



Supporting world class health facilities for all Victorians

The Victorian Government is taking action to build better health services for all Victorians. The 2009-10 State Budget continues the Government's commitment to providing the infrastructure needed to support the delivery of high quality and accessible services in the health and community services. Funding of \$283 million is allocated for new building projects. This brings to around \$5.1 billion the total amounts invested by the Government in the largest health capital program in the State's history.

Aged Care Land Bank Stage 4 - \$3 million

The Aged Care Land Bank initiative will be continued with an additional \$3 million investment. This initiative provides access for not-for-profit aged care providers to surplus government land for the development of high-care residential aged care services in the inner and middle suburbs of Melbourne.

Alexandra District Hospital and ambulance station redevelopment – \$19 million

Funding of \$19 million (including contributions from agencies) is provided for the redevelopment of the Alexandra District Hospital, providing an entirely new integrated hospital and community health service. The redevelopment will include new acute beds, emergency stabilisation, operating suite, day stay facilities, community health and administration/support facilities. Additionally a new Alexandra ambulance station will be constructed and collocated on the site as part of this redevelopment.

The Alfred burns unit - \$1 million

Funding is provided to undertake an upgrade of the burns unit at The Alfred improving infection control, patient amenity and to support early rehabilitation through the development of a dedicated gym on the ward.

Ballarat Hospital coronary services and special care nursery - \$20 million

Funding of \$20 million will redevelop facilities at Ballarat Hospital to implement a coronary catheterisation laboratory facility and six day beds; provide an appropriate women's health and children's unit to meet increasing demand in the region; and refurbish an historic building to centralise administration and offices.

Bendigo Hospital enabling works - \$55 million

The Victorian Government has committed \$55 million for the first stage of redevelopment of the Bendigo Hospital, in advance of the planned longer-term redevelopment. The first stage will relocate the ambulance station and allow demolition of existing buildings, making way for the redevelopment stages to follow. Funds have also been provided for the detailed planning of the major redevelopment.

Additionally these funds provide for critical infrastructure works to ensure Bendigo Health can operate effectively and without service failure until the major redevelopment of the health service is complete. This work will include upgrades of mechanical, electrical and fire safety services, an expansion of the ambulance bay and resuscitation bay, emergency department x-ray equipment, and a new eight bed ward. Funding will also allow expansion of the proposed Primary Health Centre, complimenting the Commonwealth Government's contribution to establish a GP Super Clinic at the Bendigo Hospital.

BreastScreen Victoria's digital technology rollout - \$10 million

\$10 million is provided to expand digital mammography in BreastScreen Victoria services. The rollout will upgrade analogue mammography equipment in BreastScreen Victoria's assessment services, allowing improvements in timeliness and efficiency to be achieved through the replacement of paper and film based processes, improving the early detection of breast cancer.

Critical care service expansion - \$1 million

Funding of \$1 million is provided to extend the capacity of critical care in Victoria. The initiative will provide enhanced intensive care, neonatal intensive care and special care nursery care to health services throughout Victoria.

Dandenong Hospital mental health redevelopment and expansion - \$66 million

The Dandenong Hospital Mental Health project will deliver redeveloped and expanded mental health facilities in the Dandenong service catchment area. This investment will result in improved quality of care and occupational health and safety and addressing demand growth for mental health services in the south-eastern suburbs of Melbourne.

Geelong Hospital enhanced capacity works - \$30 million

Funding of \$30 million will provide an additional 24 bed surgical ward, as well as eight additional mental health beds in the Swanston Centre. It will allow fit-out of the second new theatre and associated fabric and infrastructure upgrades, and will reconfigure clinical service areas to improve service delivery. These works are to support Barwon Health in continuing to meet its designated strategic role in the provision of health services and undertake next stage of planning for the redevelopment of the Geelong Hospital site. The investment will also provide for critical infrastructure upgrades to support the ongoing operation of the existing hospital.

MonashLink Community Health Centre (Oakleigh) - \$2.5 million

Funding of \$2.5 million is provided for the next stage of the development of purpose built facilities for MonashLink Community Health Service, as an independent Community Health Service provider. The Oakleigh site will include a focus on adolescent health and will house the existing Early Intervention in Chronic Disease staff and Hospital Admission Risk Program (HARP) staff. The proposed Adolescent Health Service would be based here along with Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) specific services to be developed including group, community development and specific programs targeting recently arrived groups.

***my future my choice* Stage 2 - \$13.8 million**

The investment of \$13.8 million continues the staged implementation of the COAG Younger People in Residential Aged Care Initiative, known as *my future my choice* in Victoria. This initiative aims to develop purpose built accommodation for younger people with very high support needs, in accordance with the joint funding agreement with the Commonwealth.

Out of Home Care (upgrading existing residential care facilities) - \$10 million

\$10 million is provided for continuation of the renovation and redevelopment of residential facilities where children, who cannot remain at home due to child protection concerns, reside. This funding is to ensure compliance with building standards and to significantly modernise, and in some cases to replace ageing housing stock, so that these children and their care providers are accommodated in appropriate physical surroundings.

Redevelopment of community facilities (Building inclusive facilities) - \$5 million

The Budget provides \$5 million to assist Disability Day Services to establish community-based, co-located facilities where disability supports are integrated with other community services; and to improve accessibility to generic community facilities for people with a disability.

Rosebud Community Health Centre - \$3.1 million

Funding of \$3.1 million is provided to replace accommodation for the Rosebud Community Health Centre, which was totally destroyed by fire in March 2008. This will allow for the continued provision of community and primary health services.

Short Stay Units, Day Treatment Centres and Medi-hotels Stage 2 - \$3 million

The Budget allocates a further \$3 million to provide enhanced facilities to support access and timely treatment for people presenting to emergency departments.

Sunbury Day Hospital Stage 2 - \$6.4 million

The Sunbury Day Hospital will provide residents in Sunbury and the surrounding communities with specialist medical care, including diagnostics, pathology and rehabilitation, bringing these services closer to where people live. The Budget provides funding of \$6.4 million to expand the Sunbury Day Hospital, by providing an operating theatre suite with operating and recovery services to provide minor same day surgery services for patients with low complexity. This increased elective surgery capacity will support more timely access for patients in the west of metropolitan Melbourne.

Warrnambool Hospital redevelopment Stage 1c - \$26.2 million

\$26.2 million has been provided to deliver the final stage of the Government's commitment to the Warrnambool Hospital redevelopment, comprising the redevelopment of the existing allied health, rehabilitation, and mental health functions with new community health facilities to form a single Integrated Care Centre. These works, together with a new inpatient building and associated facilities funded previously, will ensure the Warrnambool Hospital meets its role as the sub-regional level health service for South West Victoria.

Youth Prevention and Recovery Care Services - \$8 million

\$8 million is provided for purpose built facilities for Youth Prevention and Recovery Care Services (PARC), providing a transitional step down/step up service between acute in-patient and community-based services for young people with emerging acute illness or recovering from acute illness, who need additional support to be successfully managed in the community. Two eight bed facilities are proposed to be located in one rural (Bendigo) and one outer metropolitan area (Mornington Peninsula).