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# Galkangu – Bendigo GovHub Community Update



Progress continues on Galkangu

Welcome to our October Community Update, providing you with the latest project updates for Galkangu – the new Bendigo GovHub.

**Galkangu** [*pron: gull-kang-gooh*] is a Dja Dja Wurrung word, meaning “build together, we make together, make things happen together, more connected to Country.”

### Progress Update

Momentum is building on site at Galkangu, with construction now well advanced as work on the façade continues, and the interior starts to take shape.

Roughing in of services, plastering, and the integration of walls and doorways are beginning to bring the interior of the building to life.

The feature stair corner on Lyttleton Terrace and St Andrews Avenue has now reached completion, and will provide access throughout the building, from the ground floor to Level Three. Adjacent lifts will also be included, enhancing accessibility for all visitors and employees working within the building.

From inside the building, you can see the internal tiered courtyard which is now taking shape, and will allow plenty of natural lighting into each level of the building.

Another smaller courtyard is being built with a water feature and Indigenous plantings. The landscaping will include a planting palette of the pre-colonial box ironbark forest which would have stood on this site. It also includes diverse all native planting to create a layered meaning and sensory experience.

Over the coming months, work will continue on site focusing on the interior of the building including fit-out of the customer service area, workstations and meeting spaces.

We look forward to welcoming new tenants into the building in early 2023, and will share more on Galkangu’s progress as we near completion.



The feature staircase on the corner of Lyttleton Terrace and St Andrews Avenue



Façade cut-out surrounding the lemon scented gum on Mundy Street

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## Site Tours

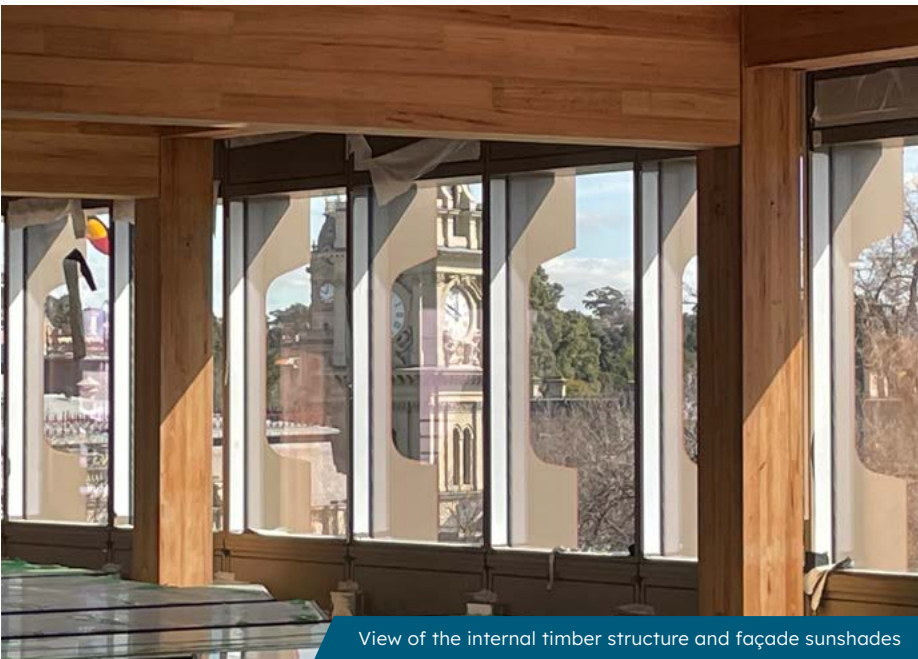
In July, representatives from the City of Greater Bendigo toured the site to get a feel for their new workplace.

The two groups of leaders and supervisors were led through Galkangu by Icon Fairbrother and Regional Development Victoria project managers.

This is a historic move for Council, which will finally have a shared CBD office location, from which to serve the community.

Craig Niemann, CEO, and Andrew Cooney, Director, also joined one of the groups to be with their teams and get an up-close and personal feel for their new headquarters.

They were impressed with the new space where local and state government will be under one roof collaborating more to deliver for their shared communities.



## Project timeline

2019

**Apr:** Concept design

**May:** Funding announced

**Jun:** Community engagement



2020

**Sept:** Early Works Commence

**Nov:** Archaeological dig commenced

**Dec:** Head Contractor Appointed



2021

**Jun-Jul:** Early works, archaeological dig complete

**Mid:** Construction start



2022

**Late:** Construction complete



2023

Occupancy

\*All dates are indicative only, and subject to change.

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Galkangu is being delivered by Regional Development Victoria, in partnership with Development Victoria. Icon Fairbrother joint venture has been appointed to deliver the project working closely with Lyons Architects, Arup Engineering and Djaara to design and build the multi-use development set to transform the heart of Bendigo.

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