

MEDIA RELEASE

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COMMITTEE CONGRATULATES THE LABOR PARTY ON THEIR SUCCESSFUL ELECTION TO OFFICE

The Committee for Ballarat congratulates the Labor Party on their successful election to office in the Victorian State Election held last Saturday.

“We congratulate the Premier elect, Daniel Andrews, on his election win, together with local representatives, Sharon Knight, Member for Wendouree, Geoff Howard, Member for Buninyong and Louise Staley, Member for Ripon” said Committee for Ballarat - Chair, Judy Verlin.

Verlin added, “we look forward to working closely with the newly elected State Government and our three local representatives to deliver key projects that will enable sustainable long-term social and economic growth in our region”.

Committee for Ballarat – CEO, John Kilgour said, “Ballarat was a united voice in the lead up to the election and we welcome the Labor Party’s pre-election pledges¹. Over the coming months, we will work hard on behalf of our members to hold the new State Government to account for their commitments to ensure the promised projects and programs are delivered in a timely manner”.

In the lead up to the State Election, the Committee for Ballarat strongly advocated for the activation of the BWEZ precinct, revitalisation of the CBD precinct, including the relocation of a State Government department; and the establishment a major sports and entertainment precinct in North Ballarat.

Kilgour further stated, “in early 2015 we will be conducting a series of workshops with our members where we will review the outcome of the State Election, refine our Strategic Action Plan and prioritise our work for the year ahead to ensure that what was promised for our region is delivered”.

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¹ Committee for Ballarat Scorecard – November 2014

OUR SCORECARD: State Election 2014

PRIORITY PROJECTS		OUR ASK		MAJOR PARTY PLEDGES	
				COALITION	LABOR
Ballarat West Employment Zone					
Construction Western Link Road	Commitment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stage 1 (Northbound) Construction commenced in Oct '14 of Northbound section (1.7km). Southbound section (2.5km) subject to Cultural Heritage Mgt Plan issues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bi-Partisan support		
Land release	Commitment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stage 1 Released Expressions of Interest now open & close 12 Dec '14. Release of up to 60.1 ha of land in various parcel sizes. Development supported by \$30.2m released by the State May '14 budget.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bi-Partisan support		
Freight-Logistics Hub	\$15.9m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal & State Funding \$9.13m released in May '14 Federal budget for trunk infrastructure.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bi-Partisan Support		
Emergency Services Hub	\$16m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Draft feasibility plan to be completed in Dec '14 with final recommendations to be released.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No announcement or funding commitment has been made.		
Biotechnology Innovation Centre	\$10m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No announcement or funding commitment has been made.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No announcement or funding commitment has been made.		
Waste-to-Energy Facility	\$4m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No announcement or funding commitment has been made.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No announcement or funding commitment has been made.		
Revitalisation of the CBD					
Ballarat Station Precinct	\$0.6m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$5.1m Support for activation of the Ballarat Railway Station Precinct Master plan Relocate VicRoads to Ballarat (Civic Hall site). 600 jobs & \$60m economic flow-on	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$25m Revamp precinct incl 3000 ^m convention space converting existing bluestone sheds.		
Transport & Connectivity	\$10-15m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 50 extra train trips Manufacturing commitment: 12 Xtrapolis trains in Ballarat. \$13.1m (May '14 state budget: Rowsley bypass & Ballan Stn upgrade.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 50% local manufacturing content for Velocity & Xtrapolis trains.		
Major Sports & Entertainment Precinct in North Ballarat	\$37m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$24m Upgrades and expansion of sporting venues across Ballarat including \$15m for Wendouree Sports & Events Centre (Basketball & Netball) and \$5m Eureka Stadium (Lights & scoreboard)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$31.5m Upgrade Eureka Stadium, Wendouree Sports and Events Centre, CE Brown Reserve and Ballarat Showgrounds AFL games to Ballarat 2 Western Bulldogs premierships games per year		
Support for community leadership					
Leadership Ballarat & Western Region	\$0.8m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$6m over 4 year term Just short of \$8m requested but will fund programs from 10 Regional leadership programs (inc LBWR) and VRCLP Secretariat.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$8m over 4 year term Announced 24 Nov '14, \$8m pledge to fund 10 Regional leadership programs (inc LBWR) and VRCLP Secretariat.		
Victorian Regional Community Leadership Programs (secretariat hosted by Committee for Ballarat)	\$7.2m				

This scorecard reports on the priority projects identified in Committee for Ballarat's election strategy document, *Advancing Ballarat & Western Region – Preparing for Growth*



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OTHER INVESTMENT IN BALLARAT & REGION: State Election 2014

We welcome the following election pledges by the major parties that will benefit our local communities.

AREA	COALITION	LABOR
HEALTH	<p>\$83m for Ballarat Health Services – 60 new beds, includes \$10m for a second cardiac lab, \$8m for better mental health services (12 bed facility) New partnership between the health service and the Royal Children's Hospital.</p>	<p>\$10m Cardiac catheterisation laboratory at Ballarat Base Hospital</p>
TRANSPORT	<p>Major upgrades to key regional highways, including the Princes, Calder and Western highways.</p> <p>\$8b East West Link (3,700 jobs and saving 30 minutes on a round trip to Melbourne for Ballarat residents and businesses).</p> <p>\$3.9b Rail State Investment will deliver a new train every month for 10 years and 3500 jobs</p> <p>Building the Murray Basin Rail Project to upgrade and standardise country rail freight lines in Western Victoria.</p>	<p>\$50m: Homesafe inc 2am shuttle bus from Melbourne to Ballarat</p>
EDUCATION	<p>Upgrade: Ballarat High School</p> <p>Upgrade: Mt Clear Secondary College - \$13m to upgrade the facilities at Mount Clear College which includes upgrade of classrooms and specialist learning areas as well as major improvements to the gym and science, music, arts and trade centres.</p> <p>New: Primary school to be built in Lucas supporting Alfredton and Delacombe suburbs.</p>	<p>\$6m: Ballarat Secondary College</p> <p>\$2m: Delacombe Primary School</p> <p>\$350,000: Iris Ramsay Kindergarten Tech School in Ballarat</p> <p>\$5m: Industry hub at Federation University TAFE</p>
OTHER		<p>\$8m for Blood on the Southern Cross (Sovereign Hill)</p> <p>Emergency Medical response training: firefighters at Ballarat City fire station</p> <p>Transition supervision of prisoners in police cells at Ballarat Police Station to custody officers</p> <p>\$500,000 over four years: for Ballarat CASA to employ staff dedicated to assisting victims of institutional abuse</p>