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\$92,000 FOR GLENLYON HALL UPGRADE

The Brumby Government is supporting an upgrade of the Glenlyon Hall with a \$92,000 grant announced today by Geoff Howard MP, State Member for Ballarat East.

The Glenlyon community has identified this project as its priority project," Mr Howard said.

"The community has worked hard over recent years to raise funds, particularly through staging the annual Glenlyon Fine Food & Wine Fair, which is held at the hall.

"The project will rebuild the existing kitchen to a commercial kitchen standard, including cupboards, equipment, refrigeration, servery, ceiling, flooring and mobile benches. It will also provide new storage areas."

Mr Howard said the Victorian Government was supporting the project because it would help Glenlyon enhance existing events and develop new events, particularly events that have a food focus.

"The project will give local 'cottage' food producers access to a commercial kitchen to develop their industry," Mr Howard said.

"The project will create increased usage of the facility by local community groups and hirers of the hall and increase the range of activities within the hall.

"The project will also provide employment for three people during the construction phase and has the potential to provide work for locals using the commercial kitchen."

Mr Howard said Victorian Government funding for the \$130,000 project would be provided to Hepburn Shire Council through Regional Development Victoria's *Small Towns Development Fund*.

"This project typifies initiatives supported by the *Small Towns Development Fund*, which are making a big difference to towns in provincial Victoria," Ms Allan said.

"The *Small Towns Development Fund* is helping Victoria's smaller towns create jobs, drive economic growth and improve community infrastructure.

"So far, the Fund has contributed in excess of \$40.2 million to 423 announced capital works projects throughout rural and regional Victoria with a total value estimated to be more than \$87.8 million."

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