Regional Infrastructure Project Register

North East Victoria, Ballarat, Bendigo, Shepparton and Geelong

Major Victorian Government infrastructure completed or committed from 2016–17 to 2025–26

Scope. The register counts projects completed, opened or made operational during the decade, or firmly committed during it. Victorian funding or published state-backed project value is used where identifiable. Commonwealth, council, private and philanthropic contributions are excluded where separable. Figures are nominal project commitments or values—not an audited cash-expenditure ledger.

Summary of regional registers

Regional area	Project lines	Total counted	Per resident	Status of total
North East Victoria	17	**$512.267m**	$3,937	Identified total
Ballarat	19	**$1,166.943m**	$8,956	Identified total
Bendigo	9	**$1,123.800m**	$8,271	Identified total
Shepparton	12	**At least $717.642m**	At least $9,620	Minimum / floor
Geelong	18	**At least $1,807.669m**	At least $5,998	Verified minimum / floor

"At least" totals use conservative floors where the official commitment is described as "over" or "more than" the amount shown.

Register notes

- North East Victoria combines the Benambra and Ovens Valley electorates; Ballarat combines the former Wendouree and Buninyong electorates; Bendigo combines Bendigo East and Bendigo West; and Geelong combines the former Geelong, Lara, Bellarine and South Barwon electorates.
- Projects meeting both the completion and commitment tests are counted once only.
- The Bendigo Hospital is shown at its published $630 million state-backed public-private partnership project value.
- The register principally captures major projects of approximately $10 million or more; it is not a complete list of every grant, maintenance program or statewide allocation.
- Primary-source links are included in the final column of every table.
- Geelong school treatment: the central register includes $153.289 million in individually verified school projects. The Victorian Government's 21 August 2026 statement that it had invested "almost $600 million" in Geelong school infrastructure is shown separately as a broader sensitivity because no reconciled project schedule accompanied the claim.

North East Victoria project register

Combined Benambra and Ovens Valley electorates • **17 included project lines** • **$512.267m** • **$3,937 per resident**

Category	Project	Victorian amount	Basis used in the analysis	Primary source
Health	**Albury–Wodonga Regional Hospital—Victorian contribution**	$225.000m	Full Victorian commitment attributed to North East Victoria. The principal new building is in Albury, NSW, and serves the cross-border region.	Premier of Victoria
Aged care	**Rutherglen public residential aged-care facility**	$57.110m	Published project value for the new 50-bed public residential aged-care facility replacing and expanding the former Glenview service.	Premier of Victoria

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Education	**Kerribana Primary School and kindergarten**	$53.000m	Contractor-reported competitively tendered design-and-construct contract with the Victorian School Building Authority; not a separately itemised Budget Paper line.	Joss Group
Education	**Beechworth Secondary College—two major upgrade stages**	$15.784m	Cumulative school-specific allocations for the science and resource-centre upgrade and the subsequent modernisation stage.	School Building Authority
Housing and youth	**Wodonga Education First Youth Foyer**	$15.700m	State-backed project delivering 40 studio apartments with education, employment and support services for young people.	Premier of Victoria
Education	**St Francis of Assisi Primary School—three capital allocations**	$14.600m	Three school-specific capital allocations of $5.0 million, $3.6 million and $6.0 million.	School Building Authority
Energy	**Hydrogen Park Murray Valley—Victorian contribution**	$12.315m	Identifiable Victorian contribution to the renewable-hydrogen project and associated infrastructure in Wodonga.	Energy Victoria
Education	**Wodonga Middle Years College redevelopment**	$12.500m	$1.25 million for planning and $11.25 million for construction and modernisation.	School Building Authority
Emergency management	**Tallangatta Forest Fire Management Victoria office and depot**	$10.300m	State-funded office and operational depot supporting forest-fire response and land management in the Upper Murray.	Premier of Victoria
Health	**Albury Hospital emergency department and short-stay redevelopment—Victorian share**	$6.000m	Victorian contribution to the joint redevelopment, including a 16-bed short-stay unit; the principal asset is located in Albury, NSW.	Premier of Victoria
Health	**Wangaratta Hospital redevelopment**	$22.900m	Victorian-funded redevelopment completed during the decade, including new and refurbished clinical facilities.	VHBA
Housing	**Templeton Street Wangaratta social housing—Victorian contribution**	$13.500m	Victorian contribution to the $18.3 million housing development; other contributions are excluded.	Premier of Victoria
Housing and youth	**Wangaratta Education First Youth Foyer**	$13.400m	Published project value for the youth foyer providing accommodation and integrated education and employment support.	GOTAFE
Education	**Wangaratta High School redevelopment**	$11.700m	Total school-specific redevelopment funding identified for the qualifying project.	School Building Authority
Education	**Myrtleford P–12 College redevelopment**	$10.858m	Cumulative school-specific allocations of $9.43 million and $1.428 million.	School Building Authority
Education	**Cobram Primary School redevelopment**	$10.000m	State allocation for the school redevelopment and modernisation project.	School Building Authority
Health	**Wangaratta Hospital maternity accommodation and critical infrastructure**	$7.600m	Conservative itemised 2020–21 Budget allocation for maternity accommodation, clinical systems, generators and electrical upgrades; the later $10 million description is not added to avoid possible overlap.	Premier of Victoria
North East Victoria total		**$512.267m**	**Sum of the listed project lines under the stated methodology.**	**—**

