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NEW HOME FOR CASTLEMAINE FESTIVAL IN HISTORIC GOODS SHED

The transformation of Castlemaine's historic railway good shed is complete, providing a new home for the Castlemaine State Festival.

Member for Bendigo West, Maree Edwards, today joined VicTrack and State Festival representatives to celebrate the new lease on life the \$505,000 project has provided to heritage-listed building.

Heritage restoration and refurbishment works carried out include new fire and electrical services, repointing of the brickwork, construction of a new main entrance and stairs, and replacement of the roof, skylights, gutters and downpipes.

A kitchenette and new balustrade fence along the platform have been installed, and access has been improved with all abilities ramps and accessible toilets.

The building has now been handed over to the State Festival, who is expected to complete the fit out prior to the end of 2015.

The new headquarters for the State's longest running regional festival will include administrative offices and performance spaces.

Works to restore the 150 year old building were managed by Victorian rail asset owner VicTrack, and carried out by a local builder, The FNG Group.

Quotes attributable to Member for Bendigo West, Maree Edwards

"This \$505,000 project has transformed Castlemaine's Goods Shed into a new home for the State Festival, giving this historic building a new lease on life."

"The restoration is a celebration of Castlemaine's past and its future, as a vibrant regional centre with a rich rail history."

"The new administrative offices and performance spaces will help Victoria's longest running regional festival here in Castlemaine grow and flourish for years to come."

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