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# For Families



Getting On With It  
Budget Information Paper

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The 2015-16 Victorian Budget delivers significant investment in new capital projects for all Victorians.

	(\$million)
Creative Industries	\$121
Education	\$668
Health and Human Services	\$620
Justice	\$281
Sport and Recreation	\$95
Transport	\$17,199 – \$20,199
Other	\$51
<b>Total new investments</b>	<b>\$19,034 – \$22,034</b>





## Transport

The Andrews Labor Government is getting on with the projects our state needs, to get people home to their families safer and sooner.

The *2015-16 Victorian Budget* funds projects that will transform our public transport system, reduce congestion on our roads and improve safety and services for everyone.

This Budget fast-tracks planning, development and construction of the road and rail upgrades that families and businesses need – creating jobs, driving growth and getting our state back on track.

The Budget includes record investment in public transport, with a 41 per cent increase over 2014-15. As a proportion of the Budget's total new asset investment, public transport is receiving 37 per cent more than in 2014-15.

### Removing our worst level crossings

The Andrews Labor Government will remove 50 of our most dangerous and congested level crossings, to help end the traffic nightmare on local roads and get more trains on every line.

Removing level crossings:

- ▶ **Reduces congestion.** Level crossings make up almost half of the RACV's top 10 traffic hotspots in Melbourne. Boom gates can stay down for up to 80 minutes over the morning peak.
- ▶ **Means more trains can run on every line.** At present, the addition of services on major train lines would cause traffic chaos on surrounding streets.
- ▶ **Helps reduce the road toll.** There were over 240 crashes at level crossings over the decade to 2013. That's not good enough in the road safety capital.
- ▶ **Grows our economy.** The projects will create 4500 jobs, save tradespeople money and time and help businesses transport goods more efficiently.



The Budget commits **\$5–\$6 billion**, including **\$2–\$2.4 billion** over four years, to implement the Labor Government’s commitments to remove 50 of our most dangerous and congested level crossings over eight years.

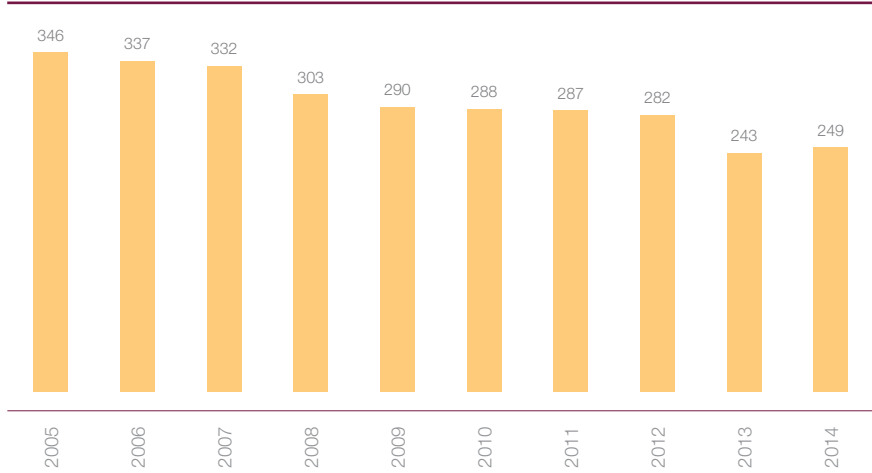
The Level Crossing Removal Authority will deliver the project, prioritising and coordinating each removal and identifying opportunities for ‘value capture’ development in surrounding areas.

Removing all nine level crossings between Dandenong and Caulfield on Melbourne’s busiest train line is our priority, and a further four level crossing removal projects are already out to market.

The Labor Government will also improve safety at 52 high-risk country level crossings and 25 high-risk rail pedestrian crossings in the regions – because the road toll touches our whole state.