Health and care accounts for approximately 62.2% of the total; education and skills 25.1%; housing and youth infrastructure 8.3%; and energy and emergency-management infrastructure 4.4%.

Important: the full $225 million Victorian commitment to the Albury–Wodonga Regional Hospital is included and attributed to North East Victoria, even though the principal new building is located in Albury, New South Wales.

Not included in the core total: the North East Water program, because equivalent water-corporation projects were not assembled for every comparator; the $24 million Wodonga TAFE package, because the construction funding is Commonwealth money; and the reported $10.5 million Wodonga Senior Secondary College project, because its timing and project-specific state funding have not been independently verified.

Ballarat project register

Combined former Wendouree and Buninyong electorates • **19 included project lines • $1,166.943m • $8,956 per resident**

Category	Project	Victorian amount	Basis used in the analysis	Primary source
Health	**Ballarat Base Hospital redevelopment**	$655.000m	Current Victorian Government commitment, including subsequent increases to the original redevelopment allocation.	VHBA
Transport	**Keeping Ballarat Moving road package**	$60.800m	State-funded package covering road duplications, intersections, traffic signals and safety works.	Premier of Victoria
Transport	**Ballarat Station accessibility upgrade**	$50.000m	Commitment for passenger lifts, a pedestrian overpass and associated accessibility works.	Premier of Victoria
Government services	**Ballarat GovHub**	$47.800m	Disclosed direct Victorian Government contribution, rather than the wider development value.	Premier of Victoria
Health	**Drummond Street hospital building**	$46.400m	Separate hospital redevelopment completed and opened in February 2017; distinct from the current $655 million project.	Premier of Victoria
Economic development	**Ballarat West Employment Zone land and enabling infrastructure**	$45.000m	Conservative floor based on government reporting of more than $45 million in further investment to develop industrial land.	Regional Development Victoria
Sport and community	**Eureka Precinct redevelopment**	$38.476m	Victorian contribution to the broader precinct, including Eureka Stadium and associated sporting facilities.	Premier of Victoria
Transport and civic	**Ballarat Station precinct redevelopment**	$28.300m	State investment in the Goods Shed, public plaza, car parking and bus interchange.	Premier of Victoria
Freight and economic development	**Ballarat Intermodal Freight Hub**	$27.750m	Final Victorian share of the $55 million joint state–Commonwealth project.	Premier of Victoria
Mental health	**Land for additional acute mental-health beds**	$27.000m	Separately identified capital allocation for land acquisition at Ballarat Base Hospital.	VHBA
Education	**Mount Rowan Secondary College**	$24.740m	Cumulative qualifying allocations, including an earlier allocation attached to works completed during the decade.	School Building Authority
Education	**Phoenix P–12 Community College**	$21.771m	Cumulative major upgrade allocations. The separate $600,000 School Pride and Sports allocation is not counted.	School Building Authority
Education	**Miners Rest Primary School**	$21.600m	$4.5 million for land, $1.71 million for planning and a further $15.39 million for construction.	School Building Authority
Education	**Lucas Primary School**	$17.100m	Published school-specific construction allocation; the broader shared land-acquisition pool is not attributed.	School Building Authority
Education	**Ballarat High School**	$14.706m	Sum of school-specific upgrade, maintenance and permanent modular building allocations identified on the project register.	School Building Authority
Transport	**Lydiard Street level-crossing works**	$10.500m	Victorian investment in temporary and permanent crossing safety works.	Premier of Victoria
Health	**Ballarat cardiac catheterisation laboratory**	$10.000m	Separate project completed in August 2017.	VHBA
Education	**Ballarat Specialist School**	$10.000m	2020–21 upgrade and modernisation allocation.	School Building Authority
Culture	**Her Majesty's Theatre restoration**	$10.000m	Regional Development Victoria investment in major restoration and accessibility works.	Premier of Victoria
Ballarat total		**$1,166.943m**	*Sum of the listed project lines under the stated methodology.*	—

