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Work begins on \$5.6m Youth and Community Hub

Federal Member for Chisholm Anna Burke MP today marked the start of work on the new Batesford Reserve Youth and Community Hub in Ashwood.

The Rudd Government is contributing more than \$4 million to Monash Council for the \$5.6 million project, with further funding being provided by the Victorian Government.

Ms Burke visited the project site today to mark the occasion and was joined by Monash Mayor Charlotte Baines, along with representatives of the Victorian Government and other stakeholders.

“I’m delighted to be here in Ashwood to see work underway on the new community centre, which is one of several local projects funded under the Government’s Economic Stimulus Plan,” Ms Burke said.

“The Community Hub will deliver benefits to local residents by bringing together a number of community service providers under the one roof.

“It will include youth counselling and support, community health services, and deliver a number of Neighbourhood House programs as well as education and training programs.

“Importantly, this project is expected to create 71 local jobs during construction, and more jobs administering and maintaining the facility in the long term.

“This is a project that Monash Council has been working towards for a number of years, and I’m delighted the Federal Government is helping to make it a reality.”

Ms Burke congratulated the City of Monash, the Victorian Government and the local community for their financial support and for helping to build stronger community infrastructure for the future.

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