

Media Release

Honourable Alannah MacTiernan MLC opens Plantagenet Halls

On Saturday 20 January 2018 Alannah MacTienran, Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food; Minister assisting the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade, officially opened the Kendenup Agricultural Hall (Refurbishment Stage 2) and the newly refurbished Plantagenet District Hall in Mount Barker.

The Kendenup opening was attended by 70 people and the Minister praised the dedication of the Kendenup community to this long term project. The partnership between the Kendenup Community Recreation Centre Committee, the Kendenup Agricultural Grounds Committee and the Shire of Plantagenet secured funding from the community and the Regional Grants Scheme. The refurbishment of the Kendenup Agricultural Hall has created a multi-purpose, modern and practical community facility that can be enjoyed by all. The Minister congratulated the Kendenup community, and the Agricultural Grounds Committee in particular, for the efficient management of the facility and grounds, ensuring future sustainability.

Shire of Plantagenet Chief Executive Officer, Rob Stewart said: *'it was great to see so many people come along to celebrate the re-opening of the Agricultural Hall.'*

Following a tour of the facility, the Minister and dignitaries made their way to Mount Barker to attend the opening of the newly refurbished Plantagenet District Hall.

140 people attended the opening, launching the newly installed tiered seating in the main hall. Formalities commenced with Mikey Drayton and Rebecca Khan conducting a cultural acknowledgement, followed by the Shire Vice President Jon Oldfield handing over the keys of the Plantagenet District Hall to Roxanne Mills, representing the Plantagenet Players. As the lessees, the Plantagenet Players will be managing bookings and encouraging community usage of this now multi-purpose facility. The honourable Alannah MacTiernan revealed the plaque to officially open the Plantagenet District Hall, completing the ceremony.

The Plantagenet District Hall Revitalisation Project was funded by Lotterywest, the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, the Great Southern Development Commission, the Shire of Plantagenet, Plantagenet Players, Bendigo Bank and the Mount Barker Co-Op.



Picture: Official Opening of the Kendenup Agricultural Hall (Refurbishment Stage 2)

Left to right: Murray Wallinger (President Kendenup Agricultural Grounds Committee), Kaye Sandilands, Hon Alannah MacTiernan (Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food; Minister assisting the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade), Lisa Burrow (Vice President, Kendenup Community Recreation Committee), Ross Thornton (Great Southern Development Commission) and Cr Jon Oldfield (Vice President, Shire of Plantagenet)



Picture: Plantagenet District Hall Official Opening