

A Strong Voice for Bendigo



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BENDIGO'S BULK-BILLED MEDICARE URGENT CARE CLINIC HAS OPENED

In great news for Bendigo, the Federal Labor Government has delivered a new Medicare Urgent Care Clinic.

Bendigo residents now have better access to bulk-billed, high-quality health care, 7 days a week.

Urgent Care Clinics are there to treat non-life-threatening health issues such as infections or injuries when you can't get an appointment with your regular GP.

In its first month, there were over 800 visits to the clinic, demonstrating the critical need for this service in Bendigo.

Labor is helping more people to see a GP without paying any out-of-pocket costs.

All you need is your Medicare card.

I am working for you to deliver better access to healthcare when you need it.



Bendigo Medicare Urgent Care Clinic is open 7 days a week

Friday - Tuesday: 10am to 10pm

Wednesday & Thursday: 10am to 6pm

📍 121 Arnold St Bendigo

☎ 5445 5690

No appointment necessary but calling ahead will save you time



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Labor



I have been working for you to deliver Federal Labor Government Funding to the Bendigo electorate.

Here are some of the projects funded since the 2022 Federal Election.

✔ Community Sport \$2,611,425

Strauch Reserve	\$460,000
Golden Square FNC	\$500,000
North Bendigo Rec Reserve	\$1,000,000
Campbells Creek Rec Reserve	\$399,475
Bill Woodfull Recreation Reserve	\$251,950

✔ Multicultural & Faith \$635,837

Islamic Community Centre	\$100,000
Golden Dragon Museum	\$100,000
Sisterworks	\$180,000
Great Stupa	\$255,837

✔ Health, Housing & Welfare \$10,012,456

Haven Home Safe	\$2,500,000
BDAC	\$3,660,210
Heathcote Community Hub	\$2,031,610
Bendigo Foodshare	\$665,636
Strengthening Medicare GP Grant - 45 local clinics	\$1,155,000



✔ Volunteers & Community Organisations \$282,450

Stronger Communities Grant - 12 organisations	\$150,000
Volunteer Grants - 60 organisations	\$132,450

✔ Defence Manufacturing \$205 million

Secured new contracts to build 93 Bushmasters

✔ Business & Industry \$5,783,682

Tourism Parks infrastructure upgrades	\$190,420
Bendigo East Urban Renewal Precinct	\$1,182,000
Coliban Regional Rural Modernisation	\$3,700,000
Small Business Energy Efficient Grants	\$211,262
Maldon Community Battery	\$500,000





Education

\$4,639,181

Castlemaine Co-op (Childcare)

\$20,000

Schools Up-Grade Fund

Maiden Gully PS

Malmsbury PS

Winters Flat PS

Axedale PS

Elphinstone PS

Epsom PS

Eaglehawk North PS

Marong PS

Huntly PS

Heathcote PS

Kyneton High School

Quarry Hill PS

Holy Rosary School

Bendigo Primary School
(Violet St)

Capital Grants Program

St Peter's Primary School

Holy Rosary School Heathcote

St Joseph's Primary School



Local Roads

\$56,108,623

2022-23 Black Spot Program

Long Gully	\$676,000
Ravenswood (Fogartys Gap Rd)	\$1,200,847
White Hills	\$180,000
Eaglehawk	\$142,000

2023-24 Black Spot Program

Axe Creek	\$1,692,000
Maiden Gully	\$1,079,000
White Hills	\$195,000
Bendigo (CBD)	\$324,000
Bendigo (Fenton St)	\$344,000
Quarry Hill	\$316,000

2024-25 Black Spot Program

Maiden Gully	\$260,000
Kyneton (Beauchamp St)	\$237,000
Kyneton (Batters Lane)	\$236,000
Ironbark	\$336,000

2023 - Local Roads & Community Infrastructure (phase 4)

City of Greater Bendigo	\$3,541,410
Macedon Ranges Shire Council	\$2,272,541
Mount Alexander Shire Council	\$1,706,456

2024-2029 - Local Roads & Community Infrastructure

City of Greater Bendigo	\$19,764,128
Mount Alexander Shire Council	\$9,523,496
Macedon Ranges Shire Council	\$12,082,745



Cost of living relief

- ✓ Tax cut for every taxpayer
- ✓ Cheaper childcare
- ✓ \$300 electricity bill rebate
- ✓ More Medicare bulk-billing
- ✓ Cheaper medicines
- ✓ HECS relief for those with student debt

More Bushmaster contracts for Thales Bendigo

Defence manufacturer's future secured by Labor

In 2025 I will continue to fight for Thales Bendigo. I want Thales Bendigo to build more Bushmaster Protected Vehicles for the Australian Government.

This is on top of the \$160m contract announced in 2023 and the \$45m contract announced in 2024.

This Federal Labor Government investment saved the site from closing and ensured long-term sustainability of vital defence industry jobs.

When Labor came to Government in 2022, Thales Bendigo had no Federal Government contracts to secure the continued manufacture of these cutting-edge protected mobility vehicles.

Thales Bendigo was at risk of closure and making their entire workforce redundant.

The Bushmaster is one of Australia's best defence industry and export success stories.

Currently in use in 9 countries, the Bushmaster is world renowned for its high level of protection and mobility of troops.

Bendigo has a proud defence manufacturing history.

I will continue to fight for the local jobs at Thales Bendigo and a future made in Australia.



New Solar Power Station Approved



Not actual panels

In November the Federal Labor Government approved a new solar power station in central Victoria which will generate enough energy to power 118,000 homes.

That's every home in the Bendigo electorate (and then some).

The 250 megawatt Muskerry Solar Power Station is located 30km northeast of Bendigo and includes the construction of around half a million solar panels and a 200MW battery storage system connected to an existing transmission infrastructure.

The project will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 495,000 tonnes per annum, which is equivalent to taking around 155,000 cars off the road for a year.

We know projects like this are vital to boosting renewables capacity and putting downward pressure on prices, but they are also great for local jobs and economies.

This project will support up to 350 direct jobs in construction and up to 10 ongoing jobs.

We don't need the Liberal party's expensive and risky nuclear energy proposal that will take decades to build.

The Muskerry Solar Power Station is a great example of how **Labor is getting on with the job of delivering clean, affordable and reliable power.**

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