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More Locals Get Back to Work

Locals who have lost work due to the coronavirus pandemic will have the chance to find new jobs to help slow the spread of the virus and support the community through the Victorian Government's *Working for Victoria* initiative.

The Moonee Valley Council is one of 10 additional councils to sign up to the Victorian Government's \$500 million initiative and will offer around 60 positions.

Around 1,200 workers across the state will perform new roles such as public asset cleaning and maintenance of parks, gardens and sporting fields.

Working for Victoria is matching thousands of Victorians with employers that need workers, including those who have lost their job due to the coronavirus pandemic.

More than 8,500 Victorians have started in new roles since the fund launched in April. The initiative also provides people with access to training where required to take on new positions.

More than 390 businesses have signed up to find staff through *Working for Victoria* and more are encouraged to get on board. For more information and to register for employment, go to vic.gov.au/workingforvictoria.

The *Working for Victoria* initiative has already partnered with 43 councils across Victoria creating more than 3,300 jobs in local communities.

The roles include land and asset management, aged care and community support, hardship relief delivery, crisis co-ordination, cleaning, road and urban maintenance, small business support, natural reserve maintenance and tree planting.

The latest local council jobs are part of a new 3,000-plus tranche of *Working for Victoria* jobs. Other major programs include a partnership with the Victorian Council of Social Services (VCOSS) for 1,100 jobs in 56 community organisations across the state and a new Youth Employment Program that will give up to 800 young people a foot in the door in the public service.

Quotes attributable to Danny Pearson MP, Member for Essendon

"This support will deliver crucial jobs in Moonee Valley, helping people who have lost their job due to no fault of their own who in turn will help their fellow community members."

"We're backing and supporting people when they need it most and fighting for every local job."