

Housing improvements

A public housing property in Kyneton is among 40 homes managed by Loddon Mallee Housing undergoing renovations as part of a \$482,650 initiative to improve affordable housing in Loddon Mallee.

State Housing Minister Richard Wynne said the home is one of 40 in the region to share in more than \$480,000 for the Loddon Mallee region to improve people's homes as well as provide much-needed stimulus to the regional economy for up to 20 local tradespeople from Kyneton to Mildura.

Sue Masters, communications director, said that \$11.5K has been allocated for improvements to the home in Kyneton.

The home, which

was built in 1992, is to receive internal and external painting, new floor coverings, a new security door, new gutters and downpipes, as well as a check on service connection.

Ms Masters said that while there was just the one property included in the first round of funding announced by Mr Wynne, a further round yet to be announced is expected to include more funds for the Macedon Ranges area.

Mr Wynne said the State Labor Government is working together with the Commonwealth to create jobs and improve affordable housing in Bendigo and across the Loddon Mallee region through this economic stimulus.

"This investment will have a direct

impact on the quality of people's lives in Bendigo and from Kyneton to Mildura, whether they live in these homes or are employed to work on the improvements."

Mr Wynne said upgrading Loddon Mallee's social housing was part of the plan to create jobs and beat the economic downturn as well as to improve the quality of affordable housing stocks in the area.

"The funding is part of the \$1.58 billion package allocated to Victoria, of which \$99.2 million will go on maintenance of social housing owned by the government and not-for-profit community agencies, such as Loddon Mallee Housing Services."

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Mr Wynne said maintenance work would include internal and external painting, plumbing as well as bathroom and kitchen upgrades.

"Investing in repairs and maintenance will prolong the life of the homes and improve life for the tenants. It's good to see these infrastructure projects which show governments and the community working in partnership," he said.

"This will extend the life of housing by up to 15 years and enable approximately 5600 homes statewide that would have been lost to public and community housing to be retained."



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