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\$20,000 GRANT TO UPGRADE KORWEINGUBOORA HALL

The Korweinguboora Hall will be upgraded with the help of a \$20,000 Victorian Government grant announced today by Geoff Howard MP, member for Ballarat East.

Mr Howard said the grant for the \$30,400 project was being provided to Moorabool Shire Council through the Brumby Government's Small Towns Development Fund.

The Korweinguboora Hall is set on a recreation reserve on the road between Ballan and Daylesford and is the only community facility in the Korweinguboora area," Geoff said.

"Melbourne University's Rogaining Club and the nearby Mowbray College use the hall on an annual basis and walking clubs and motor home clubs also make use of the hall for showers, food preparation and overnight stays.

"The hall is also popular with a variety of groups, including local residents for community events, such as Christmas break-ups and birthday celebrations, along with casual users, including walking and motor home clubs; and travelling groups who stop at the reserve.

"Works to improve the hall include upgrading the roof and ceiling, providing heating and cooling and constructing a new veranda and outdoor meeting area."

Geoff said upgrading the hall would give Korweinguboora a multi-use facility that provided an identifiable local meeting place for locals and community groups outside of the immediate district.

"These communities rely on the provision of comfortable facilities to hold events, sporting competitions and community celebrations," Geoff said.

"Upgrading the Hall will also provide greater options for staging local activities, group meetings and private functions, which are limited by the current facility."

Geoff said the Small Towns Development Fund was helping Victoria's smaller towns create jobs, drive economic growth, and improve community infrastructure.

"The Government is providing an additional \$25 million to the Small Towns Development Fund and extending it for five years through Moving Forward," Geoff said.

"Moving Forward is the Government's \$502 million plan to make Provincial Victoria the best place to live, work, invest and raise a family."