Health accounts for approximately 63.3% of the total; transport and employment infrastructure 19.1%; education 9.4%; and government, cultural and sporting infrastructure 8.3%.

Bendigo project register

Combined Bendigo East and Bendigo West electorates • **9 included project lines** • **$1,123.800m** • **$8,271 per resident**

Category	Project	Victorian amount	Basis used in the analysis	Primary source
Health	**Bendigo Hospital**	$630.000m	Full published state-backed public-private partnership project value. The hospital opened in January 2017 and the complete two-stage project was finished in 2018.	VHBA
Justice	**Bendigo Law Courts**	$152.400m	Victorian Government investment in the new multi-jurisdictional court precinct.	Premier of Victoria
Government services	**Galkangu Bendigo GovHub**	$133.000m	State investment in the regional government-services and office complex.	Premier of Victoria
Health	**Bendigo Hospital Day Rehabilitation Centre and associated precinct works**	$63.500m	Victorian investment in the rehabilitation centre, hydrotherapy pool, demolition and new public green space.	VHBA
Education and skills	**Bendigo TAFE city-campus redevelopment**	$60.000m	State-funded redevelopment including new buildings, heritage refurbishment and the central learning hub.	Premier of Victoria
Transport	**Napier Street duplication**	$30.400m	State project duplicating Napier Street between Weeroona Avenue and Hall Street.	Premier of Victoria
Culture	**Bendigo Art Gallery redevelopment**	$21.000m	Victorian share; council, gallery-board and philanthropic contributions are excluded.	Premier of Victoria
Education and skills	**Bendigo TAFE Health and Community Centre of Excellence**	$17.700m	Victorian funding for the health, community-services and simulation training facility opened in 2018.	Premier of Victoria
Transport	**Bendigo and Eaglehawk station improvements**	$15.800m	State allocation for accessibility, waiting-room, customer-service, parking and forecourt improvements.	Premier of Victoria
Bendigo total		**$1,123.800m**	*Sum of the listed project lines under the stated methodology.*	—

Health infrastructure accounts for approximately 61.7% of the total; justice and government-service buildings 25.4%; education and TAFE 6.9%; transport 4.1%; and culture 1.9%.

Important: the $630 million Bendigo Hospital figure is the published PPP project value, not an assertion that $630 million in cash was paid during the decade.

