



Jason Wood MP
Federal Member for La Trobe

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Ten Million Dollar Man Does it Again

Following the release of the 2015-2016 Federal Budget, Jason Wood MP has managed to secure \$10 Million for Bunjil Place, the new Cultural Precinct in Casey and over \$5 Million for other projects in the electorate.

After committing and delivering \$10 Million to the Bryn Mawr Bridge during his last term in office, Mr Wood is very proud to have delivered another significant commitment to the electorate in the form of Bunjil Place.

“I am very proud to have secured so much funding for such a worthwhile project. Not only will Bunjil Place serve as a central community destination, but it will be a much needed outlet for the Arts in the outer eastern suburbs.” said Mr Wood.

The project will construct a Regional Arts Centre, including a theatre, studio space, function centre and regional art space. This will be a great addition for the entire community.

In addition to this, under the **National Stronger Regions Fund**, Mr Wood secured;

- \$3,835 Million for construction of a Multi-Purpose Health Hub for Belgrave (Belgrave Health Hub)
- \$1.5 Million for construction of a Community Hub in Emerald (Emerald Hub)

“The facility in Belgrave will provide a one-stop health hub for the local and surrounding communities and I hope to work with already existing local GP’s to make sure that this project is successful” said Mr Wood.

“The Emerald project will upgrade the existing two-storey Mechanics Hall to provide space and facilities for University of the Third Age, Men’s Shed, 3MDR Community Radio, art displays and local tourism information – this really is a great boost for the area”.

Mr Wood said that the following projects in the La Trobe electorate would also receive a portion of the Government's 2015–16 Budget funding:

- **Roads to Recovery** - Up to \$8.8 million including;
 - \$2.3 million for Cardinia Shire Council
 - \$2.1 million for Casey City Council
 - \$1 million for the City of Knox
 - \$3.3 million for Yarra Ranges Shire Council.

- **Community Development Grants Programme**
 - \$500,000 for the Emerald Primary School Basketball Centre.

“We are committed to strengthening regions across Australia by investing in projects to build or upgrade vital infrastructure,” Mr Wood said.

“The investments announced today focus on strengthening communities in La Trobe, by improving economic growth, boosting productivity and creating employment opportunities.”

More information about the National Stronger Regions Fund is available online on www.infrastructure.gov.au/nsrf .

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