

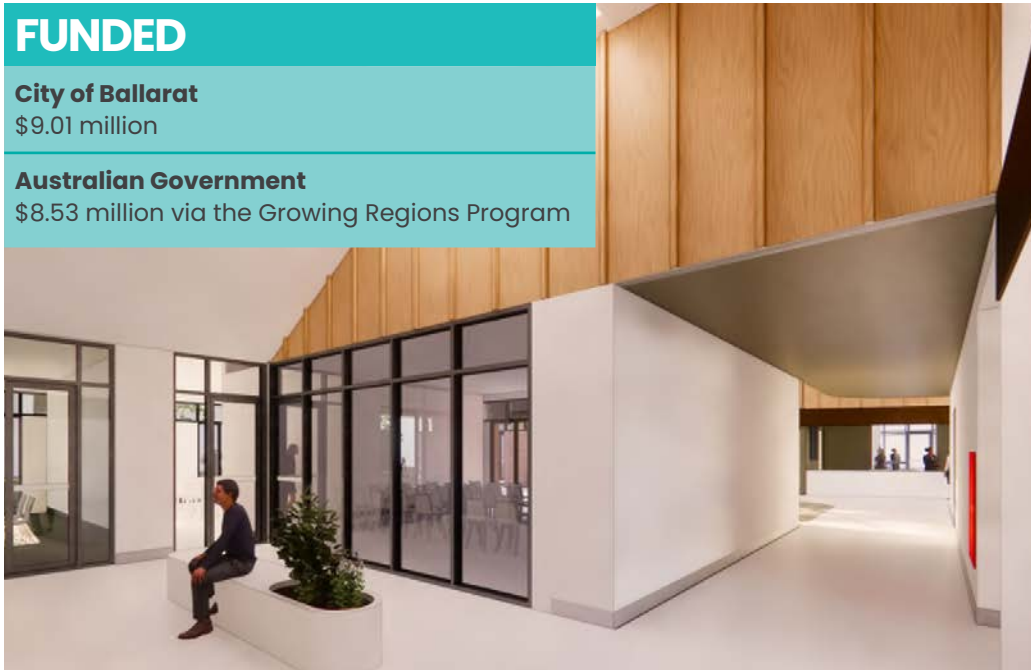
Eastwood Community Hub

Project Cost: \$17.8 million

FUNDED

City of Ballarat
\$9.01 million

Australian Government
\$8.53 million via the Growing Regions Program



Overview

The Eastwood Leisure Complex (ELC) redevelopment will deliver a multipurpose community hub in central Ballarat.

It will be a high quality, accessible and fit for purpose facility to foster community participation and to meet the needs of the growing Ballarat community.

The project includes demolition of the current ELC, excluding the attached basketball stadium which will be retained and reclad.

It will support the educational, social, physical and emotional health and wellbeing of the community.

Benefits

Community

The new hub will be a modern facility that provides spaces for learning, social support, arts and sports, fostering skill development and leadership.

It will deliver improved facilities for current and future user groups, including a main hall with capacity for up to 275 people.

It will facilitate social and community connections leading to positive health and wellbeing benefits.

ELC currently hosts 60,000 visits each year and 14,000 hours of programmed activity; new facilities will enhance the site's capacity and allow more than 100 current user groups to program more activities and allow new community groups to access the complex.

As a mid-sized, centrally located and affordable event space, the new facility will attract visitors for community, social and tourism events.

Economic

It will generate 128 jobs and an economic output of \$41.8 million during the construction phase.

ELC serves as a business incubator for grassroots organisations and business start-ups, helping diversify the local economy and supporting economic growth.

The redevelopment will activate industry potential by creating opportunities for local events, training, and community gatherings, contributing to the broader economic vibrancy of Ballarat.

Environmental

The building will be designed and constructed to high Ecologically Sustainable Design (ESD) principles.



The new hub will provide meeting spaces, activity and multipurpose rooms and main hall, allowing delivery of programmed training, services, physical activities, arts and culture, and increased opportunities for socialising, and lifelong learning.