



DELIVERING FOR ALL VICTORIANS

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TREASURER'S MESSAGE

DELIVERING FOR ALL VICTORIANS



Last year, we took a positive plan to the people of Victoria.

A plan for new schools, better hospitals and the road and rail our growing state needs.

The *Victorian Budget 2019/20* delivers on that positive plan,

while maintaining our strong and steady economic approach.

With this year's Budget, we're delivering the Suburban Transport Blitz, which from the roundabout at the end of your street to our state's biggest transport projects, will get you where you need to go.

We're getting Victorians out of traffic and home sooner, removing even more of our most dangerous and congested level crossings.

We're upgrading our suburban roads, fixing our regional roads, and fully funding North East Link – just like we said we would.

We promised to put power back in the hands of Victorians. And by rolling out solar panels, solar hot water systems or battery storage to 770 000 homes and transforming our energy sector, that's exactly what we're doing.

We're investing in healthy smiles for our kids, beginning the rollout of free dental for Victorian students across our state.

And because every Victorian deserves quality care wherever they live, we're investing in 500 000 extra appointments with medical specialists for patients in regional Victoria.

We're building and improving even more of our hospitals and making sure new parents are supported, with seven new parenting centres, extended sleep assistance and new baby bundles for our youngest Victorians.

To make sure those same young Victorians have a great local school – and delivering on our commitment to open 100 new schools across our state – we're building 17 new schools and upgrading 109 schools.

And because we know the most precious gift we can give a child is the best start in life, we're rolling out universal three-year-old kinder and expanding our School Breakfast Clubs.

These are the things we said we would do.

And with this Budget, we are keeping our promises and delivering for all Victorians.

Tim Pallas
Treasurer of Victoria





- ▶ Universal three-year-old kinder
- ▶ Delivering North East Link
- ▶ Suburban Transport Blitz
- ▶ Solar on our homes
- ▶ Investing in our hospitals and healthcare

DOING WHAT WE SAID WE'D DO

Over the past four years, we've been getting on with the projects and the policies we promised we would.

Removing 29 dangerous and congested level crossings across our city and our suburbs.

Building the Metro Tunnel to untangle the City Loop and run more trains more often.

Upgrading every single regional rail line in the state to connect our country communities.

And fixing and widening our suburban and regional roads to get people home to their families safer and sooner.

We've also kept our promise to end the ambulance crisis, rebuild our hospitals, and give our hardworking nurses and doctors the respect and recognition they deserve.

We're building 70 new schools and upgrading 1300 more, while ensuring families doing it tough get the support they need.

We've cut stamp duty to help first homebuyers break into the market, while making renting fairer and easier for tenants.

And because we want to make our state even safer, we're recruiting 3135 new frontline police officers and finally addressing our state's number one law and order issue, family violence.

In every community and every corner of our state, we've been building and reforming Victoria – just like we said we would.

This Budget continues to deliver on our positive plan, beginning or acquitting all of the commitments we made to the Victorian people. That includes:

- ▶ \$15.8 billion to fully fund North East Link – finally making the missing link in our network a reality
- ▶ \$6.6 billion to remove another 25 of our state's most dangerous and congested level crossings, bringing our total commitment to 75 level crossings gone for good by 2025

- ▶ \$3.4 billion to transform the suburban train network, delivering a massive upgrade to the Sunbury Line, Stage Two of the Hurstbridge Line and duplicating the Cranbourne Line
- ▶ \$882 million to kickstart the rollout of three-year-old kinder for every Victorian child
- ▶ \$1.6 billion to build, plan and expand our hospitals and local healthcare services across our state, including kickstarting work on 10 new and upgraded Community Hospitals
- ▶ \$136 million to deliver 500 000 extra appointments with medical specialists for patients in regional Victoria
- ▶ \$64.4 million to support stronger patient ratios and deliver an extra 542 nurses and midwives in our hospitals
- ▶ \$322 million to begin the rollout of free dental for students at our government schools
- ▶ \$1.4 billion to keep building, upgrading and modernising schools across Victoria
- ▶ \$132 million to continue our transformation of the TAFE system, with more modern facilities and more courses added to the Free TAFE list
- ▶ \$214 million to ensure new parents have the support they need, with seven new parenting centres, extended sleep assistance and new baby bundles
- ▶ \$545 million to expand Solar Homes and put the power back in the hands of Victorians, as part of a \$1.3 billion investment over 10 years

This is a Budget – and a Government – that keeps our promises and delivers for all Victorians.



DELIVERING A STRONG ECONOMY

The Andrews Labor Government is delivering on its positive plan for the future of our state.

That work is underpinned by a strong economy.

A GROWING VICTORIA WITH GROWING JOBS

The *Victorian Budget 2019/20* continues to build on our state's success, with Victoria outperforming the nation across a broad range of economic indicators.

It's this strong economic growth – alongside everything Victoria has to offer – that's attracting more people than ever before.

With the population growing by 383 people each day, we now lead the nation in population growth.

In 2017-18, Victoria's economy grew by 3.5 per cent, outstripping Australia's national economic growth of 2.8 per cent.

Importantly, this growth is translating into more jobs for Victorians.

In March 2019, our state's unemployment rate fell to 4.6 per cent, with regional unemployment also at 4.6 per cent in the three months to March 2019.

These numbers build on the Andrews Labor Government's existing efforts to ensure more Victorians have the security and dignity of work, with more than 450 000 new jobs created since November 2014.

This success is being shared with every corner of our state, with more than 66 000 new jobs created in regional Victoria over the same time.

That's no accident.

It's because we've created the right conditions for businesses to invest, create and expand, all the while getting on with building the infrastructure our growing state needs.

In 2019-20 alone, our Government's infrastructure investment will reach a record \$14.2 billion, averaging \$13.4 billion a year over the Budget and forward estimates.

That's close to triple the average of \$4.9 billion a year between 2005-06 to 2014-15.

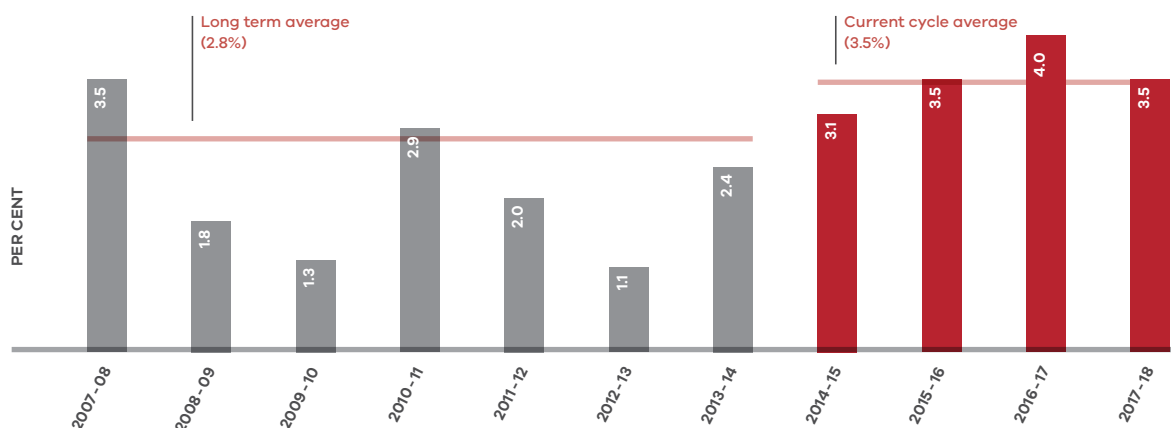
And our investments are making a real difference – delivering new schools, better hospitals and more reliable road and rail for Victorians.

At the same time, these investments are also creating new jobs.

With a focus on building local and hiring local, the Government's infrastructure agenda has ensured more than 115 000 jobs for Victorians.

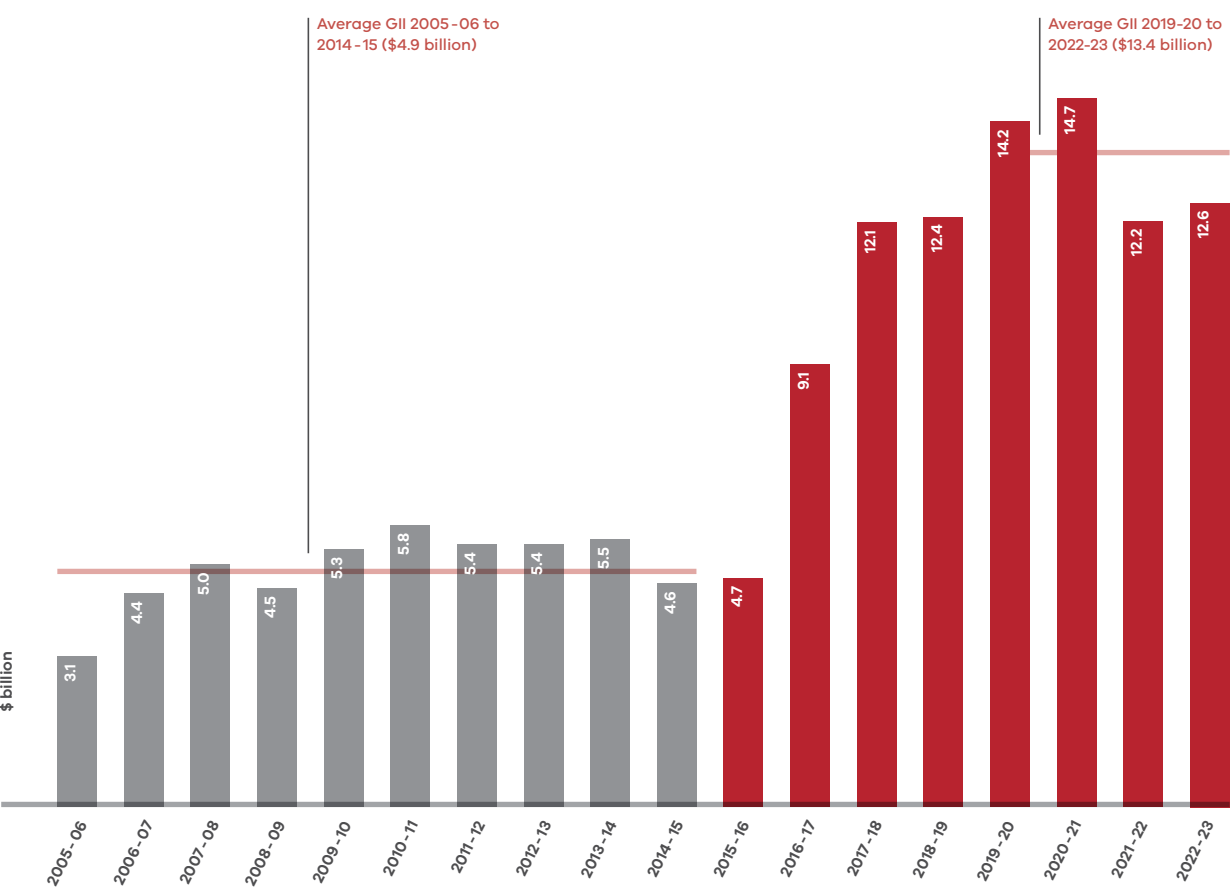
This year's Budget continues those efforts.

