

# **\$3.5 million project to reopen Strathalbyn Abattoir**

Strathalbyn's abattoir will become operational again this year, with the Fleurieu Community Co-operative to undertake a \$3.5 million restoration of the site, and the State Government providing \$1.5 million towards the project.

The reopened meat processing facility will allow agricultural producers in the region to have their animals processed and sold to butchers, supermarkets and restaurants, with the project expected to create up to 20 on-going jobs.

On site Wednesday morning, Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development David Basham said the reopening of a local meat processing facility will be a big boost for the Fleurieu Peninsula.

"The abattoir at Strathalbyn closed in 2020 and ever since then we have been looking at options for its future," he said.

"The project will see the repair and upgrade of existing facilities, invest in new facilities and implement an automated abattoir booking management system to enable operations to commence."

Member for Hammond Adrian Pederick similarly welcomed the upgrade and restoration of the local abattoir.

***Full report in next week's Southern Argus***