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### RESTORATION OF HISTORIC MALDON RAIL BUILDING BEGINS

Work to restore the historic Maldon Goods Shed has begun, Member for Bendigo West, Maree Edwards, announced today.

The \$400,000 restoration will return the 130 year-old heritage-listed Victorian Goldfields Railway building to its former glory.

The works include restumping the goods shed and external platforms, repairing the damaged floor, wall and roof, and installing a new galvanised roof.

A new platform extension to replicate the original platform on the goods shed will also be built as part of the project.

The works are being funded and managed by Victorian rail asset owner VicTrack, on behalf of the Andrews Labor Government, through their annual heritage program.

The works are expected to be complete by the end of June and will support the heritage tourist railway.

Last year the Andrews Labor Government funded a \$30,000 upgrade to the Victorian Goldfields Railway line, involving the replacement of 1,000 sleepers and more than two kilometres of track.

The new sleepers were funded through the Victorian Government's *Transport Investing in Regions* initiative, and the rail used in the upgrade was donated by VicTrack.

More information about the Victorian Goldfields Tourist Railway is available at [www.vgr.com.au](http://www.vgr.com.au).

#### Quotes attributable to the Member for Bendigo West, Maree Edwards

*"This \$400,000 restoration will return this historic local building to its former glory, and support the ongoing operations of the Victorian Goldfields Tourist Railway."*

*"The building will be restumped, the floor, wall and roof will be repaired and the platform will be extended to replicate the original design of the station."*

*"It builds on the \$30,000 upgrade to sleepers and track we provided last year, and will ensure the rich rail history of Maldon is preserved and celebrated through the Goldfields Tourist Railway."*

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