VICTORIA'S REAL GROSS STATE PRODUCT GROWTH





GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT



Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

**VICTORIAN ECONOMIC FORECASTS
(PER CENT)**

	2017/18 actual	2018/19 forecast	2019/20 forecast	2020/21 forecast	2021/22 projection	2022/23 projection
Real GSP	3.5	3.00	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75
Employment	2.8	3.25	2.00	1.75	1.75	1.75
Unemployment	5.6	4.50	4.75	5.00	5.25	5.50
Consumer price index	2.3	1.75	2.00	2.25	2.50	2.50
Wage price index	2.3	2.75	3.00	3.25	3.50	3.50
Population	2.2	2.10	2.00	1.90	1.90	1.80

Sources: Department of Treasury and Finance; Australian Bureau of Statistics

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT
FISCAL AGGREGATES**

	Unit of measure	2017/18 actual	2018/19 revised	2019/20 budget	2020/21 estimate	2021/22 estimate	2022/23 estimate
Net result from transactions	\$ billion	2.3	1.1	1.0	1.5	3.9	4.9
Government infrastructure investment	\$ billion	12.1	12.4	14.2	14.7	12.2	12.6
Net debt	\$ billion	20.0	22.8	39.0	46.9	51.1	54.9
Net debt to GSP	per cent	4.6	5.1	8.3	9.5	9.8	10.0

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

**STRONG FINANCIAL
MANAGEMENT**

The *Victorian Budget 2019/20* builds on the Andrews Labor Government's track record of responsible and reliable economic management.

This approach has secured our state's strong financial position, with an operating surplus of an estimated \$1.0 billion in 2019-20, and surpluses averaging \$3.4 billion a year over the forward estimates.

We promised to maintain a strong economy with a strong surplus – and with this Budget that's exactly what we've delivered.

By maintaining our strong fiscal discipline – ensuring average expenditure growth over the next four years remains lower than average revenue growth – we will deliver operating surpluses in each year.

This is a careful and considered approach that means the Government is able to deliver on our positive plan for the people of Victoria, despite Australia's softening property market and the resulting drop in property-related revenue.

As outlined in *Labor's Financial Statement 2018*, released ahead of the 2018 Victorian election, net debt will be stabilised at 12 per cent of gross state product (GSP) over the medium term, including an increase to accommodate changes in accounting standards from 2019-20 onwards.

This allows us to get on with the major projects our state needs – projects like North East Link, the removal of 75 level crossings by 2025 and Melbourne Airport Rail – while creating tens of thousands of new jobs.

This Budget also responds to changing economic conditions by improving the effectiveness of spending and creating a fairer and more sustainable tax system, bringing Victoria more into line with New South Wales. Victoria is one of only 10 comparable sub-sovereign governments holding a triple-A credit rating from both Standard & Poor's and Moody's – a testament to the state's strong fiscal credentials.

By maintaining this prudent approach, the Andrews Labor Government will continue to make sure Victoria has a strong economy – now and for the future.



ROAD AND RAIL

We haven't wasted a day in getting on with the road and rail projects Victorians need.

In just four years, the Andrews Labor Government has invested \$46.7 billion, undertaking an unprecedented overhaul of our state's transport network.

That includes getting on with the projects we promised: removing our most dangerous and congested level crossings, building the Metro Tunnel and upgrading every single regional rail line in the state.

But as our population continues to grow, we know our investments must keep pace.

SUBURBAN TRANSPORT BLITZ

From upgrading the roundabout at the end of your local street to building our state's biggest transport projects, this Budget will get you where you need to go.

Over the last four years, we've been rebuilding our suburban road and rail.

We've removed 29 level crossings. Completed the Mernda Rail extension. Overhauled the Cranbourne-Pakenham Line.

And upgraded the Monash and Tullamarine freeways, alongside fixing hundreds of kilometres of suburban streets.

But as our suburbs grow, we know this pace must become our new normal.

It's why, with this year's Budget, we're undertaking a massive Suburban Transport Blitz.

The Suburban Transport Blitz will radically reshape our suburbs, fundamentally changing the way people get around. This includes:

- ▶ \$15.8 billion to fully fund and make North East Link a reality
- ▶ \$6.6 billion to remove another 25 of our most dangerous and congested level crossings, with 75 crossings gone for good by 2025

- ▶ \$3.4 billion to transform the suburban train network, delivering a massive upgrade to the Sunbury Line, duplicating the Cranbourne Line and Stage Two of the Hurstbridge Line
- ▶ \$163 million for new and upgraded trams
- ▶ \$50.1 million to improve our state's bus network, making getting around our suburbs easier

In addition, \$195 million will be provided for extra train services across Victoria, including increases to some of our busiest metropolitan train lines.

This year's Budget also includes \$608 million to upgrade the local suburban roads that drivers use every day.

The includes \$22.6 million to fix some of our busiest and most congested local intersections, helping locals get home sooner.

And as we continue the biggest rebuild of our suburban roads, we're also looking to the future – beginning planning on the next major road upgrades across our suburbs.

And because the smallest projects can often make a big difference, we're investing in new bike and pedestrian paths across our suburbs with a \$45.4 million investment.

This huge work program will transform the way we get around our suburbs.

This will get you where you need to go.

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TRANSFORMING THE SUBURBAN TRAIN NETWORK

Continuing our massive overhaul of our rail network, this year's Budget will upgrade some of our busiest suburban lines.

That includes transforming services to Sunbury, upgrading every station along the Line and enabling the rollout of new High Capacity Metro Trains.

This will help cut travel times and provide for an extra 113 000 passengers on the Sunbury Line during peak periods.

We're also getting on with duplicating the Cranbourne Line. This \$750 million project will double the number of trains in peak times and deliver trains every 10 minutes along the entire Cranbourne Line.

A further \$547 million will deliver the next stage of the Hurstbridge Line Upgrade, duplicating 4.5 kilometres of track and constructing bigger, better stations at Greensborough and Montmorency.

BUILDING NORTH EAST LINK – OUR MISSING LINK

It's a project that has been talked about for more than half a century.

This year's Budget fully funds the \$15.8 billion North East Link – Melbourne's missing link – finally making it a reality.

Connecting the M80 Ring Road at Greensborough to the Eastern Freeway at Bulleen Road, North East Link will cut travel times by up to 35 minutes and remove trucks from local and arterial roads.

Just as importantly, this project will give local roads back to local people – taking 19 000 vehicles per day off Greensborough Road, 16 600 off Fitzsimons Lane, 11 600 off Rosanna Road and 13 300 off Manningham Road.

Not only will North East Link make a real difference to families across our suburbs, during the construction phase, the project is set to create more than 10 000 jobs.

REMOVING MORE LEVEL CROSSINGS

Every Victorian has experienced level crossing frustration, whether in the car, on the train, on a bike or on foot.