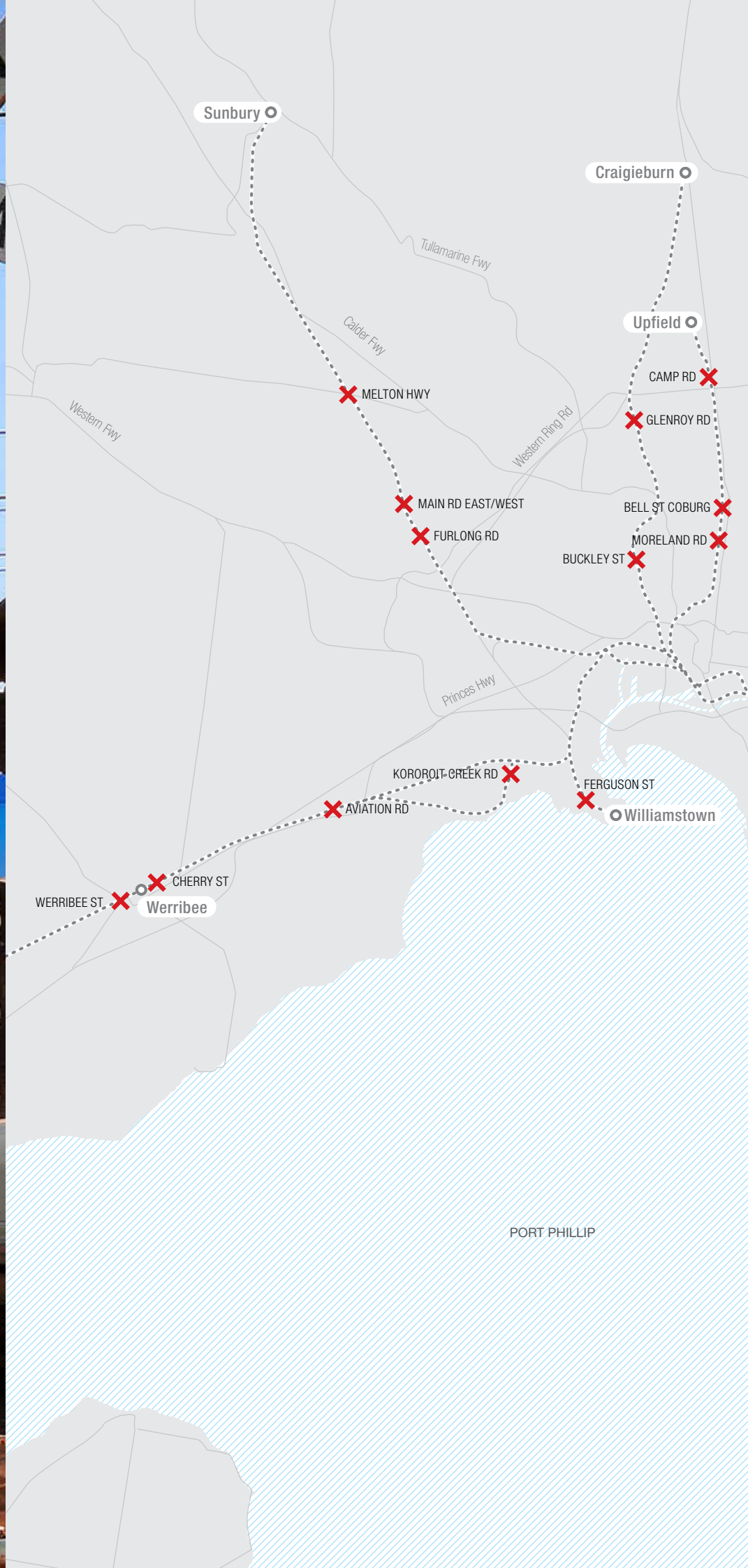
Remove 50 level crossings in 8 years  
 \$5–\$6 billion total investment  
 4500 jobs created

**VICTORIAN ANNUAL ROAD TOLL**



Source: Victoria Police Road Policing Statistics ‘Victoria traffic road toll 2005-2014’





# Removing our 50 worst level crossings



- Level crossing removal
- Metro train line



**Melbourne Metro Rail**

- - - Proposed underground rail
- Proposed underground station
- ..... Existing Rail
- Existing stations
- Roads

\$9–\$11 billion  
for Melbourne  
Metro Rail

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5 new train stations

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20,000 more  
passengers  
in peak hour

# Transport

## Transforming our public transport system

### Melbourne Metro

The Andrews Labor Government will transform our public transport system by building Melbourne Metro – the biggest overhaul to the train network since the construction of the City Loop.

The Melbourne Metro Rail Project will build two 9 kilometre underground rail tunnels through the heart of Melbourne, stretching from South Kensington to South Yarra. The project will:

- ▶ Bring our sluggish and crowded system into the new era
- ▶ Relieve train congestion inside the City Loop
- ▶ Create space for more trains across the network
- ▶ Serve 20,000 extra passengers during peak times every day

It’s the foundation for the future of public transport in Victoria, building an underground metro with services so frequent and reliable that timetables will become redundant.

