

Media Release

Geoff Howard MP State Member for Buninyong

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ALL ABOARD CREATIVE CLUNES' NEW CULTURAL HUB

The historic Clunes Railway Station has been reinvented as a cultural hub, becoming the new home for Creative Clunes and the Clunes Booktown Festival.

State Member for Buninyong, Geoff Howard said Creative Clunes has taken on the head lease of the revamped station building, following the completion of works funded from the Victorian Government's Community Use of Vacant Rail Buildings Program.

"This much loved, 140 year old station building has been given a new lease of life as the new home to Creative Clunes," Mr Howard said.

"This project has successfully adapted this historic station building into a vibrant cultural hub, offering the local community an impressive new arts venue with its form and function.

"People will be able to come to explore their artistic side, utilising the hub's creative and meeting spaces.

"It also provides permanent offices and volunteer facilities for the popular annual Clunes Booktown Festival – which attracts visitors from across Australia and the world to celebrate both historic and modern literary works."

VicTrack and V/Line carried out restoration work to the exterior of the station building, with Ballarat Civic Construction completing extensive internal renovations.

These works included installing new foundations and floorboards, connecting services, restoring the plasterwork, and reinstating the doors to the platform.

The building now also has a kitchenette, accessible toilets, shower and a new access ramp.

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