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### **Hall upgrade for Kendenup**

The refurbished Kendenup Agricultural Hall was officially opened by Regional Development Minister Alannah MacTiernan on Saturday 20 January. The completed works are part of a three-stage upgrade of the precinct.

The Great Southern Development Commission (GSDC) supported the second stage Hall upgrade with an allocation of \$87,000 through the State Government's Regional Grants Scheme.

The Kendenup Agricultural Grounds Committee worked in conjunction with the Recreation Centre Committee and the community to raise funds over several years.

The locally generated funding of \$82,500 was all committed to the improvement of the hall which has been transformed from an unlined, concrete floored shed into a flexible and functional community facility.

GSDC Chair Ross Thornton said it is gratifying to see such a high level of joint effort by the three groups in the delivery of this project.

"A community that raises funds together, to provide for future generations, shows great spirit and it seems this solid community has been strengthened even more throughout the delivery of this project," Mr Thornton said.

"It is also pleasing to see that suppliers and contractors used during this project were 100% local operators, aligning with the State Government's Local Jobs, Local Content policy," said Mr Thornton.

The complex, which includes the stage one development of a nature based camping ground is now generating income, through hall bookings and camp fees, to contribute to the maintenance and general upkeep of the precinct.

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*The Kendenup community, joined by Regional Development Minister, Hon. Alannah MacTiernan, celebrated the opening of the Kendenup Agricultural Hall.*