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CASH BOOST TO REFURBISH ALTONA LIFESAVING CLUB

The Andrews Labor Government is investing \$7976 in the Altona Lifesaving Club to improve infrastructure and facilities, backing the important work that our volunteers do and providing a local jobs boost.

Member for Altona District Jill Hennessy today announced Altona Lifesaving Club would receive the funding to deliver a storage and workshop upgrade and a Side by Side Vehicle (SSV) operational response upgrade.

This vital project is one of 125 projects sharing in \$20 million in funding under the Emergency Services Refurbishment Fund, as part of the government's \$2.7 billion Building Works package.

The funding will support the refurbishment of the Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) storage area and workshop/room upgrade at Altona Lifesaving Club. It will also deliver a storage rack and an operational equipment upgrade.

The investment enables volunteer emergency services agencies to carry out urgent maintenance, repairs and upgrades to extend the life and improve safety of their existing facility, and provide support to Victorian businesses and workers affected by the downturn in the Victorian economy caused by the pandemic.

Projects will commence in the coming weeks at local Country Fire Authority brigades, Victoria State Emergency Service units, Life Saving Victoria clubs and Marine Search and Rescue flotillas across Victoria. Agencies are engaging businesses from their local communities to undertake the work and to supply equipment and materials.

The funding will be administered by the Community Safety Building Authority, which oversees infrastructure projects on behalf of the Department of Justice and Community Safety.

Quotes attributable to Member for Altona District Jill Hennessy

"This vital project will improve the condition of critical infrastructure and ensure the team at the Altona Lifesaving Club will be able to continue their incredible work keeping the community safe."

"The Emergency Services Refurbishment Fund will extend the life of existing facilities and resources, while developing job opportunities locally."