

Media Release

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MORE SOCIAL HOMES COMING TO BALLARAT

More Victorian families are getting a place to call home right across Ballarat thanks to the Allan Labor Government's investment in social and affordable housing.

Minister for Housing and Building Harriet Shing this week visited Leawarra Crescent in Delacombe where construction has kicked off on 181 brand new homes, before attending the 2025 Victorian Homelessness Conference in Ballarat.

The Delacombe redevelopment will deliver 117 social and 64 affordable homes, along with new streets and upgraded open spaces designed to meet community needs.

The homes will include townhouses, detached and semi-detached designs which will be completed in stages from 2026 to 2028, with former residents able to come back if they choose.

This project is part of more than \$170 million invested across Greater Ballarat, delivering 439 new social and affordable homes, including:

- 15 homes under construction in Canadian
- 5 homes recently completed in Ballarat
- 30 homes nearing completion in Mitchell Park
- 24 homes under construction in Ballarat
- A further 34 homes to be built across Central Highlands

These projects will deliver homes for families on the Victorian Housing Register, including women and children escaping family violence and people experiencing homelessness.

The Labor Government is also investing \$13.7 million for homelessness services across the Central Highlands region, including Ballarat.

Our landmark \$6.3 billion investment in social and affordable housing is delivering more than 13,300 homes across Victoria, with more than 11,400 underway or complete. More than 4,300 of these homes are in rural and regional Victoria.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Housing and Building Harriet Shing

"Every Victorian family deserves a modern and energy-efficient place to call home, and these homes mean more families will have the stability they need to thrive."

"We're delivering hundreds of new social and affordable homes across Greater Ballarat, delivering housing options for people who need them most and supporting local construction jobs."

Quote attributable to Member for Wendouree Juliana Addison

"Ballarat is growing and we're making sure everyone has access to a modern, affordable home. These projects will strengthen our community and give more families the security they need to build their lives here."

Quote attributable to Member for Eureka Michaela Settle

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“We’re building homes to give families the security and stability they deserve, while creating jobs and supporting the local economy.”

Quote attributable to Member for Ripon Martha Haylett

“Every house we build is another step toward making sure more local families have access to an affordable, safe place to call home.”