

Media Release

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RDV HELPS BRING NEW BUNNINGS TO PORTLAND

Thanks to the Allan Labor Government the Portland community can look forward to more local jobs and economic growth when work begins on the Portland North Employment Precinct this month.

The precinct has been made possible by \$2.5 million in funding from the Labor Government's Portland Economic Diversification Plan, paving the way for Bunnings Warehouse to open a new store as an anchor tenant.

Construction of the store – which will span 5,300 square metres and feature 120 car parking spots – will employ around 50 construction workers during the build and create more than 50 new jobs when it opens in 2025.

The Labor Government's investment in the precinct – including upgraded drainage and road infrastructure – has been instrumental in attracting this major investment to Portland, ensuring the precinct is well-equipped to support future business growth.

The infrastructure upgrades will pave the way for continued job creation and economic activity, benefiting not only Portland but the entire Great South Coast region.

Preliminary works, including the construction of an access road on New Street, are already underway with expected completion by the end of the year. Local contractor Mibus Bros is carrying out the initial works.

Led by Regional Development Victoria, this project marks a significant milestone in the ongoing development of Portland as an industrial hub.

The project is a part of the Government's record \$45 billion investment since 2014 in projects and programs that support regional and rural Victoria to be an even better place to live, work and stay.

Quote attributable to Minister for Regional Development Gayle Tierney

"The arrival of Bunnings at the Portland North Employment Precinct will drive economic growth, create more local jobs, and position Portland as a hub for major employers, benefiting the entire Great South Coast region."

Quote attributable to Member for Western Victoria Jacinta Ermacora

"The Portland North Employment Precinct is set to bring vital jobs and opportunities to our community, boosting the local economy and enhancing the future of Portland."

Quotes attributable to Glenelg Shire Mayor Karen Stephens

"The Portland North Employment Precinct has been a long-term project that is starting to come together."

"It is an engine room for jobs and Bunnings will certainly provide those when it opens, with more than 50 ongoing jobs in addition to around 50 during construction."

Quotes attributable to Bunnings Regional Manager Dave Roddis

“We’re looking forward to bringing a Bunnings store to Portland and offering locals a wide range of home, life-style and DIY products.”

“This investment will enable us to serve the growing Portland region which our team is excited about, and we’re pleased construction is underway.”