

Regional Precinct Partnership Program Stream 2 Delivery
Mansfield Emergency Services Precinct Stage 1

2025 and
beyond

Letters of Support Stakeholder Package

Partners for a Resilient Community



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Re: Letter of Support – Mansfield Emergency Precinct Funding Application

Dear Kirsten

In my capacity as the Municipal Emergency Response Coordinator for Mansfield and Mt Buller, I am writing to express my strong support for Mansfield Shire Council's application to the Regional Precincts Partnership program for funding of the Mansfield Emergency Services Precinct.

As a member of the advisory committee for this project, I have witnessed first-hand the strategic planning and cross-agency consultation that underpin this initiative. The Mansfield Emergency Precinct is designed not only to enhance our emergency preparedness and response, but also to serve as a model of multi-agency collaboration and co-location.

The co-location of some emergency management agencies and community services within a single, purpose-built precinct has capacity for improving coordination, communication, and operational efficiency during multi-agency planning, response, and recovery phases of municipal emergencies.

By creating a partnership from multiple organisations in one physical space, the precinct will enable rapid information sharing and informed decision-making.

Co-location also provides ongoing opportunities for joint training, collaborative planning, knowledge sharing, building a collective skills base, and fostering positive relationships between agencies. These benefits extend beyond immediate emergency management response, strengthening the region's overall resilience and adaptive

capacity in the face of future hazards.

Alignment with Regional Precincts Partnership Program:

This project is most appropriate for Regional Precincts Partnership Program (rPPP) funding because it takes a place-based approach to planning and delivery, with strong agency and community partnerships working together on design, management, and multipurpose usage.

Building resilience and preparedness through co-located services and collaborative programming, the precinct has the capacity to enhance the resilience, adaptive capacity, and preparedness of local governments, community organisations, and residents.

In summary, the Mansfield Emergency Precinct represents a great investment in our region's safety and resilience. Its focus on collaboration and co-location will enhance our community preparedness, response, and recovery capability from emergencies.

I am confident in Council's ability to make sure the project delivers the stated aims and objectives.

I endorse this application and urge you to support this transformative project.

Good luck with your application.

Regards



Steve CARDEN | Senior Sergeant 34092

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5 June 2026

To Whom It May Concern,

Letter of Support – from Chief Executive Officer, Mansfield District Hospital

I'm writing on behalf of Mansfield District Hospital to show our strong support for the Shire Council's application for the Mansfield Emergency Services Precinct (MESP) project. Mansfield keeps growing, with more families choosing to make our region home. As the main health service for around 10,000 residents (and many more during busy holiday times), we know how important it is to plan ahead for our community's needs.

The MESP is a really important step for Mansfield and the wider district. By bringing together key emergency services-like new local headquarters for VicSES and Ambulance Victoria, a future CFA station, and a permanent home for Radio Mansfield (our emergency broadcaster)-the precinct will make sure we have the right facilities in place to respond to emergencies efficiently and support our volunteers and community.

The Resilience and Recovery Centre, which will provide dedicated spaces for training, community development, and emergency management is a highlight. This will help everyone-residents and visitors alike-be better prepared and supported before, during, and after emergencies. With modern telecommunications, car parking, and support for groups like the Red Cross, the precinct will be a real community hub.

Mansfield faces some unique challenges: we cover a big area, we're relatively isolated, and we've seen our fair share of natural disasters like bushfires, storms, and floods. Our current emergency facilities are stretched, and our local Ambulance Station has struggled with long travel times and patient transfers. Contemporary, central facilities will make a real difference to response times and will help to attract and keep the volunteers so often relied on. This project is a great fit for the Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program. It's all about working together-government, community, and business-to get the best results for our region. MESP planning has involved long term considered community input and there's strong support from all the emergency services.

Mansfield District Hospital has always worked closely with Council and local emergency services, and we're committed to making sure our community is safe, healthy, and resilient-now and into the future. I fully support the Council's application for Federal funding through the rPPP and hope you'll give this important project your serious consideration.



Michelle Spence
Interim Chief Executive Officer



25 May 2025

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Dear Kirsten

Subject – Support for the Mansfield Emergency Services Precinct and Inclusion of MCSR in the Resilience and Recovery Centre

On behalf of the Mansfield Community Support Register (MCSR), I am writing to express our strong support for the Mansfield Emergency Services Precinct (MESP) and to advocate for our inclusion within this vital community project.

As you are aware, the MCSR plays a crucial role in supporting vulnerable members of our community, particularly during emergencies. Our team of dedicated volunteers regularly meets to coordinate support, make welfare calls and ensure that our MCSR registrants are safe and connected.

