

BUILDING OUR MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM FROM THE GROUND UP

The final report from the Royal Commission into **Victoria's Mental Health System** revealed the realities of a broken mental health system – one that must be rebuilt from the ground up to give Victorians the support they deserve.

We are committed to implementing each and every one of the 65 recommendations from the Royal Commission.

The Victoria Budget 2021/22 is focused on more local care in our communities and school support. \$3.8 billion in funding is a once-in-ageneration investment, committed to making a difference. The investment includes:

- The establishment of 22 reformed adult and older adult area mental health and wellbeing services
- Establishment of the HOPE program, facilitating government and communitywide suicide prevention and response
- Targeted, personalised online therapy and peer support for young people via the MOST program
- Mental health reform in education: setting up children and young people to thrive

- Establishing new local mental health services for adults and older adults
- Delivering mental health-led emergency responses for Victorians in crisis



Delivering for the suburbs of Calder Park, Delahey, Fraser Rise, Hillside, Keilor Lodge, Keilor North, Plumpton, Taylors Lakes, Taylors Hill, Sydenham, & parts of Caroline Springs

MORE AMBULANCES, MORE PARAMEDICS & MORE BEDS

The 21/22 Budget will deliver more than \$759 million in funding for more paramedics, more triage care and support staff for Ambulance Victoria, as well as targeted funding to improve flow in our busy emergency departments.

This funding will ensure that our systems are equipped to meet unprecedented levels of demand.

The \$759 million package includes:

- Assistance to meet unavoidable ambulance demand and drive performance improvement.
- Funding towards ambulance sustainability for ongoing operational improvements including the 117 paramedics deployed last year.
- Improving flow in our Emergency Departments and facilitate faster transfer between ambulances and health services including the more emergency department staff.
- Commissioning new facilities in St Vincent's on the Park, Sunshine Emergency Department and Barwon.



Opening additional beds in our health services and the associated workforce required to support these facilities.

THE 2021/22 VICTORIAN BUDGET IS ALSO DELVERING

- \$15 million to improve access to school facilities for students with disabilities and additional needs.
- Octors in Secondary Schools program
- \$10 million is provided for the Inclusive Schools Fund to continue to provide school infrastructure such as playgrounds, outdoor sensory areas and quiet re-engagement spaces.
- \$20 million is provided to continue the Minor Capital Works Fund which provides the opportunity for schools to seek funding for minor capital projects that are a priority for their school.
- \$55.20 million towards swimming and Water Safety Education.
- \$2.40 million to fund Women's Health Services
- \$13.35 million support for multicultural communities.



We are making it easier for more Victorians to achieve their dream of becoming parents by establishing the first public fertility care service in Victoria.

The Victorian Budget 2021/22 will invest \$70 million to establish public fertility care services, which will help up to 4,000 Victorians every year.

Services are expected to start in a phased approach from 2022. It is estimated public IVF will deliver on average savings of \$10,000 to eligible Victorians, depending on their individual circumstances.

It is with great excitement that I announce the Victorian Budget 2021/22 includes funding to progress planning of targeted upgrades including improvements to safety and capacity along the Calder between Gap Road in Sunbury and the M80 Ring Road.

We know there is significant growth in Melbourne's north and west, which is placing increasing pressure on the transport network including the Calder Freeway.

This \$100 million joint funding with the Commonwealth Government will progress planning of important upgrades along the corridor to address the infrastructure needs.



\$10 MILLION FOR PARKWOOD GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL!



Another huge local budget win includes \$10 million for Parkwood Green Primary School to upgrade and modernise existing facilities at the school.

Parkwood Green Primary School is one of 52 Victorian schools that will be upgraded in this year's Budget. This \$10 million investment will deliver modern teaching and learning spaces for our students, as well as good jobs for Victorians. Across the state, our investment in more and better schools is expected to support 3,500 jobs.

In 2018, Melbourne's west had just 5.5 per cent canopy cover in urban areas compared to 17.4 per cent in the inner south-east and 25.9 per cent in the east. The western suburbs experience the greatest urban heat island effect across metropolitan Melbourne.



500,000 TREES FOR A COOLER, GREENER WEST

The Victorian Government will work with experts to make sure the right trees, ranging from saplings to more mature trees, are being planted in the right spots. Funding will be available through grants to community organisations and local councils, and organisations with projects already underway will be able to apply for funding to scale up those projects.

500,000 new trees in Melbourne's west will begin going into the ground in September. They will contribute to creating cooler spaces for families in the western suburbs to enjoy for generations to come.



In last year's budget of 2020/21, we welcomed much needed funding for our local area. We are delivering on the following:

Sunshine Avenue Roundabout Conversion

This dangerous roundabout in Taylors Lakes will see signalisation installed and provide improved and safer crossing facilities for pedestrians and cyclists.

More funding for local schools

Students at Taylors Lakes Primary School and Taylors Lakes Secondary College will benefit from a commitment of more than \$9 million in upgrades to the schools.

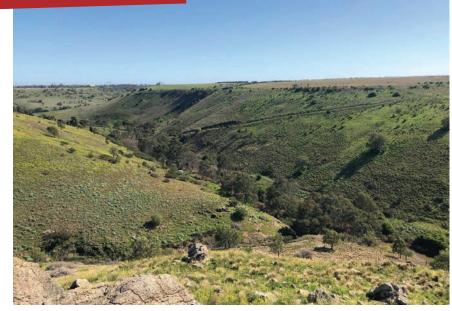
OTHER COMMUNITY UPDATES

Earlier in the year, it was announced that Brimbank City Council has been granted \$300,000.00 in funding to support improvements of Sydenham Park at Keilor North providing more reason to get out and enjoy the outdoors.

Sydenham Park is truly the jewel in the crown of our locality, offering immensely unique environmental and cultural value to our area.

The funding as part of the Parks Revitalisation grants, will include a new walking trail network in the park once opened.

Watch this space!





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