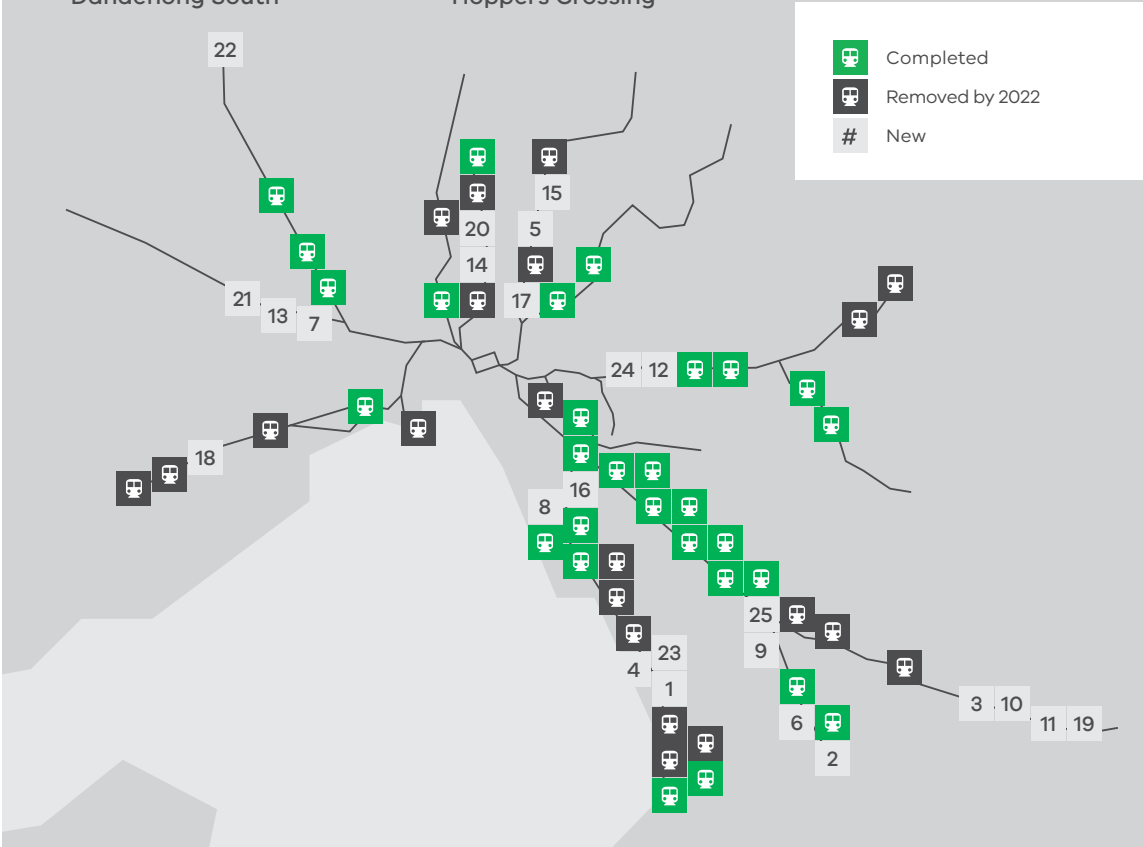
And for far too many, they're more than a frustration – they're the scene of a serious injury or, tragically, the place where a loved one was lost forever.

It's why the Andrews Labor Government promised to remove 50 of our state's most dangerous and congested level crossings by 2022, with 20 gone by 2018.

With 29 level crossings already gone for good, the *Victorian Budget 2019/20* invests a further \$6.6 billion to remove a total of 75 crossings by 2025, cutting congestion and making our communities safer.

The additional 25 level crossing removal sites include:

- Argyle Avenue, Chelsea
- Camms Road, Cranbourne
- Cardinia Road, Pakenham
- Chelsea Road, Chelsea
- Cramer Street, Preston
- Evans Road, Lyndhurst
- Fitzgerald Road, Ardeer
- Glen Huntly Road, Glen Huntly
- Greens Road, Dandenong South
- McGregor Road, Pakenham
- Main Street, Pakenham
- Mont Albert Road, Mont Albert
- Mt Derrimut Road, Deer Park
- Munro Street, Coburg
- Murray Road, Preston
- Neerim Road, Glen Huntly
- Oakover Road, Preston
- Old Geelong Road, Hoppers Crossing
- Racecourse Road, Pakenham
- Reynard Street, Coburg
- Robinsons Road, Deer Park
- Station Street/Gap Road, Sunbury
- Swanpool Avenue, Chelsea
- Union Road, Surrey Hills
- Webster Street, Dandenong



MAKING LIFE EASIER FOR COMMUTERS

Right now, across our state our big transport build is causing disruption for lots of commuters.

And although these works will be worth it in the long-run, this year's Budget makes sure we're making life that little bit easier for commuters in the short term too. This includes:

- ▶ \$163 million to purchase 10 new E-Class trams, upgrade 10 Z-Class trams, design and develop Next Generation Trams
- ▶ \$150 million to add more car parking at some of our busiest metropolitan and regional train stations
- ▶ \$50.1 million to improve Victoria's suburban and regional buses, connecting people to education and work and filling gaps in the network
- ▶ \$1 million to develop the expansion of mobile myki to other platforms beyond Android
- ▶ \$350 000 for 32 free mobile phone charging bars, providing 160 charging ports across eight inner city train stations – Flagstaff, Flinders Street, Melbourne Central, Parliament, Southern Cross, North Melbourne, Richmond and South Yarra

We promised Victorians that we'd continue our Big Build, upgrading more local roads across local communities. The Victorian Budget 2019/20 delivers on our commitment, investing \$608 million in our suburban road network

UPGRADING REGIONAL RAIL

Regional rail is vital to connecting our country communities.

And over the past four years, we've invested \$3.5 billion in regional rail, including \$1.7 billion for the Regional Rail Revival, which is transforming every regional passenger line in the state.

This year's Budget continues our efforts, investing \$615 million to deliver reliable and connected public transport for our regional communities.

That includes \$340 million to build up to 18 new VLocity trains, replacing older trains on some of our busiest regional lines.

An additional \$49.6 million will deliver three new stations in and around Bendigo, alongside planning the re-establishment of a station at Harcourt. The Budget will also provide \$19 million to improve reliability and punctuality of regional services with stabling and maintenance improvements.

FIXING OUR REGIONAL ROADS

Our regional road network is the backbone of regional Victoria, connecting communities to work, study and to each other. They are also essential in making sure regional Victorians make it home safe.

But after decades of underinvestment and inattention, we knew our country roads were in need of an overhaul.

The year's Budget continues our work fixing and maintaining Victoria's regional road network, investing \$425 million.

A further \$30.3 million will go towards delivering upgrades, traffic light installations, and pedestrian improvements in some of our fastest growing communities.

The *Victorian Budget 2019/20* also includes a massive \$60.8 million investment to keep the growing city of Ballarat moving, upgrading the city's key intersections and reducing bottlenecks for local drivers.

GETTING YOU HOME SAFE

Every Victorian should make it home safe to the people they love.

It's why in addition to our unprecedented investments in road upgrades, this year's Budget also commits \$802 million to help achieve a future free of deaths and serious injuries on Victorian roads. This includes:

- ▶ \$121 million to the Towards Zero 2016-2020 Road Safety Strategy to continue our efforts to reduce our state's road toll
- ▶ \$654 million to fix and maintain roads across our state, improving travel times and getting Victorians home safe
- ▶ \$4 million for increased surveillance on key arterial roads across Melbourne, implementing the Andrews Labor Government's Safer Sites, Safer Speeds policy, and ensuring speed limits around construction zones are lifted for drivers as soon as it's safe to do so

OUR NEXT BIG PROJECTS

In its first term, the Andrews Labor Government has been building big in public transport, connecting communities and getting Victorians home sooner.

Now, we're turning to the next stage of big projects, investing \$29.4 billion to ensure we have the road and rail our state needs, now and for the future, including:

- ▶ Melbourne Airport Rail: a rail link from the CBD to Melbourne Airport via Sunshine, connecting our state's regional and metro train lines – including the Metro Tunnel – to the Airport
- ▶ The Suburban Rail Loop: 90-kilometre rail line circling Melbourne's suburbs with 12 new underground stations that connect every major rail line from the Werribee Line to the Frankston Line
- ▶ The Western Rail Plan: planning for the full separation of regional and metro rail services on the Geelong and Ballarat Lines – the first step in delivering genuine fast rail to these cities – while better servicing our growing western suburbs

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PUTTING POWER BACK IN THE HANDS OF VICTORIANS

We promised to put power back in the hands of Victorians. And through our landmark Solar Homes program, that's exactly what we're doing.

The *Victorian Budget 2019/20* delivers on the Andrews Labor Government's positive plan for solar, investing \$1.3 billion over the next 10 years, on top of the \$74 million already provided.

This includes offering rebates for the cost of solar panels, solar hot water systems or battery storage for 770 000 homes around Victoria over the next decade. The program has been expanded to renters, and funding will be provided for training, safety and quality audits to ensure the safety and sustainability of the rollout.

To make sure Victorians are getting the best possible deal on their electricity bills, we will extend the existing Power Saving Bonus to 30 June 2020, providing a \$50 payment to households that use Victorian Energy Compare to search for the cheapest electricity deal.

The Budget also includes \$27.3 million to deliver fairer energy regulation, including the Government's Energy Fairness Plan, the biggest regulatory shake-up of the energy sector in Victoria's history.

This plan will ensure Victorians get a fairer deal on their energy needs, introducing stronger protections for consumers and tougher penalties for retailers who do the wrong thing.

A fourth Essential Services Commissioner will also be appointed – an energy cop on the beat – whose focus will be on prosecuting misbehaving energy retailers who've had it too easy for too long.

We promised to put power back in the hands of Victorians. And through our landmark Solar Homes program, that's exactly what we're doing



REGIONAL VICTORIA

We believe every corner of our state must share in Victoria's success.

And that every Victorian family – wherever they live – should have access to great schools, good hospitals, quality training and reliable road and rail.

In its first term, the Andrews Labor Government delivered more than \$13 billion towards the projects and programs that matter most to regional Victorians.

This Budget continues our commitment, with the brand new Delivering for Regional and Rural Victoria Program.

This \$2.6 billion investment is dedicated to ensuring a whole-of-government focus on the needs of our regional communities, and this will support an estimated 4500 jobs.

INVESTING IN REGIONAL RAIL

Regional rail is vital in connecting Victorians to work, study and to each other.

Through the \$1.7 billion Regional Rail Revival, work to upgrade every single regional rail line in the state is either out to market or already underway.

This year's Budget continues that work, with \$615 million to ensure connected and reliable public transport for our country communities, including:

- ▶ \$100 million to begin planning for the full separation of regional and metropolitan services on the Geelong and Ballarat Lines, delivered as part of the Western Rail Plan. Once complete, this project will help enable genuine fast rail to these regional communities, reducing overcrowding and offering a more reliable service for local passengers
- ▶ \$49.6 million to construct three new stations at Goornong, Raywood and Huntly, as well as planning for a Bendigo Line Upgrade, including the re-establishment of a station at Harcourt
- ▶ \$2 million for design and pre-procurement on upgrading the track between South Geelong and Waurin Ponds Station, enabling Geelong to Melbourne services to start from Waurin Ponds, providing better and more frequent services for locals

A further \$340 million will deliver up to 18 new VLocity trains, replacing older trains on Victoria's busiest regional lines and increasing capacity and comfort for passengers.