We believe that the proposed Resilience and Recovery Centre within the MESP would provide an ideal location for the MCSR team to base our meetings and response activities. The co-location of emergency services, training spaces, and shared support facilities would greatly enhance our ability to collaborate with other agencies, streamline our emergency response, and deliver timely support to those in need.

The MESP's vision for integrated, fit-for-purpose infrastructure aligns perfectly with our mission to foster community preparedness and resilience. Access to modern facilities and technology would enable us to expand our capacity, improve our service delivery, and contribute more effectively to Mansfield's emergency management and recovery efforts.

Furthermore, the inclusion of essential new VicSES and Ambulance Victoria infrastructure, the future CFA station, and facilities for Radio Mansfield and the Red Cross, demonstrates a comprehensive, whole-of-community approach to emergency planning. We are confident that the MESP will become a model of best practice for regional emergency services and we are eager to be part of this collaborative precinct.

We fully support the Mansfield Shire Council's application for Federal rPPP funding and urge all stakeholders to recognize the immense value this project will bring to our region. The MESP will not only strengthen our collective emergency response but also enhance community wellbeing and resilience for years to come.

Thank you for considering the inclusion of the MCSR in the Resilience and Recovery Centre. We look forward to working together to realise this important vision for Mansfield.

Yours sincerely

Sue Lovick
MCSR Secretary



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5 June 2025

Dear Kirsten,

The Mansfield Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee (MEMPC) is pleased to provide its full support for Mansfield Shire Council's vision and planning for the proposed Mansfield Emergency Services Precinct (MESP) and Council's application for Federal pRRR funding.

The Mansfield district has experienced notable population growth and is a year-round tourism destination. During peak periods, particularly in summer and winter, visitor numbers place significant demand on local emergency services. These seasonal surges, combined with a growing permanent population, have stretched current response capabilities and exposed the inadequacy of existing emergency service facilities.

In particular, both Ambulance Victoria and the State Emergency Service (SES) operate from premises that are outdated and no longer fit for purpose. The proposed MESP would deliver upgraded, co-located facilities designed to support the critical work of our emergency response agencies, enhancing both everyday operations and major incident response.

Beyond its core function as an emergency services hub, the MESP would also provide a dedicated location for resource coordination and disaster response, facilities for relief and recovery operations, a purpose-built area for personnel briefing, debriefing, and training and a year-round space supporting community resilience building programs.

This infrastructure investment is essential not only for improving response capacity but also for supporting broader community safety and disaster preparedness efforts. The MESP aligns strongly with current community resilience initiatives and would be an enduring asset for the entire Mansfield district.

The MEMPC believes the proposed facility is a critical step forward and strongly endorses the Mansfield Shire Council's funding application. We look forward to hearing of its success.

Yours Sincerely



Tas Clingan
Acting Chair
Mansfield Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee



linking the community through learning

12 June 2025

Emma McPherson
Grants Project Officer
Mansfield Shire Council
[via email]

Dear Emma,

Letter of Support – Mansfield Emergency Services Precinct (MESP)

On behalf of Mansfield Adult Community Education (MACE), I am pleased to offer our strong support for Mansfield Shire Council's application to the Federal Government's Regional Precinct Partnerships Program (rPPP) for the development of the Mansfield Emergency Services Precinct.

MACE is committed to supporting the wellbeing, resilience, and lifelong learning of our local community. The proposed MESP aligns with our values and mission by fostering local preparedness, enhancing emergency response capacity, and providing vital infrastructure to support coordinated emergency services in our rapidly growing region.

We are particularly supportive of the inclusion of a Resilience and Recovery Centre within the precinct. We see this facility as a critical community resource that will complement our training and education services—especially in the areas of disaster preparedness, recovery, and community development. Additionally, the opportunity for co-location with organisations such as the Red Cross, VicSES, and Radio Mansfield will greatly enhance collaboration and service delivery across sectors.

MACE would welcome the opportunity to utilise the new training and support spaces to deliver relevant programs and contribute to community resilience and recovery efforts. We commend Council's leadership in progressing this much-needed project and trust that the application will receive favourable consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Kylie Richards
Chief Executive Officer



Letter of Support

Mansfield Emergency Services Precinct

The Delatite Chamber of Commerce (formerly the Mansfield and District Business Association) fully supports the proposed Mansfield Emergency Services Precinct.

The Mansfield Emergency Services Precinct will be a co-located First Responder and Community resilience and recovery base in Mansfield. Bringing together the Ambulance Victoria, SES, and later CFA on a single site will be able to assist in streamlining emergency coordination and response.

This initiative will become a strategic hub designed to enhance the safety, resilience, and connectedness of our community and local businesses. The presence of a community-focused base is reassuring to retail traders, staff, customers and visitors that their wellbeing is a top priority.

