

Media Release

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KYNETON COURTHOUSE TO GET A MAJOR SAFETY UPGRADE

Attorney-General Martin Pakula and Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas today announced a \$1.2 million refurbishment of the Kyneton Magistrates' Court.

The major project is part of the Andrews Labor Government's \$58.1 million investment in court safety and security across Victoria in the *Victorian Budget 2016/17*.

The upgrade will include safe waiting spaces and interview rooms, a secure Registry counter and a new disability accessible public entry.

Building security will also be improved with the supply of hand-held scanning wands and security officers.

The officers will provide roving patrols and escort services for vulnerable people when required, including for women and children who have been victims of family violence.

Security upgrades will deliver key recommendations of the Royal Commission into Family Violence as well as enable safer movement of people in custody.

The 159-year-old bluestone courthouse has remained substantially unchanged from its original design.

Planning work is now underway and the project is scheduled to be completed in mid-2018.

Quotes attributable to Attorney General Martin Pakula

"The Andrews Labor Government is keeping Victorians safe by ensuring our justice system supports those who need it the most."

"The local community has fought hard for a much-needed upgrade to Kyneton Magistrates' Court – one we're proud to deliver."

Quotes attributable to Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas

"It is crucial that when vulnerable people, especially those caught up in family violence, attend court they can do so in a safe manner, free from threat or intimidation."

"The refurbishment planned for the Kyneton Courthouse will help us deliver some of the key recommendations of the Royal Commission into Family Violence."