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MODERN GLASSHOUSE EXTENSION FOR KERANG LIBRARY

The Andrews Labor Government will expand the Sir John Gorton Library in Kerang, establishing an innovative new media lab for Northern Victoria residents.

Minister for Local Government Shaun Leane today announced the \$1.5 million *Glasshouse @ the Gannawarra* project, which will expand the Sir John Gorton Library and upgrade the historic water tower.

It will feature integrated indoor and outdoor spaces within glazed glass, including a media lab with computers and equipment for movie making, sound and music recording and meeting spaces.

The project will be undertaken by the Gannawarra Shire Council using a grant from the Labor Government's Living Libraries Infrastructure Program.

Since 2015, the Labor Government has invested more than \$42.6 million into 109 Living Libraries projects, allowing a total investment of \$297.2 million for new libraries, upgrades to existing facilities and library vans.

To find out more about LLIP visit localgovernment.vic.gov.au/public-libraries.

To find out more about the projects in your local community visit delivering.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Local Government Shaun Leane

"The Glasshouse @ the Gannawarra is a really exciting project that will upgrade the existing library and give locals better access to digital equipment and meeting spaces."

"We're making huge investments in libraries across the state to ensure Victorians can access the resources they need in their own backyards."

Quote attributable to Member for Northern Victoria Mark Gepp

"The Sir John Gorton Library is a fantastic asset for our community, and I can't wait to see it expanded to deliver more access to digital technology for the people of Kerang."