And backing up the largest investment in regional public transport in our state's history, this Budget also includes \$19 million for expanded operations at stabling and maintenance facilities at Wyndham Vale, South Dynon, East Ballarat and Bendigo, improving the reliability and punctuality of regional passenger rail services.

BETTER, SAFER REGIONAL ROADS

Victoria's road network is essential to the life and economy of our regions.

They are also essential in making sure regional Victorians make it home safe.

Building on our record investments in regional roads, alongside the establishment of the dedicated authority Regional Roads Victoria, the Delivering for Regional and Rural Victoria Program includes:

- ▶ \$425 million to fix and maintain roads across regional Victoria to improve journey time, safety and better connect our regional road network
- ▶ \$400 000 to progress planning on the \$318 million promised upgrade of Barwon Heads Road, duplicating four kilometres of road and constructing a new bridge over the train line north of Marshall Station
- ▶ \$60.8 million to upgrade growing Ballarat's intersections and keep traffic flowing, delivering faster travel times and improving safety for local residents
- ▶ \$52.9 million to upgrade some of our most important intersections in some of our fastest growing regional communities, from Gisborne to Ocean Grove



SUPPORTING LOCAL JOBS

Across our state, our hardworking farmers underpin our status as the food and fibre powerhouse of the nation.

We promised to support the next generation of farming jobs. And with this Budget we're delivering, investing \$7.2 million to ensure young Victorians have the skills they need to secure lifelong careers in the agricultural industry.

This includes supporting the delivery of the Certificate III in Shearing at more TAFEs and sites across Victoria from 2020.

And to ensure getting a great education doesn't mean moving to the city, agricultural colleges at Longerenong, Dookie and Glenormiston will also receive upgrades to their education and accommodation facilities.

The Budget also includes an extra \$3 million to improve health and safety on our farms, increasing health checks for farmers and support for the Victorian Farmers Federation to employ new Farm Safety Officers.

This year's Budget provides further investments to support and create regional jobs, including:

- ▶ Yet another cut to the regional payroll tax rate, from 50 per cent to 25 per cent of the metro rate by 2022-23, alongside expanded eligibility
- ▶ Providing a 50 per cent discount on land transfer duty of commercial and industrial properties in regional Victoria by 2023-24
- ▶ \$10.2 million in grants to support Victoria's small-scale agribusinesses to scale up their operations and take their produce to the world
- ▶ \$5 million to ensure our state's booming wine industry continues to grow, with boosted marketing, targeted trade campaigns and support for local producers

A further \$143 million will expand the biosecurity services system ensuring our state's clean and green reputation, and supporting Victorian producers and Victorian jobs.

CARE WHEREVER YOU LIVE

Victorians deserve great healthcare, wherever they live. This year's Budget delivers on our commitment to rural and regional communities, with vital investments in our hospitals and healthcare. The Delivering for Regional and Rural Victorians Fund includes:

- ▶ \$136 million to deliver our promised 500 000 extra specialist appointments for regional and rural Victorians, allowing patients to spend less time travelling to access specialist care, and more time with their loved ones
- ▶ \$59.5 million to build a new rehabilitation centre at Bendigo Hospital, bringing together vital health services like physiotherapy, occupational therapy, prosthetics and orthotics all under the one roof
- ▶ \$20 million to relocate Barwon Health clinical facilities to the Geelong Hospital Precinct, improving responses to people in crisis and access to addiction treatment

The Andrews Labor Government's landmark Regional Health Infrastructure Fund has already supported 283 projects – investing \$250 million across our state – since it was established in 2016.

This year's Budget provides a further \$100 million for the flagship fund, ensuring regional Victorians can access the best care, in the very best facilities.

This year's Budget delivers on our commitment to rural and regional communities, with vital investments in our hospitals and healthcare

ENSURING OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERY YOUNG VICTORIAN

Every child in every corner of our state deserves the best start in life.

It's why, since 2014, the Andrews Labor Government has invested \$956 million to upgrade and modernise schools across regional Victoria.

This year's Budget continues our investment, with \$149 million to build, plan and upgrade schools for regional and rural students.

And because we want to make sure our kids are ready for school and set for life, a further \$882 million will see universal three-year-old kinder rolling out to 21 regional and rural communities first.

As promised, families in Buloke, Hindmarsh, Northern Grampians, South Gippsland, Strathbogie and Yarriambiack will be the first to benefit from this investment in 2020.

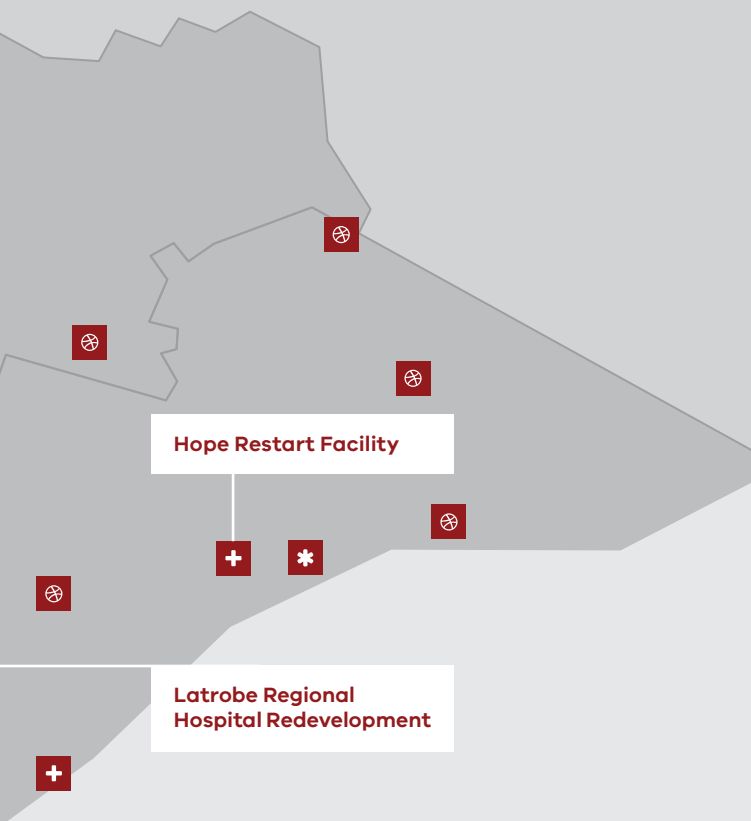
In 2021, the rollout will commence in a further 15 local government areas, at Alpine, Ararat, Campaspe, Central Goldfields, Colac-Otway, Corangamite, East Gippsland, Glenelg, Hepburn, Indigo, Loddon, Murrindindi, Southern Grampians, Towong and West Wimmera.

















An additional \$46.3 million, delivered as part of the Building Better TAFEs Fund, will deliver upgrades to regional TAFEs campuses in Geelong, Seymour and Warrnambool.



STATEWIDE

- ▶ \$882 million to kickstart the rollout of three-year-old kinder for every Victorian child
- ▶ \$322 million to rollout free dental for government school students
- ▶ \$1.3 billion over 10 years to continue our rollout of Solar Homes, putting panels on homes across Victoria
- ▶ \$57 million for the Building Better TAFEs Fund
- ▶ \$58 million for School Breakfast Club Program expansion
- ▶ \$218 million to make our schools more inclusive
- ▶ \$33.6 million to expand and improve kinder facilities
- ▶ \$29.4 billion in road and rail projects
- ▶ \$64.4 million to support further improvements to patient ratios
- ▶ \$214 million to provide new parents with the information, support and care their family needs
- ▶ \$109 million ambulance and paramedics package including a 23-vehicle surge fleet to ensure our paramedics can respond in an emergency
- ▶ \$802 million to improve safety on our roads and help Victorians get home safely
- ▶ \$477 million to support sport and racing infrastructure and local athletes across the state
- ▶ \$70.6 million to upgrade the emergency services digital radio
- ▶ \$100 million to expand the Regional Health Infrastructure Fund
- ▶ \$50.1 million for bus services across the state
- ▶ \$71.9 million to continue to support Victorians requiring end-of-life care
- ▶ \$150 million to boost jobs through the establishment of the Victorian Jobs and Investment Fund
- ▶ \$143 million for biosecurity, ensuring our clean and green reputation, supporting Victorian producers and jobs
- ▶ \$106 million to boost camping in Victoria's great outdoors



-  Building Better TAFEs Fund
-  Camping
-  Education Initiatives
-  Emergency Services
-  Environment
-  Health
-  Housing Assistance
-  Justice and Community Safety
-  Major Regional Investment
-  Parenting Centres
-  Public Carparks
-  Public Transport
-  Regional Development Priorities
-  Regional Investment
-  Road Upgrades
-  Sports and Recreation

EDUCATION

Every parent wants their child to be happy, healthy and to have every opportunity in life.

That means being able to rely on a great local school and know their kids are getting the very best start in life.

It's why, over the past four years, our Government has invested \$10.8 billion across education, including building 70 new schools and upgrading 1300 more.

But when it comes to making sure our kids can reach their full potential, we know there is always more to do.

We promised to open 100 new schools across our state over the next eight years, helping to meet the needs of families in our fastest growing communities.

Through the *Victorian Budget 2019/20*, we're making that positive plan a reality, ensuring good-quality schools – for every child, wherever they live and whatever their background.

NEW AND UPGRADED SCHOOLS

Our kids deserve great classrooms. It's the reason we've invested \$3.8 billion in capital funding to plan, build and upgrade Victoria's schools, Tech Schools and early childhood facilities over the past four years.

The *Victorian Budget 2019/20* continues that commitment, making the right investments to ensure our kids are getting the great education they deserve.

