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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.

And fixing and widening our suburban 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.

We're delivering for our growing suburbs – just like we said we would.



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. This 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
- ▶ \$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
- ▶ \$1.6 billion to plan, build and expand new local hospitals across our state, including kickstarting work on 10 new and upgraded Community Hospitals
- ▶ \$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

- ▶ \$154 million to create more than 6 500 hectares of parkland with new walking and bike trails right across our suburbs, providing a place for local families to relax and switch off
- ▶ \$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.

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ROAD AND RAIL

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.

This investment 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, Stage Two of the Hurstbridge Line and duplicating the Cranbourne Line
- ▶ \$608 million to upgrade the local suburban roads that drivers use every day
- ▶ \$195 million for extra train services across Victoria, including increases to some of our busiest metropolitan train lines
- ▶ \$163 million for new and upgraded trams
- ▶ \$50.1 million to improve our state's bus network, making getting around our suburbs easier
- ▶ \$45.4 million for new and upgraded bike and pedestrian paths

With a huge work program, this investment will transform the way we get around our suburbs. This will get you where you need to go.

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 the construction of 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 invests \$15.8 billion to fully fund 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 significant volumes of trucks per day 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 you're 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 deliver on our promise to remove a total of 75 crossings by 2025, cutting congestion and making our communities safer.

The additional 25 level crossing removal sites are:

- ▶ 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 and upgrade 10 Z-Class trams
- ▶ \$150 million to add more car parks, including at some of our busiest suburban train stations
- ▶ \$50.1 million to improve Victoria's suburban and regional buses, connecting people to education and work, by 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

UPGRADING SUBURBAN ROADS

Our suburbs are growing and as they do, it's vital that governments continue to fix and improve the local roads that local drivers use every day.

Already, the Andrews Labor Government has delivered record funding to upgrade our suburban roads, investing \$11.2 billion over the past four years.

This year's Budget delivers on the promises we made to Victorians and delivers on a Suburban Transport Blitz, investing \$608 million in our suburban roads.



That includes work to fix and improve some of our most congested suburban intersections, with:

- ▶ \$11.9 million to fix the notorious Gaffney Street and Sussex Street intersection in Coburg North
- ▶ \$2.3 million to make the intersection of Lyrebird Drive and Ballarto Road safer for drivers in Carrum Downs
- ▶ \$1.6 million to upgrade the Canterbury Road and Bedford Road intersection in Heathmont

This Budget also begins planning on key suburban road upgrades, including:

- ▶ The duplication of Hall Road from McCormicks Road, giving locals a better, safer, less congested stretch of road to Cranbourne-Frankston Road in Skye
- ▶ The removal of two roundabouts on the Western Port Highway at the intersection with Ballarto Road and Cranbourne-Frankston Road
- ▶ The widening of Narre Warren North Road from Fox Road to Belgrave-Hallam Road
- ▶ Upgrades to South Road in Moorabbin, including a reconfiguration of intersections at Nepean Highway and East Boundary Road

An additional \$229 million will see further maintenance across metropolitan Melbourne, improving travel times and boosting safety.

Then there are the smaller projects that are just as important to local communities.

This year's Budget delivers on the Andrews Labor Government's commitments to local communities, with:

- ▶ A new pedestrian drop-off zone at Flemington Primary School
- ▶ Installation of pedestrian operated signals at Livingstone Street in Ivanhoe
- ▶ Planning to upgrade the Moonee Ponds Junction in Moonee Ponds
- ▶ Permanent open space and additional car parking in Carnegie
- ▶ Installation of 40km/hr electronic speed limit signs on Lower Plenty Road at Rosanna Village, ensuring the safety of local residents
- ▶ New warning signals at the intersection of South Gippsland Highway and Lynbrook Boulevard in Lynbrook

This year's Budget delivers on the promises we made to Victorians and delivers on a Suburban Transport Blitz, investing \$608 million in our suburban road network

BETTER CYCLING TRACKS

Across our suburbs and our city, more people are cycling than ever before.

In order to keep up, and as part of our Suburban Transport Blitz, we're investing \$45.4 million to upgrade and develop our cycling and pedestrian paths. This includes:

- ▶ Brand new bike lanes for St Kilda Road to make it safer for cyclists and motorists
- ▶ Bike path upgrades at Woodland Street, Strathmore
- ▶ Better bike paths for local commuters between Heidelberg and Rosanna stations
- ▶ Improved pedestrian paths at the intersection of Bayview Terrace and Maribyrnong Road
- ▶ Upgrades to pedestrian paths at the intersection of Hoffmans Road and Rosehill Road
- ▶ Planning for a strategic cycling corridor between Box Hill and Hawthorn
- ▶ Lighting upgrades for Upfield bike path to improve safety for users

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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 \$12.3 billion to ensure we have the public transport system 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 and providing a better service for our growing western suburbs



SUBURBAN INVESTMENT



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
- ▶ \$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
- ▶ \$50.4 million to continue much-needed assistance for Victorians experiencing homelessness
- ▶ \$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
- ▶ \$1.3 billion over 10 years to continue our rollout of Solar Homes, putting panels on homes across Victoria
- ▶ \$322 million to rollout free dental for government school students

