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RCV TO PLAY KEY ROLE IN REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Victoria's leading regional cities will be prominent members of the new Regional Partnerships announced today by the State Government.

Regional Cities Victoria (RCV) Chair Cr Rod Fyffe said it was pleasing to see the Government recognise RCV's position in shaping the future of rural and regional Victoria.

"RCV welcomes today's announcement from Premier Andrews and Minister Pulford around the makeup of the nine Regional Partnerships," Cr Fyffe said.

"Our members will be leading voices in each of these partnerships, engaging with the Government on behalf of our communities to advance the interests of regional Victoria. We're ambitious about what can be achieved.

"As the state's 10 leading regional cities and the largest council areas in each Regional Partnership, RCV plays an important role in supporting and working with our rural catchments. The Regional Partnerships model reinforces this approach," Cr Fyffe said.

Cr Fyffe said the Government had struck the right balance in the memberships of the nine Regional Partnerships, resulting in a cross section of industry and community sectors being represented.

"It's been a big effort to bring together such varied groups of community leaders from across Victoria – the Government is to be commended for its hard work in making this a reality," he said.

RCV is a regional leadership group dedicated to building a sustainable Victoria by providing strategic advice, coordination and advocacy to State and Federal Governments to support policies which enable Victoria's regional centres to grow and develop.

Comprising Mayors and CEOs of the 10 largest cities in regional Victoria – Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Horsham, Latrobe, Mildura, Shepparton, Wangaratta, Warrnambool and Wodonga – RCV is focused on achieving real change in regional Victoria through policy development and active implementation of those policies.

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