SUPPORTING SAFER VICTORIAN COMMUNITIES

Local communities across Victoria are sharing in $3 million in grants to enhance public spaces and reduce crime, as the Andrews Labor Government works to build a safer state.

Minister for Police Lisa Neville today announced the latest round of the Public Safety Infrastructure Fund (PSIF) grants – providing up to $250,000 in funding for 17 local crime prevention projects. Successful projects include:

- Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) systems to keep watch over public spaces
- Streetscape and amenity improvements
- Lighting systems and other security measures to prevent crime.

The projects will boost community safety in public places – including shopping and entertainment precincts, parks and gardens – by increasing visibility and helping to reduce opportunistic crime.

The grants form part of the Labor Government’s $19.4 million investment in community crime prevention.

The Government is working with communities across Victoria to address the root causes of crime and increase public safety by funding local projects to tackle graffiti, build safer public spaces, and support disadvantaged or high-risk communities.

The landmark Community Safety Statement sets out a plan to keep communities safe by funding thousands of additional frontline police, new technology and capabilities, as well as Youth Crime Prevention grants to reduce harm in our communities.

The full list of PSIF projects is available at www.crimeprevention.vic.gov.au

Quotes attributable to Minister for Police Lisa Neville

“No Victorian should feel unsafe, and these projects will go a long way to transform our public spaces and improve safety for local residents.”

“Whether it’s CCTV or a new lighting system – these are projects designed by local communities to encourage more foot traffic and reduce crime.”