Five new stations at Arden, Parkville, CBD North, CBD South and Domain will be used by 380,000 passengers every weekday and will relieve pressure on nearby stations and busy tram routes.

The Budget commits **\$9–\$11 billion** to deliver the Melbourne Metro Rail Project, including **\$1.5 billion** over four years to complete the planning, design and early works of the project and to commence major construction by 2018.





### Mernda Rail Link

Mernda, in Melbourne's outer north, is one of Australia's fastest growing areas. Families in Mernda deserve better public transport.

The Budget provides **\$9 million** to develop and plan the Mernda Rail Link this year, so public transport becomes a real option for local parents, kids and older residents.

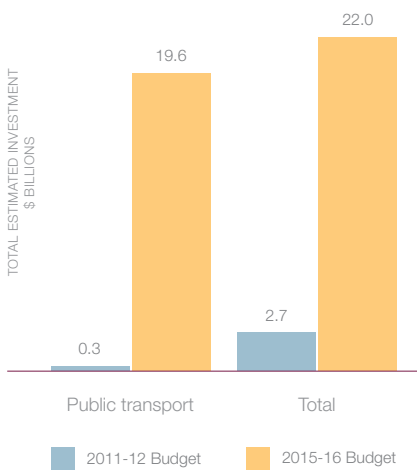
### Frankston Station

The Andrews Labor Government will make Frankston Station a safe and modern place of business and community life, with new employers and a permanent police presence at the revived transport hub.

**\$13 million** for the new Frankston Station precinct will progress the Young Street improvement works and develop a business case for the redevelopment.

Biggest ever investment in public transport

### FIRST YEAR BUDGET INITIATIVES



Infrastructure investment in our first Budget, particularly in public transport, eclipses the investment of the 2011-12 Budget.

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance



\$600+ million for  
trains and trams

\$100 million to  
boost bus services

37 new  
high-capacity  
trains

## Transport

### More trains, trams and jobs

The Andrews Labor Government will invest in new trains and trams to cater for more passengers, and support local jobs in construction and maintenance.

Public transport patronage is growing and Victoria's train and tram fleet is ageing. New and refurbished rolling stock will make commuting safer, more comfortable and less crowded.

The Budget provides more than **\$600 million** to build 20 new E-Class trams, build 21 new VLocity train carriages and refurbish the Comeng train fleet and B-Class trams.

This investment will directly support jobs in rolling stock manufacturing and maintenance, and boost the entire supply chain. The Labor Government will aim for 50 per cent local content in all new orders.

The Budget also provides **\$100 million** to improve bus services by introducing new and expanded routes, restoring cut services and fixing missing links in growth areas.





### **The Cranbourne-Pakenham rail corridor upgrade**

The Labor Government will transform Melbourne's busiest train line, removing every level crossing between Caulfield and Dandenong, upgrading signalling and providing 37 new high-capacity trains to run more services. This will mean the entire line has no road rail crossings from Dandenong to Melbourne's CBD.

These projects will boost passenger capacity on the Cranbourne-Pakenham line by up to 42 per cent, accommodating an extra 11,000 passengers in the morning peak.

A public private partnership will deliver the 37 next-generation high-capacity trains and build a new depot and maintenance facility in Pakenham.

### **Services that make sense**

Families in our growing suburbs need dedicated bus services with smarter routes that integrate with the rail network. This makes the public transport system more reliable, practical and easier to use.

The Budget provides **\$15 million** for better integration of the bus and rail network, so families in growing suburbs can have practical transport services that make their lives easier.

The Budget also provides **\$5.6 million** for a new bus interchange and **\$2.6 million** for improved car parking at Huntingdale Station.





# Transport

## Less time on busy roads

Families need roads that are safe and efficient, and the Andrews Labor Government is upgrading the congested roads that Victorians use to get to work, get back home and get around their community.

### CityLink–Tulla widening

The Budget will provide **\$272.8 million** towards a project to widen CityLink and the Tullamarine Freeway, speeding up travel times to and from the airport for businesses and families.

The **\$1.3 billion** project will widen CityLink and the Tullamarine Freeway from the Burnley Tunnel to the Melbourne Airport. A Freeway Management System will also be introduced along the corridor.

### Chandler Highway

The Budget provides **\$110 million** to duplicate the Chandler Highway Bridge over the Yarra River, easing congestion for the thousands of motorists who use it daily.

In 2014, the bridge was rated Melbourne’s number one congestion point in the RACV’s Red Spot Survey. This upgrade will eliminate the bottleneck so that motorists in Melbourne’s east and north can get to work and home sooner.

