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GREAT LOCAL IDEAS SECURE FUNDING THROUGH PICK MY PROJECT

Point Cook Town Centre Community Park has secured vital funding through Pick My Project – the Andrews Labor Government’s ground-breaking program that gives locals the power to choose the projects their community needs.

Member for Altona District, Jill Hennessy, today announced the park organisers will receive \$200,000 to bring back the much loved pop-up park in the heart of Point Cook.

This space will be utilised for markets, festivals, local arts and cultural and community activities that will showcase talents within the broader Community. There is the need to build resilience, strength and connections in a Community with over 160 ethnicities & one of the fastest growing in Victoria. The equipment will make up a kit for future activations that create community connection and enhance local economic activity.

It is one of five projects across the Altona District that will receive funding through the \$30 million, Victorian-first initiative.

Other local projects to receive funding include:

- WynBus - On-Demand Public Transport Bus Pilot Solution
- An Inclusive Playground at Altona Green Primary School
- Upgrades to Saltwater Dog Park, Point Cook
- Installation of a Multimedia Scoreboard for Saltwater Reserve

Through the \$30 million Pick My Project initiative, Victorian residents aged 16 and over were given the opportunity to submit their idea for a project or program that made their community a better place to live.

People were then given the chance to vote for their favourite project. More than 95,000 Victorians cast votes, with successful projects receiving grants of between \$20,000 and \$200,000.

More than 230 projects across Melbourne and regional Victoria received funding through Pick My Project, with funding divided equally between Melbourne and regional Victoria based on the population of each of the six metropolitan and nine regional partnership areas.

To ensure a range of small and large communities had the opportunity to be part of Pick My Project, no more than 50 per cent of a partnership areas funding was awarded to one local government area.

A full list of successful projects is available at pickmyproject.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Member for Altona District

“I’m so pleased Point Cook Pop Up Park will get the funding and support it needs thanks to this ground-breaking initiative.”

“Pick My Project will make a real difference in Altona District and communities across the state – giving locals the power to choose the projects their community needs.”