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DEPARTMENT OF JOBS, PRECINCTS AND REGIONS

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DJPR in 2019-20



OUR DEPARTMENT

Six ministers spanning **14** portfolios supported as at 30 June 2020:

THE HON MARTIN PAKULA MP

Minister for Industry Support and Recovery

Minister for Business Precincts

Minister for Trade

Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events

Minister for Racing

Minister for the Coordination of Jobs, Precincts and Regions: COVID-19

THE HON JAALA PULFORD MP

Minister for Employment

Minister for Innovation, Medical Research and the Digital Economy

Minister for Small Business

THE HON JACLYN SYMES MP

Minister for Agriculture

Minister for Resources

Minister for Regional Development

THE HON SHAUN LEANE MP

Minister for Suburban Development

Minister for Local Government

THE HON MARTIN FOLEY MP

Minister for Creative Industries

THE HON ROS SPENCE MP

Minister for Community Sport

DJPR in 2019-20



OUR PURPOSE

Firmly focused on growing our state's economy and ensuring it benefits all Victorians

MORE JOBS FOR MORE PEOPLE

Helping to grow the economy by working with businesses to create and maintain jobs

THRIVING PLACES AND REGIONS

Building vibrant, prosperous precincts, suburbs and regions that drive economic growth and opportunities

INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

Creating opportunities for all Victorians in communities that are well connected and economically resilient



Key challenges – supporting businesses through the bushfires

Rural and regional Victoria encountered major disaster from the ‘black summer’ bushfires of December 2019 and January 2020. This included significant and negative impact on communities and small businesses



SMALL BUSINESS BUSHFIRE SUPPORT

900+ businesses supported by Local Business Recovery Advisors

\$50,000 Small Business Bushfire Recovery Grant administration in partnership with VCCI:

- **68** successful applicants
- **\$1.76 million** in support provided



TOURISM

Advice and support to industry with Visit Victoria, VTIC, RTBs

Support for Tourism North East

Support for Destination Gippsland



AGRICULTURE

Animal welfare relief

Agricultural loss, damage assessment and recovery services to primary producers

Key challenges – supporting businesses through the pandemic

The \$1.7 billion Economic Survival Package



BUSINESS SUPPORT FUND

One-off grants of \$10,000 distributed to eligible businesses impacted by the economic effects of COVID-19

77,000+ businesses supported

\$770 million in grants distributed



WORKING FOR VICTORIA

\$500 million fund helping Victorians find work

Funding fully committed to create and support jobs

12,000+ Victorians jobseekers into employment

Additional supports



SUSTAINING CREATIVE WORKERS AND LIVE MUSIC SUPPORT

\$49 million in immediate support distributed

771 individual creative practitioners and micro-businesses, **173 music venues** and **166 organisations supported**



AGRICULTURE WORKFORCE PLAN

Developed and delivered a plan to address labour force issues due to COVID-19



COMMERCIAL TENANCY RELIEF SCHEME

Mediation assistance through the VSBC



UPSKILL MY BUSINESS WEBSITE

Free resources to businesses created and maintained by Small Business Victoria

Highlights from Jobs, Innovation and Business Engagement (JIBE) in 2019-20

Innovation, digital and bio economy and Business Programs

Helping Victorian businesses grow, creating more job opportunities, developing key industries and being innovation leaders



INNOVATION

LaunchVic supported **133 companies** or new entrants through its initiative, exceeding the BP3 target of 70

Entrepreneurs and innovators also supported through COVID-19 by the Business Support Fund



DIGITAL ECONOMY

Completed **42 mobile base stations** and began providing mobile connectivity to new areas of rural and regional Victoria

Delivered **enhanced broadband services**, providing high capacity business grade broadband to more



BUSINESS PROGRAMS

Facilitated **administration of the Business Support Fund** and fast-tracked grants of up to \$10,000 to small businesses

Highlights from Jobs, Innovation and Business Engagement (JIBE) in 2019-20

Small Business Victoria

Helping Victorian businesses grow, creating more job opportunities, developing key industries and being innovation leaders



SMALL BUSINESS VICTORIA (SBV)

SBV assisted a **42** further Local Councils through the **Better Approvals Project** (61 councils to date)

Supported **900+ small businesses** supported through the Victorian bushfires

Administered the **\$50,000 Small Business Bushfire Recovery Grant** with the Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry to **68 successful applicants**

