

WINTER 2019

# Ballarat GovHub

Excavation complete

WORKS AT THE GOVHUB SITE IN JULY

Excavation works are now complete at the Ballarat GovHub with the project moving towards the first phase of construction. Activities continue to be carefully planned to minimise noise and other disruptions to neighbouring businesses and residents.

Development Victoria is leading the development of the new GovHub in partnership with Regional Development Victoria and the City of Ballarat. The Ballarat GovHub will be home to up to 1000 Victorian Government employees, including up to 600 public sector positions relocated from Melbourne, helping to revitalise a major part of the Ballarat CBD.

Construction has been underway since early 2019 and is expected to be completed by the end of 2020. The project is set to create up to 500 jobs during construction.

We appreciate your ongoing patience and understanding during this time

## WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE COMING MONTHS:

- The final removal of material from the site.
- Underground service installation to prepare for basement construction.
- Concrete pouring into the basement.
- The first arrival of timber for construction of the building.
- 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 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 which are expected to be quieter than noise during excavation. All works on site are subject to strict controls in accordance with construction regulation.
- From time to time, certain unavoidable activities may have to be undertaken between 3.30pm – 8.00pm on Saturdays which may create noise levels. These works are in accordance with noise controls and will be limited as much as possible.

## Supporting local Ballarat businesses: McPherson Commercial Plumbing

The team at McPherson Commercial Plumbing (MCP) are patiently waiting in the wings to start work on the Ballarat GovHub.

The local Wendouree-based business won the contract to deliver all plumbing and hydraulics works on the Ballarat GovHub following a competitive tender process with joint development venture Kane Nicholson.

McPherson Commercial Plumbing are leaders in the field with a strong track record of delivering projects across Ballarat and Regional Victoria including Civic Hall Redevelopment, a new secure facility at Ararat prison, Ballarat Sports & Events Centre, Delacombe Town Centre, Delacombe Bunnings, Aldi Wendouree and Australian Catholic University Physiotherapy Teaching & Learning Building.

Glen McPherson, Managing Director of McPherson Commercial Plumbing said the company has brought on more staff because of the GovHub contract.

"We've been preparing our business for this project over the last seven months and have brought on six extra plumbers to work on the GovHub and to help us continue to service our existing projects across Victoria and Sydney," said Glen.

McPherson Commercial Plumbing will begin works at the foundation level before concrete is poured on the basement level.

From there, the MCP team will be onsite right until the end of the project -installing and fitting off all toilet and kitchen amenities on each floor of the GovHub.

Mr McPherson, said the GovHub building is a one-of-a-kind.

"The GovHub is quite unique in that it will be one of the largest timber structure commercial buildings in Australia and this will mean that we will be installing our pipelines through timber as opposed to concrete," said Glen.

"Getting to work on a project as big as the GovHub in your hometown is pretty exciting and this project means a lot to us and our business."

McPherson Commercial Plumbing is one of many local businesses contracted to work on the Ballarat GovHub.



### IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

#### CAR PARKING

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

#### 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.

#### 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)

#### 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.



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