

# Media Release

**The Hon Natalie Suleyman MP**

Minister for Veterans  
Minister for Small Business  
Minister for Youth



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## FUNDING FOR NEW WHITTLESEA YOUTH HUB

The Andrews Labor Government is investing in the future and welfare of young people in Whittlesea with a new Youth Hub, in partnership with Whittlesea City Council.

Minister for Youth Natalie Suleyman has announced Whittlesea City Council will receive funding through the Youth Hubs Grant Program for a feasibility study to determine the location, infrastructure requirements and services which will best support local young people in the region.

Co-designed by the people who will use the Hub, Whittlesea City Council and the Labor Government are inviting young people from across Whittlesea to get involved and join an information session about the project, hosted at EDGE Youth Services at 5pm on Friday, 23 June.

The grant program is funded under the Labor Government's five-year Youth Strategy 'Our promise, Your future' to upgrade or develop youth hubs in outer metropolitan Melbourne.

To register for the event visit: [trybooking.com/CJAZL](https://trybooking.com/CJAZL).

For further information, call 9404 8800 or contact [baseline@whittlesea.vic.gov.au](mailto:baseline@whittlesea.vic.gov.au).

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Youth Natalie Suleyman

*"We're determined to ensure young people have a say on the decisions that impact them – funding for this feasibility study will ensure a youth perspective is showcased throughout the development of this project."*

### Quote attributable to Member for Mill Park, the Hon Lily D'Ambrosio MP

*"We encourage young people to attend this information session, as they are best placed to tell us what they want in the development of this facility and how we can continue to support youth in Whittlesea."*

### Quote attributable to Member for Thomastown, Bronwyn Halfpenny MP

*"By empowering young people to be involved in the decision-making process, we will ensure this new facility is a safe and supportive space for youth in Whittlesea and surrounding areas."*

### Quote attributable to Member for Yan Yean, Lauren Kathage MP

*"This is a fantastic opportunity for young people from across Whittlesea to lead this project and to work and shape the future of their communities."*

### Quote attributable to Chair Administrator City of Whittlesea, Lydia Wilson

*"We are thrilled to be able to offer the opportunity for young people aged 12 to 25 throughout the City of Whittlesea to be part of co-designing these safe spaces that will enable them to forge connections, explore possibilities and thrive."*

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