5 million+ visits made to the **Business Victoria's website**, **36.32 per cent higher** compared to 2018-19

SBV made **224 visits** to **184 locations**, helping more than **2,093 individuals** from the **Small Business Bus**

Held **2,734** face to face and virtual **mentoring sessions** across Victoria

The **Digital Opportunities Roadshow** delivered 36 workshops to regional Victoria

Highlights from Jobs, Innovation and Business Engagement (JIBE) in 2019-20

Industry Development and Participation and Business Investment and Engagement

Helping Victorian businesses grow, creating more job opportunities, developing key industries and being innovation leaders



INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND PARTICIPATION

Implemented the **Local Jobs First Policy**, which covered **335** large and small projects, supporting

- > **6,902** jobs
- > **10,627** opportunities for SMEs
- > **1,528** opportunities for apprentices, trainees and cadets

Set Local content requirements for **34 Strategic Projects** valued at over **\$22.6 billion**, which will deliver an average of **90 per cent local content**.



BUSINESS INVESTMENT AND ENGAGEMENT

Bombardier – establishment of Australian jet maintenance, repair and overhaul facility at Essendon Airport

CSL – facilitated continuation of CSL's **\$500 million** expansion at Broadmeadows

D'Orsogna – opened new **\$66 million** smallgoods manufacturing facility in Melbourne's north with more than **200** employees

Highlights from Global Victoria in 2019-20

Connects Victoria to global opportunities by building the export capability of Victorian businesses and connecting them to global trade opportunities through its international networks.



SUPPORT FOR VICTORIAN FIRMS

Global Victoria delivered a range of government programs, including the:

- > **Outbound and inbound trade mission program** – delivered **25 missions involving 550 Victorian companies** – supported visitation of 593 international delegates from inbound trade missions
- > **Access Program** – provided tailored export support through the **22 VGTI offices**
- > **Export Skills Program** – provided businesses with the necessary skills to pursue international opportunities



Through participation in these programs, Global Victoria supported firms to achieve **\$709 million in export sales**

Actual export sales **exceeded** the target by **29 per cent**, due to the extensive pipeline of export sales outcomes driven by businesses attending trade missions in previous years

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Global Victoria supported **42,000** international students through welfare programs and services, including the **Study Melbourne Student Centre**, which saw **250 per cent** increase in demand

Distributed the **\$45 million International Student Emergency Relief Fund**, supporting **12,800** international students as at 30 June 2020

Highlights from Inclusion in 2019-20

The Inclusion group champions the fair distribution of the economic and social benefits that stem from a strong economy



EMPLOYMENT

Through Jobs Victoria Services, the Inclusion group supported **3,000+ Victorian jobseekers** into work

Increased capacity and services to support jobseekers impacted by COVID-19



ABORIGINAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Inclusion has commenced development of the **Victorian Aboriginal Employment and Economic Council** to advance economic opportunities and prosperity for all Aboriginal Victorians



WORKING FOR VICTORIA

Program to help people who have lost their jobs find paid work that supports the Victorian community

50,000+ jobseekers registered with the Working for Victoria online marketplace

DJPR has placed almost **6,500 jobseekers** placed into funded roles (as at 30 June 2020)

Highlights from Agriculture in 2019-20

The Agriculture Victoria group delivers policy, regulation and compliance, market access and facilitation, biosecurity and emergency management, and research and innovation services



DROUGHT

The Agriculture Victoria group responded to drought and dry seasonal conditions in East and Central Gippsland and the far North West of the state

Delivered the **Drought Support package** providing grants and support small business and community resilience



BUSHFIRE

Supported **960+** farmers impacted by fire across the North East and East Gippsland, including providing immediate animal welfare relief, loss and damage assessment, and recovery services



RURAL FINANCIAL COUNSELLING

1,900 active clients due to increased demand from farmers across the state



COVID-19

Agriculture Workforce Plan implemented, to address labour force issues due to COVID-19 through job matching, skills development, business adaptation grants and job creation



STRENGTHENING VICTORIA'S BIOSECURITY SYSTEM

Support for operational capabilities in Animal Health and Welfare

Surveillance for early detection of pests, diseases and invasive species, and preparedness for and response to biosecurity incidents - tested during the outbreak of **Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza**

