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# Galkangu – Bendigo GovHub

Community update



Galkangu begins to take shape on Bendigo's Lyttleton Terrace

Welcome to our June 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

Since works commenced in 2021 there has been significant progress with the construction of this new state-of-the-art building, which is rapidly taking shape on Bendigo's skyline, with an impressive timber frame now close to complete.

As one of Victoria's three GovHubs, Galkangu will accommodate up to 1,000 City of Greater Bendigo and Victorian Government workers - creating a one-stop-shop for customers while building a stronger and collaborative public sector presence in Bendigo.

Main works for this project commenced last August after regional Victoria's largest archaeological dig, which uncovered more than 150,000 artefacts from the 1850s gold rush through to the 1960s.

The concrete structure of the building is now complete, and the beautiful timber frame is well progressed, giving the community a glimpse of what the completed building will look like. Levels one and two of the frame are now completely installed, and level three is nearing completion. In the coming weeks Galkangu will achieve its “top out” when the structure reaches its highest point.

“Roughing in” of services for the building is also underway, as we begin the installation of services and equipment. We are also progressing with façade installation, with the first panels being installed in late May.

## The Timber Frame

A key feature of Galkangu is the installation of one of Victoria's largest mass timber frames.

The wooden frame forms the structure of the building and is made from plantation pine and Victorian Ash.

The incorporation of timber within the building has a number of benefits, and generates lower carbon emissions than more traditional building materials such as steel and concrete.

The timber frame will contribute to the unique appearance of the building, and will complement the other design elements of Galkangu.



Galkangu's timber frame

## The Façade Design

Installation of Galkangu's façade, featuring artwork inspired by Dja Dja Wurrung shields, has now commenced.

This process will see panels of the artwork attached to the building's frame, bringing to life the design created by Dja Dja Wurrung, Yorta Yorta and Jaru artist Natasha Carter of Murrupuk Art.

Its diamond pattern represents identity, protection, honour and the historic *Recognition and Settlement Agreement of 2013* which formally acknowledged the Dja Dja Wurrung people as the Traditional Owners for Bendigo, and surrounding lands.

The set-out process for the façade is now in progress, which allows our team to plan for where the panels will be placed on the building.

While the installation of the façade will begin with clear glass window panels, the artwork panels will begin to appear over coming months, with completion of the façade installation expected to be completed in Spring of 2022.



### TIMELINE



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 and Arup Engineering to design and build the multi-use development set to transform the heart of Bendigo.

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