

Media Release

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BUILDING A STRONGER NORTH RICHMOND COMMUNITY

North Richmond families will soon benefit from new community infrastructure - from a competition-grade basketball court to safer streets and a revitalised retail strip.

Minister Shing today announced more than \$700,000 for local organisations to deliver five projects, as well as a brand-new competition-grade basketball court for the North Richmond housing estate.

The Allan Labor Government is investing to build communities, and the new basketball court will enable Helping Hoops to run weekly basketball programs for kids in the community.

The program will deliver a secure bike parking trial on the North Richmond housing estate, with relocatable bike lockers to be installed across four of the high-rise towers.

The Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House will use funding to implement their Community Action Plan, with previous projects including a large-scale mural celebrating the history and cultural diversity of North Richmond.

Yarra City Council will receive support to deliver their Victoria Street Revitalisation Strategy, which is currently working with the local community to identify priority works and projects.

The North Richmond Community Committee will use their funding to continue building the local community, prioritising work on the findings of an independent review into the North Richmond Precinct.

The Safe and Welcoming Spaces initiative will develop ideas and projects to support vulnerable people in public spaces to engage in supports and services.

It's part of Labor's \$13 million investment in improving public amenity and building community in the North Richmond Precinct.

For more information on the grants visit dffh.vic.gov.au/north-richmond-community-grants.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Housing and Building Harriet Shing

"Families in North Richmond deserve a community they're proud of - and Labor is investing to build it."

"A new basketball court, safer spaces and a more vibrant Victoria Street is what real investment in a community looks like."