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## Media Release

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### **REFURBISHMENT OF HISTORIC DUNKELD STATION COMPLETE**

The historic Dunkeld Station building has been restored and will become part of the day-to-day life of Dunkeld once again.

Member for Western Victoria, Gayle Tierney, joined Southern Grampians Shire Council representatives, community leaders and residents today to officially open the rejuvenated station building.

Dunkeld station is nearly 140 year old building and has not been an operating station for more than 35 years.

However, thanks to a \$360,000 investment by the Victorian Government, the station building has been restored and will be used by local artists as a working, gallery and exhibition space.

Refurbishment included restoration of the outside and inside of the building, damp-proofing and the installation of a kitchenette, accessible toilet and art wash-up troughs. Paving, fencing and landscaping works were also undertaken, and car parking was added.

The works were carried out by Searle Bros builders, and managed by Victorian rail asset owner VicTrack, on behalf of the Victorian Government.

The space is being leased and managed by the 'Off the Rails' Arts Committee.

Dunkeld Station was built in 1877 after the completion of the Dunkeld-Ararat railway extension in the previous year. Passenger services to the station ceased in 1981.

#### **Quotes attributable to Member for Western Victoria, Gayle Tierney**

*"This project is a celebration of Dunkeld's rich rail history, and its bright future as a thriving Western Victorian town."*

*"The \$360,000 refurbishment has transformed this historic building into a community studio, gallery and exhibition space to support local artists."*

*"It's brought this crumbling, disused building back to life, and to the heart of the Dunkeld community."*

*"The Andrews Labor Government wants to see country communities thriving, which is what this project is all about."*



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