The value of such a precinct cannot be overstated. In a regional area like Mansfield, where natural disasters, bushfires, and severe weather events can occur with little warning, having a centralised 24/7 base for our emergency services is vital. It will assist Ambulance response times, improved services communication, and a more unified approach when it matters most.

For local businesses, such as our members, this precinct offers more than just peace of mind. Knowing that emergency services are not only close by but working collaboratively in a purpose-built facility makes Mansfield a safer place to operate.

This is also especially important for our residents and industries like tourism, agriculture, and construction, where the Mansfield Emergency Services Precinct will give these services the ability to respond quickly to incidents. This will make a significant difference.

Beyond emergency response, the precinct's community building aspect will provide a valuable new broadcast facility for Mansfield Radio and space for local groups and training sessions.

The precinct will not only strengthen our emergency response capabilities but also serve as a focal point for community activity and support. It's an opportunity to advance stronger

connections between residents, businesses, and emergency agencies. By encouraging community engagement and education, we can help build a culture of preparedness and resilience throughout Mansfield.

We see this as a forward-thinking investment in the safety, cohesion, and future prosperity of our region, and we look forward to working with all stakeholders to bring this vision to life.

In summary, the Delatite Chamber of Commerce wholeheartedly supports the development of the Mansfield Emergency Services Precinct and commend the project application to you.

Sincerely



Jon Gifford

President – Delatite Chamber of Commerce

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Dear Kirsten

Letter of Support – Mansfield Emergency Services Precinct.

I am writing on behalf of Buller Ski Lifts in support of Mansfield Shire Council's application for funding through the Federal Government's Regional Precincts & Partnership Program for delivery of the Mansfield Emergency Services Precinct.

Buller Ski Lifts (BSL) is a privately owned business that operates a variety of services on Mt Buller, including the lift network, ski and snowboard schools, accommodation, and hospitality venues. Located approximately three hours from Melbourne and just a short drive from the Mansfield township, Mt Buller is a popular year-round destination for visitors due to its accessibility.

BSL has been operating on Mt Buller for over 20 years, and during this time, the resort has seen a substantial increase in visitors. This growth continues each year, placing increased demand on local emergency and medical services.

Stage one of the Mansfield Emergency Services Precinct includes much needed contemporary accommodation for the local Ambulance Victoria staff and also our Vic SES volunteers. Also included in the Mansfield Resilience and Recovery Centre which is a valuable central hub within the Precinct proposal. This purpose-built facility will significantly enhance the region's emergency response capabilities providing essential training and educational resources to emergency personnel and the broader community. It will also provide a dedicated space allowing for multi-agency collaboration, ensuring a more coordinated and effective response during emergencies.

Furthermore, the Centre will be home to Mansfield Radio, the region's emergency broadcaster, ensuring vital communication between emergency services and the resorts during critical situations. This enhanced communication will help streamline emergency responses by providing timely updates and safety messages to both visitors and emergency teams on the mountain.

We support Council's position that this project is a top priority for the community, stakeholders, and visitors alike. We are confident that the Mansfield Emergency Resilience and Recovery Centre will significantly improve the region's resilience and emergency response capabilities. We look forward to the successful development of this essential initiative.

Yours sincerely

Noel Landry
General Manager
Buller Ski Lifts



June 27 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Arts Mansfield, I am writing to express support the Mansfield Emergency Precinct with a proposal to re-purpose the SES building as a dedicated artists' studio space, once the new headquarters are complete.

Arts Mansfield has a long-standing commitment to encouraging creativity and supporting artists throughout our region. The opportunity to transform the SES building into a vibrant creative hub aligns perfectly with our mission to nurture local talent and enhance community engagement with the arts.

We believe that providing accessible, well-equipped studio spaces is vital for artists to develop their practice, collaborate, and contribute to the cultural life of Mansfield.

We are particularly excited about the potential for this space to become a centre for inclusive artistic collaboration.

In this spirit, we are very interested in the inclusion of First Nations artists in the space, and working together should there be an opportunity to collaborate on the Mansfield Emergency Services Precinct (MESP) project.

We recognise the immense value that First Nations artists bring to our community, and we are eager to work together to learn from them and ensure their voices and perspectives are central to this initiative.

The re-purposing of the SES building presents both challenges and opportunities. While there will be logistical considerations in adapting the space for creative use, we see this as a unique chance to foster resilience, sustainability, and cultural exchange within our community.

By working closely with all stakeholders and partners—including First Nations artists, local government, and community groups—we are confident that we can transform the building into a thriving centre for artistic innovation value adding to the MESP.

We look forward to the possibility of collaborating on this exciting project and welcome further discussion on how Arts Mansfield can contribute to its success.

Kind regards,

Emma McPherson
President
Arts Mansfield