In order to ensure local families have peace of mind about their children's future – and deliver on our commitment to open 100 new schools – this year's Budget invests \$671 million to build 17 new schools.

A further \$46 million will go towards the purchase of land for four new schools, planning for local families' future needs, across our growing suburbs and regions.

And to make sure every community has a great local school, an additional \$363 million will go towards upgrading classrooms and facilities across 59 existing schools, with a further 44 schools receiving funding to plan for their upgrades.

In total, 109 schools will be upgraded, with:

- ▶ \$402 million to build, expand and renovate our state's non-government schools
- ▶ \$291 million for the Relocatable Buildings Program, School Pride and Sport Fund and Asbestos Safety Program to further improve our state's schools
- ▶ \$3 million for upgrades to secondary campuses to provide private and dedicated spaces for the rollout of new mental health counselling services for secondary students

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SUPPORT FOR EVERY STUDENT

A child's potential should not be limited by their background or parents' bank balance. This Budget invests \$86.2 million to help make sure our students can get the most out of their education, including:

- ▶ \$58 million to expand our School Breakfast Clubs and make sure more Victorian kids are learning on a full stomach. Building on the existing program, which provides free breakfasts in 500 schools across our state, this investment will see free breakfasts and lunches for eligible students served up at 1000 primary and secondary schools every school day
- ▶ \$5 million to assist families facing financial hardship with school uniforms, textbooks and other essential items for their kids, through State Schools Relief
- ▶ \$1.2 million for the Active Kids program to ensure disadvantaged schools and their students have the opportunity to participate in interschool sport and other activities
- ▶ \$1 million for the Music in Schools program, which includes grants to schools to purchase instruments and equipment, helping our kids to discover and develop their musical talent

And in a national first, the Andrews Labor Government is investing \$20.7 million to provide free tampons and pads in all government schools, ensuring students can focus on their studies and helping to ease the cost of living for families.

ENSURING EVERY CHILD CAN BE THEIR BEST

The Andrews Labor Government believes every child deserves a quality education.

The *Victorian Budget 2019/20* invests \$218 million to make our schools more inclusive, with more funding to support children with disability and additional needs. This includes:

- ▶ \$180 million to support students living with disability, including funding for approximately 5 400 students with high needs to attend mainstream and specialist government schools through the Program for Students with Disabilities
- ▶ \$18.4 million in extra support for students with disability and additional needs, including outside school hours care, equipment for schools and improvements to make buildings more accessible
- ▶ \$10 million for playgrounds, outdoor sensory areas and quiet spaces to make schools more inclusive
- ▶ \$9.9 million to assist eligible Victorian school students with disability to travel to and from school

ADDRESSING BULLYING IN OUR SCHOOLS

Our kids can't be their best if they don't feel happy, supported and included at school.

That's why the Andrews Labor Government is ensuring our schools have the tools and resources they need to tackle bullying – improving the wellbeing of students and helping them achieve their best in the classroom.

This year's Budget includes \$5.8 million to stamp out bullying in our schools, including funding for:

- ▶ The Bully Stoppers program, which addresses bullying and harassment in all its forms across our schools, including cyberbullying, racism and harassment of students with disability
- ▶ The Safe Schools program, to ensure our schools are safe places for everyone, including LGBTI students
- ▶ The I CAN Network, which provides mentoring for students with autism, promoting self-acceptance and belonging



INVESTING IN THE EARLY YEARS

Our Government is determined to ensure our youngest Victorians are ready for school – and ready for life.

All of the experts tell us that begins with early education.

It's why, as part of the largest early childhood reform ever undertaken in our state's history, the Government is investing \$882 million, as part of our commitment to ensure every three-year-old has access to at least five hours per week of subsidised kinder by 2022 – increasing to 15 hours per week over the next decade.

This investment will also assist families struggling with the cost of living. Right now, many are forced to scrimp and save to cover the costs of three-year-old kinder – around \$5 000 a year for 15 hours – while many see their kids miss out.

But as part of our investment, around a quarter of Victorian families will pay nothing at all, while families whose children attend a standalone kinder will save an average of \$3 500.

Led by qualified kindergarten teachers, this reform will nearly double the size of the kindergarten sector once fully rolled out. It's why this Budget also invests \$28.5 million to add early childhood to the list of Victoria's Free TAFE courses.

This year's Budget includes a further \$38.5 million to ensure Victorian children can access inclusive early childhood education, giving them the very best start in life.

This includes:

- ▶ \$33.6 million for local councils and eligible providers to build, expand and improve local kindergarten and other early childhood facilities
- ▶ \$3.4 million to support children with disability or development delay, including providing special education, therapy and assistance to access kindergarten and childcare
- ▶ \$1.6 million to help meet the needs of children with significant disability, as part of the Kindergarten Inclusion Support program

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METRO SCHOOLS



STATEWIDE

- ▶ \$882 million to kickstart the rollout of three-year-old kinder for every Victorian child
- ▶ \$57 million for the Building Better TAFEs Fund
- ▶ \$58 million for School Breakfast Club Program expansion
- ▶ \$218 million to make our schools more inclusive
- ▶ \$41.2 million to maintain our schools
- ▶ \$3 million for essential mental health facilities in schools
- ▶ \$101 million for the Relocatable Buildings Program
- ▶ \$33.6 million to expand and improve kinder facilities

METRO NEW SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

- ▶ Cranbourne West 7-12 and Special School
- ▶ Docklands Primary School
- ▶ Edgars Creek Primary School
- ▶ Edgars Creek Secondary College (additional stage of school buildings will be constructed)
- ▶ Eynesbury Station Primary School
- ▶ Fishermans Bend Secondary School
- ▶ Fitzroy Gasworks
- ▶ Greenvale North West Primary School
- ▶ McKinnon Secondary College
- ▶ Merrifield West Primary School
- ▶ Pakenham Henry Road Secondary School
- ▶ Rockbank North Primary School
- ▶ Thoroughbred Primary School
- ▶ Timbertop (Officer North West) Primary School
- ▶ Truganina South East Primary School
- ▶ Wollahra Primary School

METRO LAND ACQUISITION FOR NEW SCHOOLS

- ▶ Hume
- ▶ Melton

METRO SCHOOL UPGRADES

- ▶ Altona North Primary School
- ▶ Altona P-9 College
- ▶ Auburn High School
- ▶ Boronia Heights Primary School

- ▶ Brentwood Secondary College
- ▶ Copperfield College
- ▶ Cranbourne South Primary School
- ▶ Cranbourne West Primary School
- ▶ Dandenong High School
- ▶ Diamond Valley College
- ▶ Eltham North Primary School
- ▶ Exford Primary School
- ▶ Fairfield Primary School
- ▶ Footscray Learning Precinct
- ▶ Frankston North Education Precinct
- ▶ Gladstone Views Primary School
- ▶ Glenroy Secondary College
- ▶ Hampton Park Secondary College
- ▶ Kensington Primary School
- ▶ Koonung Secondary College
- ▶ Monbulk Primary School
- ▶ Murrumbeena Primary School
- ▶ Narre Warren North Primary School
- ▶ Parkhill Primary School
- ▶ Preston Primary School
- ▶ Red Hill Consolidated School
- ▶ Research Primary School
- ▶ Rosehill Secondary College
- ▶ Skye Primary School
- ▶ South Yarra Primary School
- ▶ Strathmore Secondary College
- ▶ Sunshine College
- ▶ The Grange P-12 College
- ▶ Upwey High School
- ▶ Victoria University Secondary College
- ▶ Viewbank Primary School
- ▶ Wales Street Primary School
- ▶ Warringa Park School
- ▶ Watsonia Primary School
- ▶ Waverley Meadows Primary School
- ▶ Wellington Secondary College
- ▶ Yarra Ranges Special Developmental School

PLANNING FOR METRO SCHOOL UPGRADES

- ▶ Albert Park College and the Victorian College of the Arts Secondary School
- ▶ Brandon Park Primary School
- ▶ Brunswick North West Primary School
- ▶ Clifton Hill Primary School
- ▶ Clyde Primary School
- ▶ Cranbourne Secondary College
- ▶ Derinya Primary School
- ▶ Diamond Creek East Primary School
- ▶ Fitzroy North Primary School
- ▶ Gladstone Park Primary School
- ▶ Glen Huntly Primary School
- ▶ Greensborough Secondary College
- ▶ Kew High School
- ▶ Koo Wee Rup Primary School
- ▶ Lang Lang Primary School
- ▶ Macleod College
- ▶ Monbulk College
- ▶ Montmorency Secondary College
- ▶ Mordialloc College
- ▶ Parkdale Secondary College
- ▶ Pascoe Vale South Primary School
- ▶ Patterson River Secondary College
- ▶ Port Melbourne Primary School
- ▶ Reservoir Primary School
- ▶ Southern Autistic School
- ▶ St Helena Secondary College
- ▶ St Kilda Primary School
- ▶ Staughton College
- ▶ Timbarra P-9 College
- ▶ Tucker Road Bentleigh Primary School
- ▶ Williamstown High School
- ▶ Windsor Primary School

REGIONAL SCHOOLS



STATEWIDE

- ▶ \$882 million to kickstart the rollout of three-year-old kinder for every Victorian child
- ▶ \$57 million for the Building Better TAFEs Fund
- ▶ \$58 million for School Breakfast Club Program expansion
- ▶ \$218 million to make our schools more inclusive
- ▶ \$41.2 million to maintain our schools
- ▶ \$3 million for essential mental health facilities in schools
- ▶ \$101 million for the Relocatable Buildings Program
- ▶ \$33.6 million to expand and improve kinder facilities

