



FACT SHEET

Goulburn Regional Partnership

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

Ensure a sustainable future for agriculture by promoting climate change adaptation, surety in land use planning for agricultural development, and encouraging agri-investment;

Continue to strengthen and diversify the economy by activating key locations and sectors for investment, improving pathways to education and employment, ensuring roads and public transport system meet future needs;

Improve connectivity through continued advocacy for rail network, identifying economic and social impacts of gaps in regional transport networks, improving digital uptake and inclusion;

Support peri-urban growth corridor by revitalising key locations and developing a pipeline of strategic regional infrastructure to support investment;

Support children and young people by actively engaging young people, advocating for place-based collective impact approaches, ensuring youth service system is accessible and seamless, encouraging youth entrepreneurship;

Ensure a healthy and engaged population through region-wide health and wellbeing planning, increased access to creative and artistic activities and supporting initiatives to reduce obesity.

And delivering - Budget 2018/19 outcomes:

Partnership priorities supported in the Victorian Government Budget include:

- **\$312.9 million** for **upgrades to the Shepparton rail line** that will allow modern VLocity trains to operate to and from Shepparton for the first time, offer faster journey times and improve the amenity and reliability of services. Funding is also provided for a business case to finalise the scope and costs of Stage 3 to deliver up to nine return services a day.
- **\$23 million** for the **Munarra Centre for Regional Excellence**, a state-of-the-art educational, sporting, cultural and community centre for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal young people to be based on Yorta Yorta country in Shepparton
- **\$0.4 million** for a **masterplan for Barmah National Park**, focusing on business opportunities for Yorta Yorta Traditional Owners
- **\$0.3 million** to develop a **renewable energy strategy for the Hume region**
- **\$0.2 million** to develop a strategy to increase employment and business opportunities for **Aboriginal people in natural resource management**
- Funding for an **additional inter-peak weekday train service to Seymour**.



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

Goulburn 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
- **\$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 4**, 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 Goulburn region

- **\$20.5 million** towards the **Shepparton Education Plan** to fund Stage 1 of the new secondary school and an Integrated Children Centre at Mooroopna
- **\$20 million** to progress the **Kilmore-Wallan Bypass**
- **\$19.9 million** for upgrades to the **Shepparton heavy vehicle alternative freight route**
- **\$1 million** for **Euroa Secondary College** to upgrade and modernise facilities
- **\$0.5 million** for **Ardmona Primary School** to upgrade and modernise facilities
- **\$0.2 million** for **Tallarook Primary School** to upgrade and modernise facilities
- Funding for **Goulburn Valley Health** to address winter demands through putting on more doctors and nurses or opening more beds
- Funding to plan **Wallan Sports and Aquatic Centre**.

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 Goulburn 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:

- The Partnership, working with Agriculture Victoria, DELWP, climate change and policy specialists, to support the region to develop world's best agriculture and climate change thinking through the application of **climate change research and development on farm**;
- **Major upgrades to the North East Rail Corridor** as part of the \$1.7 billion Regional Rail Revival program, which will include track upgrades from Melbourne to Albury/ Wodonga to at least Victorian Class 2 standard, supporting infrastructure for VLocity trains and funding to plan the Shepparton freight network; also funds for **additional rail services between Shepparton and Seymour**; increased **mobile coverage on trains on the Seymour line**;
- \$10.2 million towards planning, pre-construction and early works for **Stage 1 of the Goulburn Valley Highway Shepparton bypass**;
- **Digital planning** for Goulburn 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; the Government is also investing in **free public WiFi in Shepparton**;
- \$3 million over three years for the **Greater Shepparton Lighthouse Project** to support vulnerable young people and their families;
- Business case complete and planning underway for the **Munarra Centre of Regional Excellence** in the Goulburn Murray. The Munarra Centre of Regional Excellence aims to create a healthy and engaged population through development of: a sports, health and education academy, early learning centre, arts and cultural hub, hospitality facilities and student accommodation.

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