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# Media release

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## **\$110,000 FUNDING FOR WATER RECYCLING, BUILDING WORKS**

An innovative water recycling system being installed at the Dunnstown Community Centre Reserve with the aid of \$110,000 Victorian Government funding will be the first of its kind in the municipality, State Member for Ballarat East, Mr Geoff Howard MP said today.

The new system is part of a \$210,000 Dunnstown Water Recycling and Infrastructure project to improve water and building infrastructure at the Dunnstown Community Centre Reserve.

“This project will significantly improve this important community asset, and allow more permanent community use by a greater number of groups and clubs,” Mr Howard said.

“Upgrading the reserve will meet current and future needs and provide an innovative water recycling solution, the first of its kind in the municipality.”

The Dunnstown Community Centre Reserve is used year-round for functions, meetings and sporting events.

The water recycling and infrastructure project involves:

- Installation of a water recycling system
- Building works including a multi-purpose space, changeroom facilities and improved access for people with a disability.

Under the water recycling system grey water, effluent and rainwater from the community buildings will be collected and converted to Class A recycled water via a water recycling system.

The recycled water will be used to irrigate the reserve and to re-use in the community centre’s toilets, greatly increasing water efficiency at the site.

“Harvesting rainwater from roofs and re-using water on the site makes a lot of sense on a number of levels, not least because we are in a drought,” Mr Howard said.

“On an economic level, it will support local tradespeople with specialist skills in developing and implementing water solutions.

“On a cultural level, it will keep the sporting grounds green and soft, enabling sporting groups and the young people of Dunnstown and surrounding areas to continue playing and developing their sporting skills.”

The \$110,000 grant is provided to Moorabool Shire Council under the Victorian Government’s *Small Towns Development Fund*, which is helping small towns across provincial Victoria by creating jobs, driving economic growth and improving community infrastructure.

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