REGIONAL SCHOOL UPGRADES

- ▶ Avoca Primary School
- ▶ Beechworth Secondary College
- ▶ Bellbrae Primary School
- ▶ Benalla P-12 College
- ▶ Churchill Primary School
- ▶ Echuca Regeneration Project
- ▶ Epsom Primary School
- ▶ Geelong High School
- ▶ Inglewood Primary School
- ▶ Marong Primary School
- ▶ Matthew Flinders Girls Secondary College
- ▶ Mount Clear College
- ▶ Mount Rowan Secondary College
- ▶ New Gisborne Primary School
- ▶ Oberon Primary School
- ▶ Traralgon (Kosciuszko Street) Primary School
- ▶ White Hills Primary School

PLANNING FOR REGIONAL SCHOOL UPGRADES

- ▶ Ararat Primary School
- ▶ Baimbridge College
- ▶ Bairnsdale Secondary College
- ▶ Ballarat High School
- ▶ Bellarine Secondary College
- ▶ Cowes Primary School
- ▶ Delacombe Primary School
- ▶ East Loddon P-12 College
- ▶ Miners Rest Primary School
- ▶ Newcomb Park Primary School
- ▶ Newcomb Secondary College
- ▶ Phoenix P-12 Community College

REGIONAL NEW SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

- ▶ Armstrong Creek Secondary College
- ▶ Bass Coast Junior Secondary School

REGIONAL LAND ACQUISITION FOR NEW SCHOOLS




- ▶ Macedon Ranges
- ▶ Wodonga

Benalla P-12 College

Bass Coast Junior Secondary School (Stage 1)

Traralgon (Kosciuszko Street) Primary School

Churchill Primary School

-  Building Better TAFEs Fund
-  Education Initiatives
-  New School – Construction
-  Non-Government Schools Infrastructure Fund
-  School Planning
-  School Upgrades
-  School Upgrades (Planning)

HEALTH

Every day and in every community, our hospitals and local healthcare services are there for us, when we need them most.

It's the reason that, in just four short years, we've invested a record \$11.7 billion in Victoria's healthcare and hospital services.

But we know that when it comes to your health, and the health of your loved ones, there is nothing more important.

We promised the people of Victoria we would continue to build a hospital system they – and their families – could rely on.

This year's Budget delivers on that commitment, investing \$5.5 billion over the next four years to ensure every Victorian can get the best care, in the very best facilities.

BUILDING WORLD-CLASS HOSPITALS

To ensure every Victorian gets the care they need when they need it, this year's Budget invests a further \$1.6 billion in Victoria's hospitals, meeting the growing needs of our growing state. This includes:

- ▶ An additional \$1.4 billion for construction of the 504-bed Footscray Hospital, cutting waiting times for local families and caring for an extra 15 000 patients, to fully fund the \$1.5 billion project
- ▶ \$59.5 million for a new rehabilitation centre at Bendigo Hospital, bringing together vital health services including physiotherapy, occupational therapy, prosthetics and orthotics all under the one roof
- ▶ \$31.4 million for 30 new in-patient beds and an expansion of the emergency department of the Royal Children's Hospital, ensuring this renowned institution continues to offer world-class care to our sickest kids

The Budget also includes a \$100 million to boost the Regional Health Infrastructure Fund – already the biggest dedicated fund of its kind in our state's history – to ensure regional Victorians are getting the best care, wherever they live.

An additional \$81.6 million will go towards a new 120-bed aged care facility at Wantirna Health, which will include 60 high-need beds to complement existing palliative care services.

And with a growing population, this year's Budget ensures we're looking towards tomorrow, investing in the hospitals and healthcare of the future. That includes:

- ▶ \$6 million to kickstart planning on the 11-storey redevelopment of Frankston Hospital, delivering 120 new beds, new operating theatres and expanded child and maternal health services for local families
- ▶ \$5.9 million to plan five new dedicated children's emergency departments at Northern Hospital, Frankston Hospital, Casey Hospital, Maroondah Hospital and Geelong University Hospital, giving parents peace of mind that their kids will get calm and compassionate care in the moments that matter most
- ▶ \$2.3 million to plan for the first stage of a new Melton Hospital, with work to determine the location, size and range of services this growing community requires

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IMPROVING ACCESS TO CARE

If you're injured or unwell, you shouldn't have to spend hours in the car travelling for care.

It's why this year's Budget invests in ensuring more Victorians can access the healthcare they need, closer to home.

That includes an extra \$2.3 billion to support the two million patients expected to be admitted to our hospitals in the next 12 months.

The Budget also includes:

- ▶ \$136 million for an extra 500 000 specialist appointments for regional and rural Victorians, allowing patients to spend less time travelling to access specialist care, and more time with their loved ones
- ▶ \$13 million to upgrade digital clinical technology, including diagnostic imaging, patient management systems and electronic medical records, ensuring patients are getting the care they need sooner
- ▶ \$11.4 million for an urgent care centre on Phillip Island, giving local families peace of mind that care is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week

- ▶ \$2.6 million to continue the Victorian Patient Transport Assistance Scheme, providing travel and accommodation support to rural and regional Victorians who need to travel long distances for specialist medical care

The Andrews Labor Government is determined to make sure Victorians with a terminal illness have the compassionate care they deserve.

This Budget invests \$71.9 million to continue our support for patients at the end of their lives, including a 24-hour support line and in-home care and specialist palliative services for patients in regional Victoria.

An additional \$4 million will ensure farmers can continue to rely on vital care from the National Centre for Farmer Health, an Australian-wide leader in health, wellbeing and safety.

We are determined to make sure Victorians with a terminal illness have the compassionate care they deserve

BACKING OUR HARDWORKING HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

Our nurses and doctors are at the heart of our hospitals. The Andrews Labor Government is determined to make sure these dedicated health professionals have the support they need. That's why the *Victorian Budget 2019/20* includes:

- ▶ \$64.4 million to further improve patient ratios and recruit an extra 542 nurses and midwives across our wards, taking the total number of nurses recruited under stronger ratios to 1100
- ▶ \$50 million to provide up to 400 postgraduate scholarships for current nurses and midwives, as well as establishing a graduate program for enrolled nurses for the very first time, and a refresher program for nurses wanting to re-enter the workforce
- ▶ \$2.2 million to equip frontline health workers with the skills they need to recognise and respond to occupational violence
- ▶ \$1 million to make 100 scholarships available to hospital cooks, cleaners, orderlies, security guards, administrative workers and other frontline staff to grow their careers in the health sector

SUPPORT FOR NEW PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Bringing your newborn home for the very first time is one of life's most precious moments for any parent. But it can also be extremely daunting.

It's why the Andrews Labor Government is delivering \$214 million to ensure new parents have the support and care they – and their baby – need. This year's Budget delivers on our promise to parents, including:

- ▶ Establishing seven early parenting centres across our state, with new locations including Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Casey, Frankston, Wyndham and Whittlesea, alongside upgrades to the Tweddle Child and Family Health Service and Queen Elizabeth Centre
- ▶ Home-based sleep support for 7 000 vulnerable families, giving sleep-deprived mums and dads the assurance and advice they need
- ▶ A dedicated maternal and child 24-hour phone line with specialists in sleep and settling issues
- ▶ Baby bundles for around 35 000 first-time parents to help make sure every Victorian child gets the best start in life
- ▶ Expanding the payroll tax exemption to all types of parental leave



RESPONDING TO AN EMERGENCY

When we came to government, we promised to end the war on our paramedics.

And that's exactly what we did – investing in more paramedics, more stations and more ambulances.

Because we know: in an emergency, seconds are worth hours – and minutes are worth a lifetime.

It's why ambulance response times matter so much.

And why under our watch, over the past 12 months, we've achieved the fastest Code 1 emergency ambulance response times in nine years. This year's Budget builds on our commitment, with an extra \$191 million to further improve response times and meet the growing demands on our ambulance service.

An additional \$109 million will deliver 23 new ambulance vehicles, giving Victorians confidence that in an emergency, they will continue to get the fast, life-saving care they need.

This investment will also see an extra 90 new paramedics – building on the 1000 new paramedics rolled out across the state over the past four years.

Local communities will also benefit, with new stations in Clyde North and East Bentleigh, improvements at our Ocean Grove and Gisborne branches, and upgrades to transform 15 single-officer branches to dual-officer crews.

This Budget also invests \$70.6 million to upgrade the emergency services radio, transitioning Ambulance Victoria from an outdated analogue system to digital communication and enabling our paramedics to respond to emergencies around the state.

HEALTHY SMILES FOR OUR KIDS

Students right across the state will have a brighter smile, thanks to our rollout of free dental care at all public primary and secondary schools.

This year's Budget begins that rollout, with an initial investment of \$322 million – delivering on our promise to bring back dental vans.

This investment will save families around \$400 a year per child, as well as the stress of taking time off work for appointments.

Once fully rolled out, this initiative will also free up more than 100 000 places in the public dental care system each year.

This year's Budget invests an initial \$322 million in the rollout of free dental care at all public primary and secondary schools – delivering on our promise to bring back dental vans



THE NEXT BIG BREAKTHROUGH

Thanks to our commitment to achieving the next big breakthrough, Victoria has become a global hub for medical research.

This year's Budget continues to support our hardworking researchers, clinicians and scientists, with a dedicated \$117 million to maintain Victoria's leadership in health and medical research. Funding will go towards:

- ▶ Establishing the Australian Drug Discovery Centre at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute for Medical Research, supporting the critical translation of new breakthroughs into new treatments
- ▶ The Australian Clinical Trials Network 'TrialHub', increasing access to clinical trials, particularly for patients living in regional and rural Victoria
- ▶ The Gamma Knife Service at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre to provide a greater range of treatment options for Victorians fighting cancer
- ▶ Commencing development of the Aikenhead Centre for Medical Discovery at St Vincent's Hospital, Australia's first research and education centre for biomedical engineering
- ▶ The Generation Victoria 'Gen V' initiative, an investment in the health, development and wellbeing of Victorian children

As the Royal Commission into Mental Health continues its work, this year's Budget includes \$173 million to help make sure Victorians are getting the help they need now

TRANSFORMING MENTAL HEALTH

Right now, there are thousands upon thousands of Victorians struggling with their mental health.

