

FACT SHEET

Loddon Campaspe Regional Partnership

Listening - Following consultation with our communities, we have identified the following priorities:

A connected region – ensuring great transport connections with increased rail services, faster trains and reliable internet access on board; also reliable internet access and connectivity in the region;

Health – support for our communities to achieve real change in preventable health issues. Encouraging more people, to be more active, more often;

Create the best possible start for every child – promoting the importance of reading and speaking to children as this lays the foundations for literacy skills;

Supporting youth, our critical asset – mental health issues are on the rise, young people need supportive relationships, connections to community and positive role models to help build resilience;

A growing economy – we need to capitalise on our strengths and opportunities so our economy thrives;

A great environment to live in – exploring better ways of interacting, using and taking care of our bush; also the creation of a network of regional trails.

And delivering - Budget 2018/19 outcomes:

Partnership priorities supported in the Victorian Government Budget include:

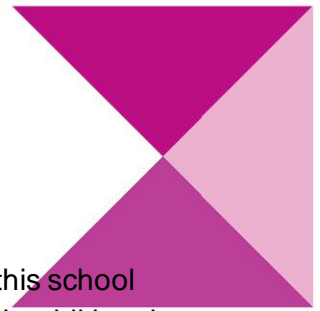
- **\$5 million** towards **Healthy Heart of Victoria** program, including funding for the Heart of Victoria Active Living Census, the Loddon Campaspe Active Communities infrastructure program, and health and wellbeing brokers to build capacity and health and wellbeing throughout the region.
- **\$2.1 million** to pilot a new land management partnership between Traditional Owners and the state through the **Walking Together** initiative.
- **\$130 million** for **rail infrastructure upgrades** from **Maryborough and Ararat to Ballarat**
- **\$59.9 million** to revitalise the **Bendigo Kangan Institute** - Bendigo City Campus.
- **\$16 million** to build the **Bendigo GovHub** to accommodate current and new public service jobs.
- **\$11.8 million** for **Castlemaine Secondary College** to continue ongoing staged works, including the completion of the performing arts precinct
- **\$10.2 million** to support construction of a **reticulated water supply** to service the area surrounding the town of **Mitiamo**
- Funding to acquire land for the new multi-jurisdictional **Bendigo Law Court**.



Key investments in the 2018/19 Budget relevant to all Regional Partnership regions

Loddon Campaspe will share in a range of significant state-wide investments including:

- More than **\$941 million** for **better regional roads** across the state, including:
 - \$333 million for regional road restoration
 - \$261 million for road upgrades in regional Victoria
 - \$229 million for Continuing Towards Zero, providing safety upgrades to our regional road network
 - \$100 million for grants to rural councils to undertake local road remediation projects
 - \$17.4 million to establish Regional Roads Victoria
- **\$303.8 million** to create over **30,000 additional training places**
- **\$188.7 million** for **regional rail infrastructure and new regional trains**
- **\$180.8 million** to **build or upgrade 60 regional schools**
- **\$171.9 million** for **TAFE free** for priority courses from 1 January 2019. Priority courses include those related to construction, the NDIS, agriculture, infrastructure and specific regional priorities
- **\$70.6 million** for the **health of our parks** and to grow their economic benefits for regional Victorians
- **\$60 million** to extend the **Community Sport Infrastructure Fund** to improve access and participation in community sports
- **\$51.1 million** to grow **Victoria's visitor economy** through funding for international, interstate and intrastate marketing campaigns and expansion of the Regional Events Fund and Major Events Fund
- **\$50 million** for a boost to the **Regional Health Infrastructure Fund** to enable rural and regional health services to maintain assets and respond to population changes and the changing health needs of local communities
- **\$33.9 million** to **build, expand and improve early years infrastructure** across Victoria
- **\$26.2 million** for **regional rail sustainability** to enable V/Line to retain service levels and standards in connecting regional Victoria
- A share of **\$25 million** for continuation of the **Community Crime Prevention Program** to fund local crime prevention initiatives, develop positive promotion of local communities and promote positive results of local crime prevention projects
- **\$22.7 million** for **pedestrian and cycling paths** across Victoria
- **\$22.2 million** for **additional regional bus services** and improvements to the regional traveller journey experience
- **\$20 million** for **rural council transformation**, a grants program to help rural councils across Victoria improve their financial viability
- **\$16.1 million** to grow **Victoria's agricultural exports, farms and tourism**
- **\$11 million** for the **Victorian Mobile Project Round**, building on the Government's existing commitment to remove mobile black spots in regional Victoria
- **\$3 million** for **recontracting of regional bus services**.

