

Media Release

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DELIVERING MORE MODERN COURT FACILITIES IN MANSFIELD

The Andrews Labor Government is upgrading the Mansfield Courthouse to provide a safer and more modern facility.

The Labor Government will invest \$250,000 to deliver improved disability access, heritage restoration, building refurbishment, and garden and fencing improvements.

Attorney-General Martin Pakula today visited the Mansfield Courthouse to announce the investment, as part of the Government's Safe and Sustainable Victorian Courts Initiative.

The front border fence will be replaced with a heritage-style picket fence, the garden will be improved with new plantings, and the heritage courthouse will be carefully preserved during restoration and refurbishment. New toilets will be constructed to provide disabled access.

Court Services Victoria are scheduled to begin work in October this year.

The upgrades are part of the Labor Government's \$12.2 million investment in safe and sustainable courts in the 2017-18 State Budget.

These upgrades are in addition to the Government's investment in improved security at Mansfield Courthouse, with three new Court Security Officers on court sitting days since January 2018.

Court Security Officers provide entry screening and help protect vulnerable parties, especially victims of family violence, and were delivered as part of the Government's \$58.1 million investment in court safety and security in the 2016-17 Budget.

Quotes attributable to Attorney-General Martin Pakula

"These important upgrades at the Mansfield Courthouse are about making sure that people attending court can access more secure, and more modern facilities closer to home."

"Everybody attending court deserves to be able to access court buildings easily – we're making sure more people get greater access, especially those attending court with a disability."

"Mansfield Courthouse is a significant civic landmark for the region and we're ensuring this heritage building can serve the community for many years to come."