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More funding for major projects in the Upper Murray

Upper Murray Events Centre funding confirmed

Minister for Regional Development Jaclyn Symes today announced the Labor Government will provide \$800,000 towards the \$2.5 million Upper Murray Events Centre to be built at the Corryong Recreation Reserve.

The development has been in planning since 2016, with Council advocating strongly to Federal and State Government for funding for the project.

In addition to this \$800,000 funding commitment, the Federal government has also contributed \$800,000, with a further \$600,000 in contributions from Council and \$300,000 in community funds and in-kind support.

Mayor David Wortmann has praised the Andrews Government for this significant funding.

'This is a clear demonstration that both levels of government are committed to investing in the future of rural communities. The project simply couldn't happen without this support and we are truly grateful.'

Cr Wortmann also expressed Council's deep appreciation for the efforts of the Minister for Regional Development Jaclyn Symes.

'Minister Symes has been a great supporter of the Upper Murray, and rural Victoria more generally. Rural and regional Victoria is in good hands with Minister Symes as the Minister for the key portfolios of Regional Development and Agriculture.'

The facility will be an important addition to the annual Man from Snowy River Festival, held in April each year. The centre will also host Federals Football Netball Club and Corryong Football Netball Club, Neighbourhood Centre, Historic Machinery Club, Draft Club, Men's Shed, Agricultural Pastoral Society, Lions Club and Rotary Club.

Council staff have been working with football clubs and community groups to ensure minimal disruption over the works period. Collaboration with Recreation Reserve user groups continues, with Council working closely with community members to finalise the design.

Demolition of the existing building to make way for the new development will commence shortly.

Fixing Country Roads – Hanson Street, Corryong

Council has received \$1.44 million from *Regional Roads Victoria* for improvements to Hanson Street, Corryong between Waller and Kiell Streets.

The project will improve Hanson Street with the introduction of a cycle lane, a safety offset lane and parking lane, and provide turning lanes at road intersections, bringing the current infrastructure in line with standard safety guidelines.

The project also includes the installation of stormwater drainage, resealing of Hanson Street, and sealing of Wheeler Street adjacent to Galleon Park.

The grant, combined with the \$747,000 of Council funds already allocated to these works, brings the project total to \$2.4 million. The project will be delivered in 2019/20.

Proposed 2019/20 Council Budget

Council's Proposed Budget for the 2019/20 Financial Year is currently on public exhibition.

Council is pleased to be delivering a number of projects in the Upper Murray, in addition to the Improvements to Hanson Street and the construction of the Upper Murray Events Centre. These projects include:

- Amenity and playground upgrades at the Colac Colac Caravan Park as part of the Federal Government's *Building Better Regions Fund*
- Upgrading the Cudgewa Netball Courts as part of the Federal Government's *Revitalising the Game* Program
- Ongoing support for Upper Murray 2030 Vision Plan implementation
- Upgrades to the Corryong Skate Park
- Installation of a shade structure at Attree Centre, Corryong
- Continuation of Walwa streetscape works
- Improvements to the Corryong Aerodrome

The Proposed Budget is available for review on the Council website. Public submissions will be accepted until 5.00pm on Monday 10 June 2019.

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