

Bendigo GovHub

Investing in
Bendigo's future



Artist impression - indicative only

The Victorian Government is investing in Bendigo with a new GovHub – a state of the art building to support the creation of jobs and the delivery of a range of government services.

Following community engagement in mid-2019 the Bendigo GovHub concept design has been finalised, making way for a thoughtfully designed building that can accommodate up to 1000 local and state government workers.

The building will be located on Lyttleton Terrace in the heart of the civic precinct. This will deliver better services and connections for the community. The GovHub will co-locate workers from:

- City of Greater Bendigo
- Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions (DJPR) [Agriculture Victoria, Regional Development Victoria, Earth Resources, Sport and Recreation Victoria]
- Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) [Parks Victoria]
- Department of Transport (Regional Roads Victoria, VicRoads, Public Transport Victoria)
- Victorian Labour Hire Authority
- Victorian Portable Long Service Authority

The Victorian Budget 2017/18 confirmed a \$16 million investment for delivery of the Bendigo GovHub. The investment will go towards a project valued at more than \$90 million, to build and fit-out the new modern office building.

Around 100 jobs will be created during the construction of the Bendigo GovHub and a total of \$131 million will be injected into the local economy during the life of the project.

The Bendigo community was asked to provide feedback on the draft concept plans for the new GovHub.

The following themes were considered important to the community:

- A welcoming foyer area that provides customers with efficient service delivery and incorporates opportunities for heritage or local art exhibitions.
- Weatherproof spaces outside the building, sculpture and artworks in the forecourt, landscaping around the building.
- End of trip bike facilities, linkages to the surrounding bike network and pedestrian prioritisation on surrounding roads.
- A sustainable design to improve morale, performance and wellbeing of workers.
- Universal access, well-designed lighting, community spaces within the building, and connection with the surrounding precinct and city centre.

The feedback has been taken into consideration and included in the final concept design.

PROJECT TIMELINE



Key Elements Of The Bendigo Govhub Concept Design

A WELL DESIGNED PUBLIC REALM

Efficient and accessible open spaces with awnings provide shade and shelter along Lyttleton Terrace and St Andrews Avenue. This ensures the ground floor can be enjoyed by staff and the community. A civic forecourt on Lyttleton Terrace and a pocket park on Mundy Street exists to connect the building to its surrounds and act as a community meeting point. A strong landscape theme is consistent throughout the building with an internal courtyard and several strategic cut-outs creating space for daylight and views.

REFLECTING HERITAGE AND CULTURE

Through the use of glass the GovHub mirrors the curve of Lyttleton Terrace delivering a strong civic presence connecting to the Civic Gardens, Bendigo Town Hall and the Bendigo Library. The building reflects heritage and culture through the use of bluestone material which is commonly seen across Bendigo. Opportunities to reflect Bendigo's history are also being explored through the facade and landscaping including those of cultural significance.

DESIGNED WITH KEY SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVES

The building will deliver high performing sustainability outcomes targeting a Five Star certification through the internationally recognised Green Star rating system. Key sustainability elements include efficient indoor air quality systems, a well-insulated building, the use of solar panels, water and energy monitoring systems and a large timber frame which is known for its many construction and health benefits.

PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT

Large end of trip facilities including bicycle racks promote the use of sustainable transport for workers.

DESIGNED TO INCORPORATE GROUND FLOOR COMMUNITY SPACES

The community can enjoy the ground floor area which will include customer service areas, a concierge, a café and spaces with 'lookouts' offering views of the GovHub's landscaped gardens and beyond.

DELIVERING STATE OF THE ART WORKSPACES

Up to 1000 local and state government workers will have access to high quality, flexible working spaces over a proposed four floors which includes the use of shared meeting spaces at ground level. Large windows across all levels offer unique views to significant civic precinct buildings.



Artist impression - Connecting to the civic precinct



Artist impression - Forecourt on Lyttleton Terrace



Artist impression - The ground floor area



Artist impression - Contemporary workplace

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