Shepparton project register

Shepparton electorate • **12 included project lines** • **At least $717.642m** • **At least $9,620 per resident**

Category	Project	Victorian amount	Basis used in the analysis	Primary source
Health	**Goulburn Valley Health–Shepparton Hospital redevelopment**	$229.300m	Victorian Government investment in the hospital redevelopment, completed during the period.	VHBA
Mental health	**Acute and community mental-health infrastructure at Goulburn Valley Health**	At least $160.000m	Separate 2022–23 Budget commitment for acute and community mental-health services. It was announced nearly three years after the $229.3 million hospital redevelopment reached its final funding envelope and has a distinct scope.	VHBA
Education	**Greater Shepparton Secondary College**	$119.000m	Funding announced in 2020 to complete construction. The preceding $21.5 million Shepparton Education Plan investment is not added.	Premier of Victoria
Justice	**Shepparton Law Courts**	$73.000m	Published project value for the new court complex opened in 2018.	Premier of Victoria
Education and First Nations development	**Munarra Centre for Regional Excellence**	$30.200m	Victorian investment in the First Peoples-led education, employment, health and wellbeing centre.	Premier of Victoria
Family and health services	**Shepparton Early Parenting Centre**	$25.000m	State funding to acquire land and construct the centre.	Premier of Victoria
Education	**Banmira Specialist School**	At least $24.782m	At least $23.782 million for construction plus $1 million for planning.	School Building Authority
Emergency services	**Shepparton fire station**	$12.660m	State-funded new CFA facility.	Premier of Victoria
Culture	**Shepparton Art Museum**	$12.500m	Victorian contribution only; Commonwealth, council and philanthropic funding is excluded.	Premier of Victoria
Education and skills	**GOTAFE Archer Street trade-skills redevelopment**	$10.700m	Victorian project extending the trade-training centre and associated facilities.	Premier of Victoria
Housing	**Shepparton supportive-housing development**	$10.300m	Project delivering 15 supportive homes; broader regional housing programs are not attributed.	Premier of Victoria
Health workforce	**Goulburn Valley Health worker accommodation**	$10.200m	Regional Health Infrastructure Fund grant for an 18-apartment staff-accommodation building.	Premier of Victoria
Shepparton total		**At least $717.642m**	*Sum of the listed project lines under the stated methodology.*	—

Health, mental-health and family-care infrastructure represents approximately 59.2% of the conservative total; education and training 25.7%; justice and culture 11.9%; and housing and emergency services 3.2%.

Shepparton is a minimum because the mental-health commitment is described as over $160 million and Banmira Specialist School as at least $23.782 million plus planning funding. **Separation check:** the $229.3 million hospital redevelopment was brought to its final funding total in September 2019 and covers inpatient, ICU, theatre, emergency, maternity, paediatric, dialysis and imaging infrastructure. The over $160 million mental-health allocation was announced separately in the 2022–23 Budget for acute and community mental-health services. The two amounts are therefore counted separately and are not a duplication.

Geelong project register

Combined former Geelong, Lara, Bellarine and South Barwon electorates • **18 included project lines** • **At least $1,807.669m** • **At least $5,998 per resident**

