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Montrose to get a town centre upgrade

Minister for Local Government Natalie Hutchins and Member for Monbulk James Merlino today announced an \$809,000 boost to upgrade Montrose Town Centre, thanks to the Andrews Labor Government.

The library and community building in Montrose will soon be joined via an atrium to create a new entrance and a single gathering place with library and maternal and child health services all under the one roof.

The Labor Government recognises that councils like Yarra Ranges are facing a number of challenges as a result of its population growth.

The funds for this project are part of the Government's \$50 million Interface Growth Fund (IGF), which helps councils on Melbourne's fringe deliver important projects for their communities.

Yarra Ranges also received \$1 million for the Lillydale Lake Playground Upgrade and \$720,000 to construct the Belgrave Community Hub funding in 2015 from the IGF.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Local Government Natalie Hutchins:

"The Andrews Labor Government is helping Councils in the cities fastest growing suburbs invest in important community buildings for local residents, through our \$50 million Interface Growth Fund."

"Linking community facilities in the centre of Montrose means residents have access to important services under the one roof."

Quotes attributable to Member for Monbulk James Merlino:

"As we juggle work and family life, this upgrade will mean local residents can access a range of community services in the one place."

"This is another great investment for Montrose and another vote of confidence in our community by the Andrews Labor Government."