

# Media Release

**The Hon Natalie Suleyman MP**

Minister for Veterans  
Minister for Small Business  
Minister for Youth



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## NEW BALLAN SCOUT HALL OPENS

The Andrews Labor Government is building new and improved Scouts Halls across the state with Scouts Victoria, delivering facilities that help celebrate what scouting means to so many Victorians.

Minister for Youth Natalie Suleyman today opened the Ballan Scout Hall, a multi-use facility for the Ballan community to enjoy with improved facilities including accessible bathrooms, improved parking, modern kitchen facilities and several multipurpose rooms.

The funding is part of the Labor Government's pledge to build, upgrade or refurbish Scout Halls across Victoria.

The *Victorian Budget 2023/24* contributes significantly towards the redevelopment and upgrade of another six Scout Halls in South Frankston, Bannockburn, Deer Park, Bundoora, Sandown and Eltham.

Scouts Victoria is one of the state's largest youth organisations with more than 20,000 members and 5,000 adult volunteers. The number of young people participating in scouting activities has grown by 30 per cent in the last 10 years.

Scouts Victoria has a rich history of fostering teamwork, a sense of community and leadership skills among young Victorians. Accessing scouting activities supports young people's positive development and growth by creating opportunities for them to work with others, tackle challenges and lead in their communities.

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Youth Natalie Suleyman

*"I'm delighted we could contribute funding for a new facility for the Ballan community and help encourage young people to enjoy all that scouting has to offer."*

*"With our continued support across the state, we're ensuring scouts have safe and accessible facilities to gather and make the community connections that are so important to our health and wellbeing."*

### Quotes attributable to member for Eureka Michaela Settle MP

*"I'm proud of our continued support for Scout groups and this funding means Scouts here in Ballan will have a modern facility to call home."*