

MEMBER FOR NORTHERN VICTORIA REGION,



CANDY BROAD ANNOUNCES FUNDING



The following grants are being provided under the Brumby Labor Government's *Small Towns Development Fund* initiative through Regional Development Victoria.

\$32,200 HOPETOUN TOURISM

Tourism in Hopetoun is set to grow after upgrading of facilities at the site of the town's two major attractions.

Along with construction of toilets, an extension to the park's display shed and a working blacksmith shop will be built at McGinnis Park, home to the historic Corrong Homestead and the Hopetoun and District Historical Society vintage farm display.

Ms Broad said developing the park's appeal to tourists was important because of the drought's impact on the region's farming community.

The McGinnis Park Facilities Upgrade Project, which will be managed by Yarriambiack Shire Council, will construct:

- ☆ A amenities block with disabled access;
- ☆ An extension to the display shed to help house the growing number of restored farm equipment
- ☆ A working blacksmith shop, made from donated materials.

\$66,100 LAKE MARMA WALKING TRACK

A continuous walking track will be built around Murtoa's Lake Marma.



There is an existing walking track – about three kilometres long – along the east, south and west shorelines of the lake.

The project will excavate the silt from the dry Lake bed to create a 16-metre wide embankment at the north end of the Lake

which will link the existing walking track from the east and west sides of the Lake, a length of some 185 metres.

The embankment will be protected from erosion by laying Geofabric under appropriate beaching material.

\$300,000 ROAD CLEARING

Jobs for drought-hit farmers and safer roads will result from a roadside clearance project backed by a \$300,000 Small Town Drought Program.

The \$400,000 Yarriambiack Roadside Clearance project is expected to recruit up to 50 farmers to share the equivalent of eight full-time jobs which will link with the Wimmera Region's Rural Skills Connect initiative to train up any skill gaps.

Ms Broad said the farmers would receive certified training in using chainsaws and other equipment and in managing trees while cutting back roadside vegetation all over the shire.

The Rural Skills Connect program – a Moving Forward Update initiative - aims to use the transferable skills of the farm related rural sector to meet rural industry skill gaps and employment requirements

\$124,905 TO GIVE TRAVELLERS AND MINYIP LOCALS A BREAK



Funding of \$124,905 to develop modern facilities at Minyip Wetlands will encourage more visitors and provide a restful social environment for residents.

The Small Towns Drought Program is providing \$124,905 to Yarriambiack Shire Council for the \$172,450 project, which will include:

- ☆ Construction of a pedestrian bridge and all-weather parking area;
- ☆ Barbecue, shelter, picnic tables and seating;
- ☆ Bench seating along the walking track;
- ☆ Amenities block with toilets, showers and a disabled toilet, and powered camping sites.

\$300,000 FOR RUPANYUP MULTIPURPOSE COMMUNITY CENTRE



A new multipurpose community centre in Rupanyup with a \$300,000 grant.

The new multipurpose Community Centre will have fully insulated walls and ceilings and will comprise a registered kitchen, including cool room and dry store room, function room with an acoustic tile ceiling, bar facilities, first aid room, office and male and female amenities. It will also contain football, netball and umpires change rooms, time keeper's box, external viewing areas and outside landscaping.

The building will be connected to a 45,000 litre rain water catchment tank, which will have the capacity for automatic and manual replenishment via connection to the mains water system.

Whats on for the MAYOR

Sunday 1st August '09

3pm & Dinner – Yarrilinks, MINYIP

Wednesday 5th & Thursday 6th August '09

Mallee Machinery Field Days, SPEED

Friday 7th August '09

2pm – Municipal Association Victoria,
MELBOURNE