And the truth is, we don't have the best mental health system we could – or should – have.

As part of last year's Budget, we provided a record \$705 million investment to address mental illness and addiction.

But we know there is still so much more to do.

It's why the Andrews Labor Government has established our nation's first Royal Commission into Mental Health, which commenced in our first 100 days – as promised.

Examining the quality and cost of care across our state, this Commission will transform our mental health system and change lives.

As the Commission continues this vital work, the *Victorian Budget 2019/20* includes \$173 million to make sure more Victorians are getting the help they need now, including:

- ▶ \$35.3 million for more services at three prevention and recovery care facilities, and additional community service hours for more than 7 000 clients
- ▶ \$23.3 million for an extra 28 mental health inpatient beds across our state for Victorians in acute need
- ▶ \$10.2 million for the new Hope Restart facility in Gippsland, providing 30 extra residential rehabilitation beds to support up to 90 Victorians recovering from addiction every year
- ▶ \$8.5 million to provide treatment and support to Aboriginal Victorians with moderate to severe mental illness and other complex needs
- ▶ \$5.7 million for the Mental Health Complaints Commissioner and the Mental Health Tribunal, to continue to safeguard patients' rights and recommend improvements to Victoria's mental health system



JOBS

Every Victorian deserves the security of a good, stable job with a decent wage.

It's more than just a pay cheque – it's about being able to provide for yourself and your family.

The Andrews Labor Government has made job creation our priority: introducing Free TAFE, slashing regional payroll tax and putting Victorian workers and Victorian jobs first.

These efforts mean that, over the past four years, more than a third of all new jobs in Australia have been created right here in Victoria.

The *Victorian Budget 2019/20* maintains our momentum, supporting more Victorian businesses to expand into new markets, explore new opportunities and create new local jobs.

THE SKILLS OUR STATE NEEDS

As we continue to invest in road and rail, education and health, skilled workers are in demand.

Our Big Build needs apprentices. Our hospitals need nurses. Our kinders need educators.

And across our state, our investments are driving the creation of thousands of new jobs.

Through our historic investments in Victoria's skills sector, we're making sure that our kids are first in line for these good new jobs.

Last year's Budget included a transformative \$172 million to make priority TAFE and pre-apprenticeship courses free.

These are courses focused on the skills our state needs – building infrastructure projects and caring for our communities.

The *Victorian Budget 2019/20* continues our efforts, with:

- ▶ \$57 million to ensure our TAFEs are better than they have ever been, with upgraded and redeveloped facilities across Victoria, delivered through the Building Better TAFEs Fund
- ▶ \$28.5 million to include selected early childhood courses on the Free TAFE list, reducing financial barriers for students, encouraging enrolment and supporting our rollout of universal three-year-old kinder

- ▶ \$8.8 million to expand JobsBank and the Jobs Victoria Employment Network, to help even more long-term and disadvantaged jobseekers find work with additional support
- ▶ \$7.2 million to meet the demand for qualified shearers and upgrade agricultural colleges at Longerenong, Dookie and Glenormiston
- ▶ \$5.6 million to develop a new style of higher apprenticeship, giving students – including those studying social services – the opportunity to study and learn on the job, just like the other more traditional apprenticeships

And because everyone should make it home safe from work, this Budget includes a further \$16.6 million to strengthen workplace safety across our state – ensuring the safety of workers is given the priority it deserves.

SUPPORTING BUSINESSES TO GROW

With a focus on supporting innovation and investment, the Andrews Labor Government is strengthening our economy and supporting local jobs. This year's Budget builds on that work, providing \$2.6 billion to support local jobs, local economies and local communities, through the Delivering for Regional and Rural Victorians Program, investing in the skills and services our regions need.

The *Victorian Budget 2019/20* also invests \$150 million to establish the Victorian Jobs and Investment Fund, encompassing three key priorities:

- ▶ A whole-of-government investment program to support new opportunities to strengthen our economy and grow Victorian jobs
- ▶ Continue to attract investors to our state, building on big names like David Jones and the Alibaba Group that moved to Victoria, with further funding to attract even more investors
- ▶ Encourage the innovation and investments that will support our economy's transition to high-growth sectors, while creating the next generation of Victorian jobs



And building on our existing reforms, we will increase the payroll tax-free threshold from \$650 000 to \$700 000 by 2022-23. This will reduce the amount of tax paid by approximately 38 000 businesses, while around 1400 will pay no tax at all.

BOOSTING TOURISM ACROSS VICTORIA

Across our state, tourism is pivotal to the strength of local economies and local communities.

Recognising this importance, the *Victorian Budget 2019/20* includes new investments to attract even more visitors from interstate and overseas, and encourage even more Victorians to explore our state, with:

- ▶ \$106 million to attract visitors to Victoria's great outdoors, with 30 brand new campsites, 30 upgraded campsites, better 4WD tracks and walking trails, a new coastal park on the Bass Coast, planning for an iconic Sea to Summit hiking trail in East Gippsland and reduced camping fees
- ▶ \$32 million to attract international, interstate and intrastate visitors, growing our state's tourism industry – and the jobs that go with it
- ▶ \$3.8 million to return steam trains to the Yarra Valley for the first time in 40 years

- ▶ \$3 million to enhance Hanging Rock with stronger environmental protections and upgraded facilities
- ▶ \$1 million to make the Gippsland Plains Rail Trail bigger and better than ever, attracting more tourists to the region and creating new local jobs

We will also ensure Victoria remains the number one racing state in Australia, with \$72 million to deliver club upgrades, integrity measures, training facilities and race day attraction programs.

Recognising racing's role as a key employer – supporting more than 33 000 jobs across Victoria – the Budget also includes a \$40 million boost in prize money, ensuring this important industry can continue to prosper.

KEEPING COMMUNITIES SAFE

We know how much the safety of our state matters. That's why, over the past four years, the Andrews Labor Government has delivered record investments – recruiting more police than ever before, tackling family violence and supporting our emergency services.

But when it comes to securing the safety and security of our state, we know there's always more to do.

This year's Budget continues our important investments, delivering on the projects and policies that will keep local communities safe.

CONTINUING OUR COMMITMENT

As we recruit and deploy an extra 3135 new frontline police, the *Victorian Budget 2019/20* further invests in the technology and training needed to tackle crime, including:

- ▶ \$121 million to crackdown on dangerous driving, including planning for new road safety technology
- ▶ \$4.7 million to ensure our police have access to drug crime intelligence to assist them to disrupt methamphetamine manufacture, supply and distribution in Victoria, helping to put a stop to the evil ice trade
- ▶ \$2.5 million for Counter Terrorism and Protective Security training and infrastructure, including maintaining vital vehicle security barriers, CCTV and the public address system in Melbourne's CBD
- ▶ \$1.4 million to continue Victoria Police's youth outreach in Werribee and Dandenong, where police officers and youth workers are paired to provide support and referral for vulnerable young people
- ▶ \$800 000 to conduct a broad review of current licensing and employment practices to better protect the private security industry against criminal activity

Alongside our investment in police, we're working to recognise and respond to the root causes of crime, while building a justice system that effectively holds offenders to account and supports the needs of victims.

In addition to these changes – which have delivered stronger sentencing and tightened the bail and parole system – the *Victorian Budget 2019/20* includes:

- ▶ \$1.8 billion for the prison system, including 1600 new beds and improved infrastructure in Victorian prisons
- ▶ \$235 million for court improvements across Victoria, including the redevelopment of Bendigo's law courts
- ▶ \$20 million to rehabilitate and reduce the rate of reoffending for women in prison, including support for those with mental illness, intellectual disability or complex needs
- ▶ \$28.8 million to stop reoffending and keep communities safe with programs targeting young people at risk

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SUPPORTING OUR EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Andrews Labor Government is investing in our emergency services, to support the people who put themselves on the line for us. The *Victorian Budget 2019/20* provides:

- ▶ \$60 million to increase the retirement benefits of police and emergency services personnel, ensuring those who protect us are protected in their retirement
- ▶ \$17 million to upgrade or build new CFA stations at Armstrong Creek, Phillip Island, Junortoun and Riddells Creek, and upgrade surf life saving clubs at Jan Juc, Carrum and Barwon Heads
- ▶ \$14.5 million for our paramedics, police, Protective Services Officers, firefighters and SES workers, to ensure Victoria's emergency workers can get the mental health support they need, without the wait

And as promised, the Andrews Labor Government will invest \$1 million to expand the Surfers Rescue 24/7 program, teaching surfers critical CPR skills, how to perform board rescues and how to apply basic first aid on the water

KEEPING WOMEN AND CHILDREN SAFE

The Andrews Labor Government remains dedicated to addressing family violence, and implementing every single one of the 227 recommendations of the Royal Commission.

We've already made a massive \$2.7 billion investment – more than any other government in the nation.

And so far, we've implemented 120 of the Commission's recommendations, with another 107 underway.

We know that addressing family violence will take a long-term commitment. This Budget continues that effort, with a \$185 million investment, including:

- ▶ \$85 million to ensure perpetrators are held to account, including through behavioural change programs and intensive management of perpetrators with complex needs
- ▶ \$28.7 million for the Dhehk Dja 10-year Aboriginal Family Violence agreement, including \$9.9 million for three Orange Door access points for Aboriginal Victorians, ensuring culturally appropriate victim responses provided by Aboriginal family violence services
- ▶ \$23.9 million to better respond to and meet the needs of victim survivors in emergency accommodation
- ▶ \$20.9 million to make sure victim survivors of family violence and sexual assault have the support they need to rebuild their lives, including specialist support for Aboriginal Victorians

Recognising a growing need, this Budget also includes \$3.1 million to continue to strengthen the family violence workforce.