Highlights from Rural and Regional Victoria (RRV) in 2019-20

Regional Development

The RRV group works to create more jobs for more rural and regional Victorians, build thriving economies and communities and enable place-based collective impact



COVID-19 STIMULUS RESPONSE

Undertaken **comprehensive community consultation**, including leveraging regional partnerships to conduct COVID-19 recovery roundtables



REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Worked with regional Victorian communities and businesses to **identify projects** to receive funding through the \$2.7 billion Building Works package

Funded **30 regional development and tourism projects**



FACILITATION OF INVESTMENT IN RURAL AND REGIONAL VICTORIA

RDV **facilitated \$840 million of new investment** in rural and regional Victoria that will create over 1,200 jobs

Supported **148** economic development and service delivery projects

100 per cent participant satisfaction with its program implementation

- > E.g. the \$370 million Geelong City Deal, Benalla Splash Park, Ballarat Station Precinct and GovHubs



LATROBE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Continued delivery of the **Latrobe Valley Assistance Package**

Highlights from Rural and Regional Victoria (RRV) in 2019-20

Resources and Forestry

The RRV group facilitates investment and promotes job creation in both established and emerging sectors, including resources, forestry and game



CARBONNET PROJECT

Progressing delivery of the **\$150 million CarbonNet Project**. Offshore drilling at the Pelican site in Bass Strait confirmed its suitability for commercial scale carbon capture and storage



MINERALS RESOURCE STRATEGY

Progressed implementation of this strategy, including the Stavely minerals initiative and launch of the North Central Victorian ground release.



VICTORIAN GAS PROGRAM

Implemented the Victorian Gas Program to improve the understanding of Victoria's onshore conventional gas resources and enable further development of offshore gas and underground gas storage.



EARTH RESOURCES REGULATIONS

Delivered improvements to the regulation of earth resources in response to the **Getting the Groundwork Right** report



HAZELWOOD MINE FIRE INQUIRY

Progressed delivery of key actions, including establishing the new **Mine Land Rehabilitation Authority**



FORESTRY TRANSITION

Released the **\$1.1 million Forestry Business Transition Voucher program** to support timber businesses affected by the **Victorian Forestry Plan**

Highlights from Precincts and Suburbs in 2019-20

Priority Precincts

The Precincts and Suburbs group coordinates a whole of government approach to the planning and development of Priority Precincts and Melbourne Suburbs to realise their potential for growth



FISHERMANS BEND

The largest urban renewal precinct in Australia and is expected to accommodate **80,000** jobs and **80,000** residents by 2050

Undertook **significant planning to transform the General Motors Holden (GMH)** site into the Fishermans Bend Innovation Precinct

Secured investments including: \$4.7m on the preliminary business case for transport links between Fishermans Bend and the CBD; \$2m for netball courts and \$2m for redevelopment of the North Port Oval



DOCKLANDS

Supported the design phase of the **\$225 million** redevelopment of Marvel Stadium. This project will help maintain Melbourne's status as the sporting and events capital in Australia



PARKVILLE

Encompasses the Melbourne Biomedical precinct, including over **45** biomedical organisations

Attracted **\$2.8 billion** of investment capital into research and healthcare facilities over the last decade

Secured a new global headquarters for global biotech giant CSL



FOOTSCRAY

Recognised for its role as a gateway to the west, servicing the rapidly growing population

Launched the Footscray Priority Precinct to support the **\$1.5 billion new Footscray Hospital** (2,000 jobs, 200 additional beds)

Highlights from Precincts and Suburbs in 2019-20

Office of Suburban Development

The Office for Suburban Development develops and delivers the government vision and policy agenda for Melbourne's suburbs and facilitates coordination across government, business and communities



METROPOLITAN PARTNERSHIPS

The Office for Suburban Development supported Metropolitan Partnerships to:

- > engage Melbournians through **six major events with over 500 people** attending
- > shape the government response to COVID-19 by advocating for needs at local level
- > support community priorities by investing \$1 million in 10 projects
- > deliver co-designed engagement and youth-led consultation



SUBURBAN REVITALISATION PROGRAM

Supported Hume City Council to deliver the **Broadmeadows Town Hall redevelopment**, with \$18 million generated from Local Government contribution

Facilitated the Frankston town centre Station Street Mall upgrade, leveraging over **\$1.2 million in co-contributions** from the council and private sector



