

SUMMER 2020

# Ballarat GovHub

Sky High



**Construction of the Ballarat GovHub has reached new heights as the project nears completion, which is expected in early 2021.**

The Ballarat GovHub will be home to up to 1000 Victorian Government employees, including up to 600 new and relocated public sector positions. The project has generated up to 500 jobs during construction, many of which have been to local Ballarat businesses. Development Victoria is leading the development of the GovHub in partnership with Regional Development Victoria. Construction, which commenced in early 2019, has safely continued throughout 2020 and is on track to be completed in late February 2021.

Kane Nicholson Joint Venture (KNJV) has been managing the construction of the GovHub with strict protocols in place adhering to COVID-19 restrictions as set by the Victorian Government. This includes mandatory mask wearing on site, social distancing, easy access to hand sanitiser stations, daily temperature checks and more.

Over recent months the Ballarat GovHub has successfully topped out with the roof and sheer glass wall installed. Zinc cladding and the impressive internal timber fit out is also underway. Landscaping works have also commenced which are set to transform the site revitalising a major part of the Ballarat CBD.

Development Victoria has also sought Expressions of Interest (EOI) from local artists to commission future artwork for the ground floor area. This will provide a welcome greeting for visitors and create a sense of belonging for the building's place in Ballarat.

## WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE COMING MONTHS:

- Main building completion including zinc cladding, external glazing and main foyer works.
- Internal fit out completion including carpet, workstations and kitchen areas.
- Landscaping works will be completed in the central plaza and front building courtyard.
- Modifications to Armstrong Street North to accommodate the final construction phase of the building. These works will be safely managed to limit impacts to local residents and businesses.
- Continued truck movements in and out of the site from Armstrong Street North, which is closed northbound between Mair Street and Market Street.
- Construction will continue to take place between 7.00am - 8.00pm Monday to Friday and 7.00am-3.30pm on Saturday, with no noisy works occurring before 9.00am on Saturday.
- These works will generate medium levels of noise on site. All works on site are subject to strict controls in accordance with construction regulations.
- It is expected that tenants will start moving into the GovHub from April 2021.

## GovHub Brings Local Jobs to Ballarat

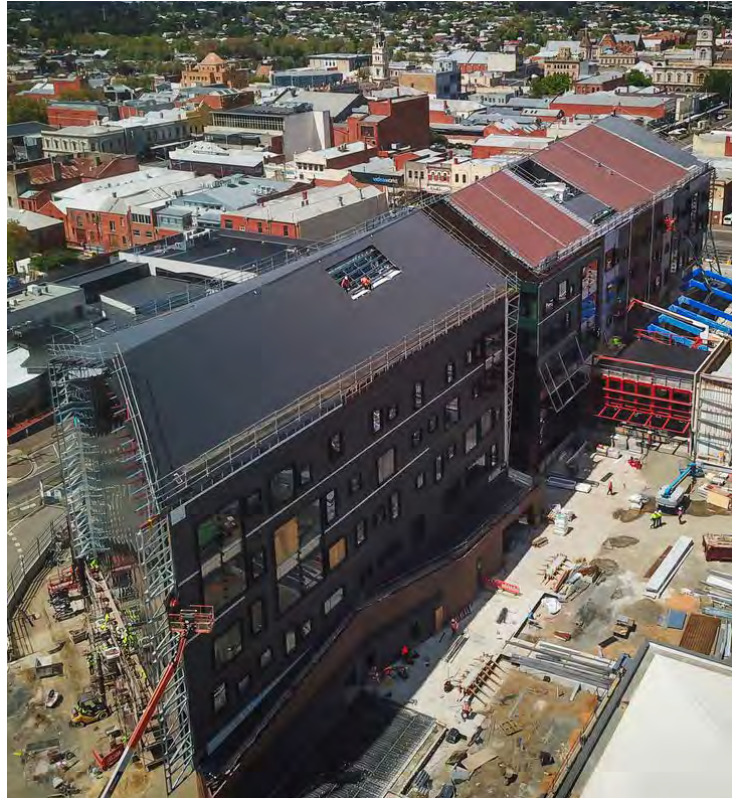
As a major employer in Victoria, the State Government is stimulating growth and productivity by relocating and creating 600 State Government positions to Ballarat. These positions will either be part of the Victorian Police Assistance Line or with a Government Agency or Department.

The Department of Justice and Community Safety's Consumer Affairs Victoria and Working with Children Check have commenced moving their offices to Ballarat, utilising temporary offices. To-date, this has resulted in approximately 100 new local jobs in Ballarat over the last 18 months.

This has shown that Government-led projects aimed at sharing economic growth and diversifying regional economies have proven to be successful and the State Government is committed to sharing growth opportunities right across the state.

The GovHub will continue to renew and develop the Ballarat CBD as the economic hub of the city.

New positions based at the Ballarat GovHub will be advertised at [www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au) as they become available. Register for notifications today.



### IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

#### CONSTRUCTION WORKS

Contact Mick Page from Kane Nicholson at [info@awnicholson.com.au](mailto:info@awnicholson.com.au) or 03 5322 5444 or visit the site office at 300-304 Mair Street, Ballarat.

#### BALLARAT GOVHUB DEVELOPMENT

Contact Development Victoria at [enquiries.engage@development.vic.gov.au](mailto:enquiries.engage@development.vic.gov.au) or visit [development.vic.gov.au/ballarat-govhub](http://development.vic.gov.au/ballarat-govhub) or 03 8317 3400.

#### CAR PARKING

Contact the City of Ballarat at [info@ballarat.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@ballarat.vic.gov.au) or 03 5320 5500.

#### OTHER ROAD PROJECTS UNDERWAY

For information on other road projects managed by Regional Roads Victoria contact 13 37 78 or visit [regionalroads.vic.gov.au](http://regionalroads.vic.gov.au)



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