

Media Release

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TINY TOWNS, BIG UPGRADES

Labor has delivered new spaces in two small towns outside Ballarat that the whole community can be proud of.

The upgrades to Burrumbeet Soldiers Memorial Hall and Cardigan Village Reserve are just two of the dozens of community building projects already delivered through our \$20 million *Tiny Towns Fund*.

The targeted *Tiny Towns Fund* offers grants of between \$5,000 and \$50,000 to small communities across regional Victoria.

The hall — built in 1935 to honour First World War veterans — now has new storage, a baby change room and accessible access.

At Cardigan Village Reserve, new play equipment, paths, furniture, gathering areas and a sensory garden have transformed the space for local families.

For more information, visit rdv.vic.gov.au/tiny-towns-fund

Quotes attributable to Minister for Regional Development Michaela Settle

"Small communities deserve great spaces — and that's exactly what the Tiny Towns Fund delivers."

"Across three rounds, we're delivering the projects that locals want in Victoria's smallest communities."

Quotes attributable to Member for Ripon Martha Haylett

"Projects like this will have a lasting impact on the Burrumbeet and Cardigan Village communities."

"I want to sincerely thank the local volunteers who make it all happen, and who will get to enjoy these upgrades for years to come."