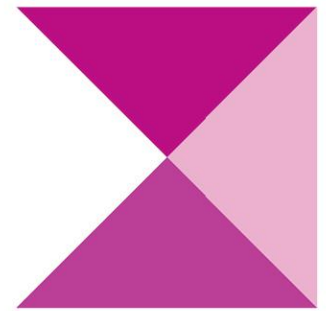


Other significant 2018/19 Budget investments in the Loddon Campaspe region

- **\$19.1 million** to upgrade the **Calder Highway** between Bendigo and Mildura
- **\$10 million for Gisborne Primary School** to upgrade and modernise facilities at this school including the demolition of the current, under-sized school gym, and replacing it with additional modern classrooms and a state-of-the-art competition grade gym
- **\$5.1 million** to upgrade safety and security at **Echuca Court**.
- **\$4.2 million** for **Sunbury and Macedon Ranges Specialist School Bullengarook Senior Campus** to refurbish and extend the administration building, construct a new multi-purpose room and an art shed
- **\$3.2 million** for the **Romsey Regeneration Project** to investigate expanding Romsey Primary School from a P-6 to a P-9 and to upgrade and modernise facilities
- **\$2.2 million** for **Riddells Creek Primary School** to upgrade and modernise facilities
- **\$2.2 million** for **Spring Gully Primary School** to continue upgrading junior and middle years' learning areas, staff and administration spaces
- **\$0.5 million** for master planning at **White Hills Primary School** to increase capacity
- **\$0.2 million** for **Dunolly Primary School** to upgrade and modernise facilities
- Funding for a **pedestrian crossing upgrade** at Riddells Creek
- Funding to upgrade the **Melbourne-Lancefield Road/Barry Street intersection in Romsey**
- Funding to plan an upgrade to **Bendigo-Redesdale Road in Strathfieldsaye**
- Funding to plan an upgrade to **Mclvor Highway, Junortoun, between Harley Street and Bennetts Road**
- Funding for the **Bendigo Tech School**
- Funding for **Inglewood Dam** safety upgrades
- Funding for an **Industry Capability Network** representative to be located in Bendigo to help local businesses win work on government projects
- Funding to address winter demands at **Bendigo Hospital**, such as putting on more doctors and nurses, or opening more beds.

New initiatives in 2018/19 to empower local communities

- **Pick My Project** is a **\$30 million** initiative that will enable local residents to nominate and decide on funding priorities in their region. Projects between \$20,000 and \$200,000 will be eligible, with funding spread between the nine Regional Partnership Regions and six Metropolitan Partnership Regions.
- **My Victoria** will provide Victorian communities and businesses with unprecedented access to the information they need to facilitate economic growth and create new jobs for Victorians. My Victoria will display Government infrastructure combined with location intelligence such as demographics and market analysis in a map-based format. The government has created My Victoria to make information more accessible, consumable and relevant for all Victorians.



Our achievements over the past two years

The Loddon Campaspe Regional Partnership is about transforming the way the region's diverse communities work with governments, and together, to make our vision for the region a reality.

The Partnership has been effective over the past two years in: bringing different levels of government together, getting people talking, finding solutions together and addressing issues that matter to our communities. Our advocacy has contributed to a number of outcomes, including:

- **Major investment in the Bendigo and Echuca rail lines** as part of the \$1.7 billion Regional Rail Revival program, to run faster trains and an additional 18 services a week on the Bendigo line, as well as preliminary design work for the upgrade of Bendigo and Eaglehawk stations; **better mobile coverage being rolled out on Bendigo line trains;**
- The establishment by Transport for Victoria of a **Loddon Campaspe Local Transport Forum**, giving the community the opportunity to discuss and impact local transport needs;
- **Digital planning** for Loddon Campaspe underway. A priority for all Partnerships in 2016, the Government responded by investing \$45 million in regional digital connectivity. The Partnership has been working with Government, and the community, to develop a digital plan tailored to our region's needs;
- 96 people from 20 different organisations consulted through workshops, to develop an implementation plan **for the Healthy Heart of Victoria initiative**; to help more people in our community, be more active, more often;
- Feasibility study and business case in development for a **dementia village in Heathcote**;
- **Two Assessment and Care co-ordinators** funded to support Out of Home Care children in Bendigo - an expansion of the Pathway to Good Health Program;
- Worked with state government departments, local councils and the Murray River Tourism Board, to develop **a strategy for Tracks and Trails in our region**;
- Planning underway for a **GovHub in Bendigo**;
- Planning underway for the **Bendigo Law Courts** development.

For more information on the Loddon Campaspe Regional Partnership, go to <http://www.rdv.vic.gov.au/regional-partnerships/loddon-campaspe>