PICK MY PROJECT

Delivered **42 events** in Melbourne through the **\$33 million** community led grants program, supporting education, connectedness, inclusion and disadvantaged people

Highlights from Creative, Sport and Visitor Economy (CSVE) in 2019-20

Creative Industries

Creative Victoria raises the profile, reach and impact of Victoria's creative industries, supports our creative workers and businesses and oversees the state's major creative organisations



RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Creative Victoria provided support of \$220 million (\$49 million announced in the 2019-20 FY) for:

- > **770+ creative workers** through the \$4.7 million **Sustaining Creative Workers program**
- > **170+ music venues** and **166 organisations** through the Strategic Investment Program and Live Music Support package



UPDATE TO THE CREATIVE STATE STRATEGY

Completed a series of **state-wide public forums** and online consultation. Creative Victoria will use this work to reconsider the strategy in light of COVID-19 impacts



FIRST PEOPLES PARTNERSHIP GROUP

Established the Group with **11 state-wide First Nations representatives** and **delivered the First People Investment Program** to support First Peoples' creative and cultural practice



REGIONAL CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

Creative Victoria supported:

- > **33 regional art galleries and performing arts centres** with programming and operational support
- > **22 regional creative organisations** for COVID-related support
- > **3 regional touring** programs

Highlights from Creative, Sport and Visitor Economy (CSVE) in 2019-20

Sport, Recreation and Racing (SRR)

SRR works collaboratively to improve the health and wellbeing of Victorians and support the development of major sports facilities and high performance pathways



SPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE

SRR delivered the **\$338.2 million Melbourne Park Redevelopment** (stage 2) ahead of time and on budget

Delivered the **St Kilda Australian Football League Women change rooms** and administration facilities as part of the \$13 million Moorabbin Reserve redevelopment (stage 2 works)



2020-21 LOCAL SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

SRR supported **100 projects** to develop high quality, accessible community sport and active recreation infrastructure across Victoria

Enabled a total construction value of **\$243 million** across the state



COMMUNITY SPORT COVID-19 SHORT-TERM SURVIVAL PACKAGE

SRR delivered **3,834 grants** totalling **\$3.8 million** approved and paid to 30 June 2020 to



COMMUNITY SPORT AND RECREATION FORUMS

Delivered **20 forums** across Victoria, including 2020 International Women's Day community sport symposium



RACING

SRR supported **162 racing projects** through **\$6.9 million** in grants as part of the renewed **Victorian Racing Industry Fund**

\$19.4 million total value

Highlights from Creative, Sport and Visitor Economy (CSVE) in 2019-20

Tourism, Events and Visitor Economy (TEVE)

TEVE undertakes research, advises government and industry and provides governance support to entities that market the state, secure events and manage large scale tourist attractions



WORLD CLASS EVENTS

TEVE collaborated with Visit Victoria to continue to **secure and deliver world-class major events** such as:

- > Come From Away
- > ICC T20 Women's World Cup Final
- > UFC243
- > The President's Cup
- > Boomers vs USA Basketball



REGIONAL TOURISM REVIEW

TEVE completed the **Regional Tourism Review** and findings are being used to inform Government support to respond and recover from the impacts of COVID-19



BUSHFIRE AND COVID-19 SUPPORT

TEVE worked closely with Visit Victoria, the Victoria Tourism Industry Council, Regional Tourism Boards and the tourism industry to provide **advice and support**

Delivered targeted support to assist **recovery from bushfires**, including grants for Tourism North East and Destination Gippsland

Includes **\$150 million Experience Economy Survival Package**



TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE

TEVE identified **tourism projects to benefit from \$382 million through the Building Works Package** to upgrade and build new community projects and tourism experiences

DJPR'S key challenges over 2019-20



GLOBAL CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

The global pandemic placed the Victorian economy under unprecedented pressure



CLIMATE CHANGE

Climate change and adapting to a carbon-constrained future will require the transformation of Victoria's energy and farming systems



ADAPTING TO NEW WORKING ENVIRONMENT

Due to COVID-19, DJPR transitioned 3,000 employees to work from home whilst continuing to deliver services



DROUGHT

Due to prolonged dry seasonal conditions, DJPR provided a Drought Support package, including relief payments, and technical support to small businesses and community.



BUSHFIRES

Due to prolonged dry seasonal conditions, DJPR provided intensive programs, advice and support to regional communities and business