### Western Ring Road

The Western Ring Road is at breaking point, causing delays, hassle and congestion for motorists in Melbourne’s west. More lanes are needed to help families in this fast-growing area.

The Budget provides **\$150 million** to undertake the next stage of the M80 Upgrade, to widen the road and install traffic management equipment from Sunshine Avenue to the EJ Whitten Bridge.



### West Gate Distributor

The Budget invests **\$40 million** in the West Gate Distributor – widening Whitehall Street, upgrading the connection to Footscray Road and strengthening and widening the Shepherd Bridge over the Maribyrnong River.

### Regional and suburban roads

More than anyone else, regional Victorian families and businesses rely on sealed, direct roads to get around their community and their state – and get home safely.

The Budget invests **\$86.7 million** to resurface unsafe, deteriorating road surfaces around the state, so families in regional Victoria can have peace of mind.

### Smarter roads and intersections

**\$90 million** will be invested in smaller initiatives that will make a big difference, including intelligent transport system technology and upgrades to congested chokepoints in suburban and regional areas.

The Budget also invests **\$1.8 million** towards streamlining and improving traffic flows on Hoddle Street, so motorists in Melbourne’s north, south and east can get home from work sooner.

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**\$1.3 billion**  
CityLink–Tulla  
widening project

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**\$110 million**  
to improve  
Melbourne’s worst  
congestion point

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Creating 16,000  
new jobs in  
construction





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\$180–\$220 million  
for Murray Basin  
Rail Project

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\$76 million  
to strengthen  
bridges

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Free driver  
training for  
Year 10 students

## Transport

### Freight

At the moment, heavy vehicles are forced to take indirect and meandering routes through the country, because many of our state's bridges cannot bear heavy loads.

The Budget provides **\$76 million** for projects that strengthen bridges on key freight corridors so heavy vehicles can take more direct routes to our farms, towns and communities.

The stronger bridges will allow heavier loads, increasing productivity, helping reduce supply chain costs and getting perishable stock to market faster.

The Labor Government has already fast tracked **\$30 million** to complete Stage 1 of the Murray Basin Rail Project. This project, costing **\$180–\$220 million** in total, will upgrade rail freight in northern Victoria so larger trains can carry more product.





## Road safety

The Andrews Labor Government will open the first dedicated road safety complex in the world: the Crash and Trauma Education Centre.

The Budget provides **\$80 million** to establish and operate the Centre, which will educate young drivers about the consequences of poor decisions on the road and help repeat driving offenders.

The Centre will feature simulators, exhibitions and presentations from victims and emergency workers, so young drivers can get face-to-face with the aftermath of unsafe driving.

Families rightly worry about kids on their P plates. That's why the Labor Government will make sure young drivers are equipped with the skills they need behind the wheel.

The Budget invests **\$24.4 million** for free defensive driving courses for Year 10 students, because young people need to know how to handle a vehicle in all conditions and situations.

**\$16 million** will also be provided to continue the L2P driver mentor program, so those who don't have access to a car can still get their licence if they need it for work.









## Victoria number one

Victoria is the creative capital, home to arts, music, culture and sport, blockbuster major events, a pristine natural environment, and the most liveable and multicultural city in the world.

This is what sets us apart and this is what makes us strong. We're the leading state for new visitors, new events and new families – and the Budget will keep Victoria number one.

This is about the growth of our economy and the quality of our lives. They're the things that make our state worth living in and the next generation of families deserve to enjoy them.

### More major events

Victoria has the edge on major events. They put our state on the map. They create local jobs, grow our economy and give Victorian families something to do and something to see, together.

There's a buzz in the air when a major event hits our streets. Whether you're watching from the stands or watching from your family room, the whole world is watching with you.

The Andrews Labor Government will grow Victoria's visitor economy and make sure we never lose our edge on major events and tourism.

The Budget invests an additional **\$80 million** to sponsor major events across Victoria, attracting more visitors and growing our tourism industry.

Some of our most celebrated and successful major events don't take place on a court or a pitch, but in a conference centre. Victoria has established itself as a home for business and industry tourism.

The Budget invests funding to undertake the Stage 2 development of the Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre, to attract more events and visitors to Victoria.

\$80 million for  
major events

Melbourne  
Exhibition and  
Convention Centre  
expansion





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\$200+ million to support Victoria's creative industries

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\$55.4 million for the State Library of Victoria

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\$13.4 million to refurbish the Palais Theatre

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## Victoria number one

### The Creative Capital

Victoria's arts, culture, screen, music and design sectors make up our creative industries. They support thousands of Victorian jobs and inject hundreds of millions into our economy every year.

