

# Media Release

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## **NILLUMBIK SHIRE COUNCIL RECEIVES BOOST FOR YOUTH HUB**

The Andrews Labor Government is supporting young people to have greater access to tailored services and opportunities through new youth hubs in outer metropolitan Melbourne.

Minister for Youth Natalie Suleyman today announced Nillumbik Shire Council will receive \$300,000 through the *Youth Hubs Grant Program* which provides young people with a modern and accessible site to access to education, employment, and support services.

The Nillumbik Shire Council Youth Hub will deliver mental health services, employment services, case management and generalist youth support.

The existing site will be redeveloped into a contemporary and accessible space including a large meeting room, private consultation spaces, a new outdoor area, and upgraded building services. Redevelopment is scheduled to start in June 2023.

The youth hub will be co-designed with young Victorians to ensure the space is safe and appropriate for young people to connect with each other, be part of meaningful decision-making opportunities and have their voices, lived experiences and solutions heard.

*The Youth Hub Grant Program* is part of a \$1 million investment for the development of new or upgraded place-based youth hubs in Geelong and outer Melbourne.

### **Quotes attributable to Minister for Youth Natalie Suleyman MP**

*"We're continuing to support young Victorians by providing funding which will allow Nillumbik Shire Council to create a facility that will meet the needs of young people in and around the region."*

*"Youth hubs provide a safe and accessible place for young people to create networks and friendships, as well as access to education and employment resources that can improve outcomes for young people."*

### **Quotes attributable to Member for Eltham Vicki Ward**

*"A new Youth Hub in Diamond Creek is great news for our community, particularly young people who will be able to access services and supports as well as develop more connections to other young people."*

### **Quotes attributable to Member for Yan Yean Lauren Kathage**

*"Young people are a vital part of our communities. This will improve their access to services and programs."*

### **Quotes attributable to Deputy Mayor Nillumbik Shire Council Geoff Paine**

*"This is a fantastic opportunity for young people from across Nillumbik Shire Council to continue to lead this project and to work alongside a diverse team to shape the future of their communities."*