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Doors officially open at new and improved Avenel Hall

State Member for Northern Victoria Jaclyn Symes, in conjunction with Strathbogie Shire Council, officially opened the Avenel Hall yesterday.

The project, valued at over \$400,000, consisted of \$300,000 funding from the Victorian Government's Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Fund, as well as over \$100,000 from Strathbogie Shire Council.

The hall, which was built over 100 years ago, has had a major upgrade and extension, including three new meetings rooms, brand new kitchen, renewal of main toilets, installation of a storm water reuse system and structural improvements to the existing building.

Council also separately funded the indent of the footpath and carpark sealing out the front of the hall.

The carpark has been made safer and more accessible for hall users with clearly marked angle parking spaces, including disabled parking.

The Victorian Government's Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Fund supported the Avenel Hall upgrade as a true community initiative that drives economic growth and strengthens regional communities.

At today's opening, State Member for Northern Victoria Jaclyn Symes said the new and improved hall promotes the development of stronger and more connected communities.

"It is all about making sure the hall will serve the community for many years to come," Ms Symes said.

Hughes Creek Ward Councillor Malcolm Little said "the combined efforts of State Government, Strathbogie Shire Council, the Avenel Hall Committee and the community have led to a very successful outcome for the town and the region."

"Development of key infrastructure is vital to strengthening and growing our communities and enhancing the regional living experience."

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