorp winnings and prizes.

To claim owed monies, visit <u>sro.vic.gov.au/unclaimedmoney</u> and search the register using a personal or company name and address.

Quote attributable to Minister for Economic Growth Tim Pallas

"We encourage Victorians to check the website and claim their unclaimed monies - this could provide substantial benefits to people if they make the effort. If you are not sure, our advice is to go to the website and check."

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