They're at the heart and soul of our state – part of our history and our future. Families can enjoy the work of our creative industries, not just in the city, but throughout their communities.

The Andrews Labor Government wants to help our creative industries grow, to create more jobs, sustain more careers and bring more visitors, events and exhibitions to our state.

The Budget provides more than **\$200 million** to support Victorian arts, culture, film, television, music and design and give our creative industries a new life.

This includes funding to:

- ▶ Invest in the independent arts sector so more people can get involved
- ▶ Support regional galleries and help bring the arts to new regional audiences
- ▶ Continue the National Gallery's Summer Program for modern art and design
- ▶ Start Music Works to boost Victorian contemporary music and support local jobs
- ▶ Support the Victorian screen industry, including Film Victoria

The Budget also provides **\$13.4 million** to restore and refurbish the crumbling Palais Theatre – the spiritual home of Australian live music – so performances can continue.



## The Education State

Education is Victoria's number one export. More than any other state, Victoria relies on the skills and ingenuity of students and workers to grow our economy.

All skills start in the classroom, but to give students an extra boost, the Andrews Labor Government will bring the resources of the State Library of Victoria into the family home.

The Budget provides **\$55.4 million** towards an \$83.1 million project to create a state library for our whole state. Other state-owned arts and cultural facilities will be supported with a further **\$38 million**.

The State Library redevelopment will increase public access by 40 per cent. Exhibition spaces, learning facilities and technology will be upgraded so lessons and workshops can be broadcast.

All students deserve support, including those who come from overseas and contribute to our economy. The Budget provides **\$4 million** for international student welfare grants.





*Courtesy of the City of Greater Geelong*

\$100 million for the  
Community Sports  
Infrastructure Fund

\$70 million to  
increase Simonds  
Stadium capacity  
to 36,000

\$25 million to  
redevelop  
Junction Oval

## Victoria number one

### Sport

Victoria is the sporting capital of the world. Every weekend, families across our state head to the footy, get on the pitch or help run community sports clubs – the soul of our suburbs and towns.

#### **At the ground**

The Andrews Labor Government will upgrade stadiums across our state, so they can host more events, make room for more spectators, and join the MCG in the league of great sporting arenas.

The Budget will invest **\$70 million** to build a new grandstand at Geelong's Simonds Stadium, improving facilities for spectators and increasing the ground's capacity to 36,000.

Simonds Stadium's new grandstand will even include a rehabilitation facility to help people with a disability return to work. It will mean a new life for Australia's proudest regional stadium.

The Budget will also provide **\$25 million** to redevelop the historic Junction Oval in St Kilda to create the new home of Victorian cricket, for families and professional players alike.

Cricket participation has grown more than 100 per cent since 2006, and 51,000 girls now play the sport. An additional first-class venue will enhance the state's ability to attract major events.



### In our communities

Community sports clubs bring the family and the neighbourhood together. More and more people are training and playing every week – proud to wear the stripes and emblems of their local club.

The Andrews Labor Government wants to encourage more men and women, boys and girls, to get active, get out on the pitch and get together in club rooms that are clean and comfortable.

The Budget establishes a **\$100 million** Community Sports Infrastructure Fund, helping local clubs upgrade tired grounds and build the facilities they need to grow their membership.

**\$10 million** from the Fund will be used to build decent, functional female change rooms at local grounds. No one should have to get changed in the car park. Everyone deserves equal facilities.

Netball is one of Melbourne’s fastest growing sports. The Budget will provide **\$9.6 million** to build 64 new netball courts in inner-city areas.

The Budget also provides **\$14.1 million** to encourage more people to get outdoors, take up sport and maintain an active, healthy lifestyle.





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\$37.9 million for  
multicultural  
initiatives

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\$11.1 million for  
cultural precincts

## Victoria number one

### Multiculturalism

We live in the most diverse society on earth, and our differences unite us. We don't merely tolerate them, we celebrate them, because multiculturalism makes our state and our economy strong.

The Andrews Labor Government wants all Victorians, no matter their background, to feel at home in our state – free to practice their faiths and maintain their traditions as a family and a community.

The Budget provides record funding for multicultural initiatives: **\$37.9 million** to build better understanding between communities and strengthen social cohesion and **\$11.1 million** to support our state's cultural precincts and community infrastructure.

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