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OUR LIVEABLE VICTORIA

Victoria rightly has a reputation as Australia's artistic, sporting and multicultural capital.

This year's Budget builds on these strengths, while also making sure our state continues to be proudly progressive, inclusive and fair.

OUR CREATIVE STATE

Victoria is home to some of our nation's most popular creative and cultural events, from the Melbourne International Comedy Festival to the Grampians Grape Escape.

Every year, these events attracts thousands and thousands of visitors, boosting local businesses, supporting local economies, and creating local jobs.

With the Andrews Labor Government already supporting more than 100 events across our state, this year's Budget continues our commitment to the industries and individuals who underpin Victoria's success, with:

- ▶ \$128 million for the Geelong Performing Arts Centre redevelopment, which will improve visitor experience and further promote Geelong's cultural precinct
- ▶ \$47.7 million to support the National Gallery of Victoria including continuing the Summer Program and Triennial exhibitions
- ▶ \$14 million for creation of the Victoria Live festival to showcase Victoria's live music scene, local food, wine and craft beer, while growing local jobs
- ▶ \$3 million to establish an Indian Cinema and Bollywood Attraction Fund to attract Indian film projects to Victoria and support our local film industry
- ▶ \$1 million in grants for more silo art and large-scale murals on buildings across our state, revitalising communities, boosting tourism and backing local jobs

The Budget also invests a further \$7 million to redevelop State Library Victoria, ensuring this icon can continue serving the next generation of Victorians.

OUR SPORTING STATE

Victoria is renowned as Australia's sporting capital.

And across our state, local sporting clubs are the heart and soul of local communities – bringing people together and encouraging Victorians to get active.

This year's Budget builds on our record investment in sport, while delivering on the commitments we made to local communities. This includes:

- ▶ \$175 million in grants for community sport infrastructure, giving local athletes the facilities they deserve across the state
- ▶ \$83 million to plan the redevelopment of the State Basketball Centre, and plan for the Knox Arena, including 10 new community courts for local basketball competitions
- ▶ \$13.5 million in grants to local cricket clubs across Melbourne, developing new community centres and upgrading local cricket facilities
- ▶ \$7.8 million to develop our next generation of sporting stars, including supporting the growth of netball and establishing seven high-performance basketball hubs across our state
- ▶ \$7.5 million to support and grow Victoria's golf clubs with infrastructure and equipment upgrades
- ▶ \$7.4 million to upgrade community facilities, promote participation and encourage diversity in local motor sports
- ▶ \$1 million for design and planning work to progress the upgrade of Whitten Oval, ensuring this proud local institution can continue serving its community for years to come



MORE OPEN SPACES FOR OUR GROWING COMMUNITIES

The Andrews Labor Government is delivering on its promise to make sure families have a great local park to enjoy, no matter where they live.

The *Victorian Budget 2019/20* invests \$282 million to give Victorian families more open space, closer to home. This includes:

- ▶ \$154 million to create over 6 500 hectares of parkland, equivalent to more than 3 000 MCGs, with new walking and bike trails right across Melbourne, providing a place for local families to relax and switch off
- ▶ \$106 million to build new campsites, upgrade outdoor facilities and reduce camping fees, making a camping trip more affordable for families
- ▶ \$5 million to upgrade spaces and facilities at Botanical Gardens across the state, including Dandenong Ranges Botanic Gardens

In addition, the Budget provides \$82.1 million to support boating and recreational fishing across Victoria, including upgrades to boat ramps, and stocking 10 million fish a year by 2022.

VALUING OUR DIVERSITY

Here in Victoria, we are proud of our diversity.

And building on last year's investment of \$43.6 million, this year's Budget backs our multicultural and multifaith communities, with:

- ▶ \$27.1 million to upgrade facilities at seven multicultural aged care services, and to purchase land for three multicultural aged care providers, to help ensure culturally and linguistically diverse Victorians get the care they need later in life
- ▶ \$16 million to upgrade and improve facilities for local multicultural communities
- ▶ \$9 million to deliver grants to key multicultural organisations, including senior citizens, multicultural and multifaith groups and festivals
- ▶ \$7.5 million to further support our state's community language schools, ensuring more young Victorians can learn their mother tongue and connect with their heritage

SUPPORTING SELF-DETERMINATION AND TREATY

If we are to achieve genuine equality for Aboriginal people, our action must be led by Aboriginal people.

It's why, over the past four years, the Andrews Labor Government has invested more than \$370 million to ensure Aboriginal Victorians are at the heart of decision-making.

We are leading the nation, as the first state in Australia to enter into formal Treaty negotiations with Aboriginal people.

This year's Budget continues that work, providing \$30.4 million for the next stage of the Treaty and self-determination process, as part of a \$109 million investment to close the gap and prioritise Aboriginal culture and heritage.

This includes the establishment of the First Peoples' Assembly, as well as investments to ensure Traditional Owners are supported and skilled throughout the Treaty negotiation process.

This Budget invests \$23.6 million to continue our commitment to self-determination for Aboriginal Victorians regarding decision-making and care for Aboriginal children and families, with:

- ▶ \$13.6 million to further support Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations to care for Aboriginal children and their families
- ▶ \$10 million to strengthen Aboriginal children's connection with culture and community, including a new Aboriginal kinship-finding service

We're also working alongside Aboriginal communities as they protect and preserve their culture and heritage.

The *Victorian Budget 2019/20* invests \$660 000 to train teachers for Aboriginal language programs in our schools and kindergartens, ensuring these precious languages are being shared with the next generation.

A further \$5.7 million will go towards preserving and promoting Aboriginal heritage, including completing the Budj Bim Master Plan, recognising the significance of Hanging Rock to Traditional Owners and developing Aboriginal heritage landscape management plans.



ADVANCING EQUALITY

We've made it clear: here in Victoria, equality is not negotiable.

The Andrews Labor Government continues to support and celebrate our LGBTI communities, delivering on the commitments we've made by investing:

- ▶ \$3.3 million to extend counselling services and support for LGBTI Victorians and their families
- ▶ \$3 million to address the higher than average rate of homelessness in Victoria's LGBTI communities
- ▶ \$1.2 million to celebrate Victoria's LGBTI communities, including the expansion of the Pride Festivals and Events Fund and planning for Melbourne Pride 2021, marking 40 years since Victoria's Parliament decriminalised homosexuality

This year's Budget provides \$153 million to continue the work of the Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation to support prevention for at-risk Victorians, including the Gambler's Help program.

ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS

Every Victorian deserves a safe place to sleep at night.

It's the reason the Andrews Labor Government has invested over \$800 million to help fight homelessness over the past four years.

This year's Budget continues that commitment, investing \$209 million to build 1000 new public housing properties across our state, including immediate work on 160 new homes in Geelong, Ballarat, Darebin, Maribyrnong, Stonnington and Whitehorse.

The Budget also provides \$50.4 million to continue much-needed assistance for Victorians experiencing homelessness. This includes:

- ▶ Dedicated support for 2000 people in homelessness after-hours crisis services
- ▶ Onsite treatment services in three supported accommodation centres, helping more than 1900 people every year
- ▶ Assistance for more than 6000 people as part of the Private Rental Assistance Program to prevent and end homelessness

PRESERVING OUR ENVIRONMENT

With \$407 million in dedicated funding, the Andrews Labor Government is continuing to invest in the health of our environment, including:

- ▶ \$43.3 million to help mitigate the risks and impacts of bushfires throughout Victoria
- ▶ \$34.9 million for immediate measures to strengthen the Victorian recycling sector
- ▶ \$15 million for the Environment Protection Authority to better protect Victoria's environment from pollution and waste
- ▶ \$6.9 million to conserve Victoria's parks by maintaining park ranger positions, ensuring Victorians can continue to enjoy our state's parks
- ▶ \$4.5 million to continue Victoria's Coastcare program and create a new statutory authority to protect the Great Ocean Road, its environment and communities

- ▶ \$2.7 million in grants to rural and regional councils to manage the spread of weeds and pests and protect Victoria's agricultural industry
- ▶ \$2 million to develop Victoria's first climate change strategy under the world-leading *Climate Change Act (2017)* to guide Victoria in tackling emissions reduction, addressing climate change and creating jobs in a low-carbon future

In addition, the Government is providing \$23.7 million to protect our waterways, improve water management and assist drought-affected communities, including:

- ▶ \$6 million to support integrated water management projects that allow smarter use of water in our cities and towns
- ▶ \$5.1 million to extend protections for our waterways in Melbourne's west and continue to improve management of the Yarra River

ALLOCATIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL AND INDUSTRIAL LANDFILL LEVY

The Municipal and Industrial Landfill Levy (the Levy) plays an important role in minimising the environmental impacts of waste and in promoting investment in alternatives to landfills.

Established in 1992, the Levy encourages recycling by putting a price on every tonne of waste that goes to landfill.

The proceeds from the Levy are used first to fund core activities of environmental agencies,

with the remaining balance going to the Sustainability Fund in order to advance:

- ▶ Environmentally sustainable uses of resources and best practices in waste management
- ▶ Community action or innovation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, or address climate change in Victoria

The *Victorian Budget 2019/20* further demonstrates the Government's commitment to investing the proceeds from the Levy in line with these objectives.

BUDGET INITIATIVES FUNDED FROM THE LEVY

5-YEAR EXPENDITURE (\$ MILLION)

Solar Homes program	11.6
Relieving charities from rubbish dumping costs	0.8
Strengthening the Environment Protection Authority	15.0
Recycling industry response interim measures	34.9
ResourceSmart Schools	2.8
Volunteers protecting the coast	3.0
Lara waste stockpile site rehabilitation	30.0
Combating illegal stockpiling and mismanagement of hazardous waste	3.7
Implementation of the <i>Climate Change Act</i>	2.0
Total	103.8

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