Category	Project	Victorian amount	Basis used in the analysis	Primary source
Health	**Barwon Women's and Children's**	At least $500.000m	Victorian commitment is officially described as more than $500 million. The separate $50 million Commonwealth contribution is excluded.	VHBA
Convention and economic development	**Nyaal Banyul Geelong Convention and Event Centre**	$416.100m	Victorian contribution only; Commonwealth, council and associated private investment are excluded.	Premier of Victoria
Sport	**Kardinia Park Stage 5**	$142.000m	Victorian investment in the Joel Selwood Stand and associated stadium, function, media and sports facilities.	Premier of Victoria
Culture	**Geelong Arts Centre—Little Malop Street redevelopment**	$140.000m	Victorian Government investment in the major performing-arts redevelopment.	Premier of Victoria
Transport	**Barwon Heads Road Stage 2**	$125.000m	Derived Victorian share: $318 million total project cost less the disclosed $193 million Commonwealth commitment.	Premier of Victoria
Health	**University Hospital Geelong major upgrade**	$93.200m	Published broader upgrade program, including surgery, recovery, support and hospital infrastructure.	Premier of Victoria
Sport	**Kardinia Park Stage 4**	$75.000m	Victorian contribution to the Brownlow Stand and associated community, rehabilitation, training and administrative facilities completed in 2017.	Premier of Victoria
Transport	**Barwon Heads Road Stage 1**	$73.000m	Disclosed Victorian share of the $365 million joint project; the $292 million Commonwealth contribution is excluded.	Australian Government
Culture	**Geelong Arts Centre—Ryrie Street redevelopment**	$37.000m	Victorian contribution to the $38.5 million redevelopment.	Premier of Victoria
Health	**Barwon Health North**	$33.080m	Victorian investment in the Norlane urgent-care and community-health facility.	VHBA
Health	**University Hospital Geelong children's emergency department**	$20.000m	Dedicated Geelong project allocation, subsequent and separate from the earlier $93.2 million hospital upgrade.	VHBA
Education	**Geelong High School redevelopment**	$22.700m	Cumulative state allocations of $8.5 million, $12 million and $2.2 million. The redevelopment was completed in 2020; the separate Commonwealth Schools Upgrade Fund grant is excluded.	School Building Authority
Education	**Mirripoa Primary School—new school**	$20.200m	2018–19 State Budget construction allocation for the new Mount Duneed primary school, which opened in 2020. The unquantified earlier land allocation is not added.	School Building Authority
Education	**Oberon High School—new Armstrong Creek campus**	$38.400m	$34.5 million construction commitment plus $3.9 million previously provided for design and early works. The new campus opened in 2021.	Premier of Victoria
Education	**Northern Bay P–12 College projects**	$24.700m	Aggregates $6 million and $1.5 million for completed campus works, plus $690,000 planning, $15.31 million construction and a further $1.2 million for the current redevelopment.	School Building Authority
Education	**Belmont High School projects**	$16.440m	$5.24 million for the completed first-stage modernisation plus total project funding of $11.2 million for the science and learning building.	School Building Authority
Education	**Nelson Park School projects**	$19.204m	Aggregates $2.8 million for the earlier redevelopment, $10 million for the next master-plan stage and at least $6.404 million for the Illinois Avenue campus. The smaller Inclusive Schools Fund grant is excluded.	School Building Authority
Education	**Surfside Primary School gymnasium**	$11.645m	Firm commitment announced in the May 2026 State Budget for a competition-grade gymnasium. The smaller Inclusive Schools Fund allocation is excluded.	School Building Authority
Geelong total		**At least $1,807.669m**	*Sum of the listed project lines under the stated methodology.*	—

Convention, cultural and sporting infrastructure accounts for approximately 44.8% of the conservative total; health 35.8%; transport 11.0%; and the individually verified school projects 8.5%.

Geelong is a minimum because the Victorian commitment to Barwon Women's and Children's is described as more than $500 million; exactly $500 million is used. The school component is also conservative: only $153.289 million that can be matched to specific projects is included in the line-item total.

Government-reported broader school figure. On 21 August 2026, the Victorian Government said it had invested "almost $600 million in school infrastructure in Geelong". Because the release did not provide an exact amount, project list, commencement date or geographic definition, it is not added on top of the line-item register. If the broader aggregate is substituted, Geelong's infrastructure total would be approximately $2.24–$2.25 billion, or about $7,450–$7,480 per resident. Source: Victorian Government media release, 21 August 2026

Consolidated register totals

Regional area	Included project lines	Total used in analysis
North East Victoria	17	**$512.267m**
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Four comparator regions	**58**	**At least $4,816.054m**
All five regional groups	**75**	**At least $5,328.321m**

The four-comparator subtotal and the all-regions total are minimums because the Shepparton and Geelong registers contain conservative floors. The Geelong totals shown here use the individually verified $153.289 million school subtotal, not the unreconciled "almost $600 million" aggregate claim.

Key limitations

- This is a major-project register, not a complete accounting of every state grant, maintenance program or small capital allocation.
- Some projects serve regional catchments well beyond the electoral areas used as population denominators.
- Joint projects include only the identifiable Victorian share where the funding split is available.
- Published project values, commitments and completed project envelopes are not equivalent to audited cash expenditure in each financial year.
- The register should be read with the main analysis and its treatment of excluded water-corporation, Commonwealth, council and private investment, including the North East Water and Wodonga TAFE items noted above, and with the separate sensitivity for the Victorian Government's broader Geelong school-infrastructure claim.