METRO NEW SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

- ▶ Cranbourne West 7-12 and Special School
- ▶ Docklands Primary School
- ▶ Edgars Creek Primary School
- ▶ Eynesbury Station Primary School
- ▶ Fishermans Bend Secondary School
- ▶ Fitzroy Gasworks – new campus
- ▶ Greenvale North West Primary School
- ▶ McKinnon Secondary College – new campus
- ▶ 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



Bike Paths



Building Better TAFEs Fund



Emergency Services



Health



Level Crossings



New School – Construction



Parenting Centres



Parkland



Public Transport



Road Upgrades



School Planning



Sports and Recreation



St Kilda Pier



EDUCATION

Every child in every community deserves the best start in life.

It's why, over the past four years, the Andrews Labor 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 our positive plan a reality, ensuring good quality schools – for every child, wherever they live.

MORE SCHOOLS WHERE THEY'RE NEEDED

As more people call Melbourne home, we need to make sure our investments in local schools are keeping up.

It's the reason that in just four years, the Andrews Labor Government has dedicated a massive \$2.6 billion to build, fix and improve schools across our suburbs.

This year's Budget continues our commitment, ensuring we're on track to open our 100 promised new schools over the next eight years.

As part of the *Victorian Budget 2019/20*, we're investing \$862 million towards building 15 new suburban schools, and upgrading 42 more across our suburbs. A further 32 schools will receive funding to begin planning the next stage of upgrades.

This year's Budget continues our commitment, ensuring we're on track to open our 100 promised new schools over the next eight years

This year's Budget also includes:

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

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- ▶ Wollahra Primary School

ADDITIONAL SCHOOL STAGES

- ▶ Edgars Creek Secondary School

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 OUR NEXT 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

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 young Victorians 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 lunch served up to eligible students 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 children, 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 sports 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

ENSURING EVERY CHILD CAN BE THEIR BEST

The Andrews Labor Government believes that 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

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.

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 our 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 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 \$5000 a year for 15 hours – while many see their kids miss out.

But as part of our commitment, around a quarter of Victorian families will pay nothing at all, while families whose children attend a standalone kinder will save an average of \$3500.

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.

The *Victorian Budget 2019/20* 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 facilities
- ▶ \$3.4 million to support children with disability or developmental delay, including providing special education, therapy and assistance to access kindergarten and child care
- ▶ \$1.6 million to help meet the needs of children with significant disability, as part of the Kindergarten Inclusion Support program

As part of the largest early childhood reform ever undertaken in our state's history, the Government is delivering on our commitment to universal three-year-old kinder by 2022



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.

BUILDING WORLD-CLASS HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

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 \$1.5 billion to rebuild and modernise suburban hospitals, including:

- ▶ An additional \$1.4 billion for construction of the 504-bed Footscray Hospital, which will cut waiting times for local families and provide care for an extra 15 000 patients, taking the project total to \$1.5 billion
- ▶ \$81.6 million for a new 120-bed aged care facility at Wantirna Health, including 60 high-need beds and complementing existing palliative care services
- ▶ \$31.4 million for 30 new in-patient beds and an expansion of the emergency department at the Royal Children's Hospital, ensuring this renowned institution continues to offer world-class care to our sickest kids

And in order to meet the growing needs of our growing state, this year's Budget ensures we're planning for the next generation of suburban hospital expansions. This \$20.8 million begins work on:

- ▶ A new Melton Hospital, with work to determine the location, size and range of services this growing community needs

- ▶ The 11-storey redevelopment of Frankston Hospital, delivering 120 new beds, new operating theatres and expanded child and maternal health services for local families
- ▶ The Angliss Hospital expansion at Ferntree Gully, providing an additional 25 beds and upgraded facilities for local doctors and nurses
- ▶ New dedicated children's emergency departments at Northern Hospital, Frankston Hospital, Casey Hospital and Maroondah Hospital, giving parents peace of mind that their kids will get the calm and compassionate care in the moments that matter most
- ▶ The construction and expansion of 10 community hospitals across our state including Craigieburn, Cranbourne, Pakenham, Sunbury, Eltham, Point Cook, Whittlesea and Fishermans Bend, giving local families confidence that the very best care is just around the corner

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 \$1.5 billion to rebuild and modernise our suburban hospitals



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 over the next 12 months. The Budget also invests:

- ▶ \$117 million for medical research, including the Australian Drug Discovery Centre at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute for Medical Research, the Gamma Knife Service at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre and the Australian Clinical Trials Network 'TrialHub' at the Alfred Hospital to increase access to clinical trials
- ▶ \$71.9 million to continue our support for patients at the end of their lives, including a 24-hour support line and specialist palliative services
- ▶ \$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

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 Casey, Wyndham, Whittlesea and Frankston, and upgrades to the Tweddle Child and Family Health Service and Queen Elizabeth Centre
- ▶ Home-based sleep support for up to 7 000 vulnerable families, giving sleep-deprived mums and dads the assurance and advice they need
- ▶ 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

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

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, establish a graduate program for more than 400 enrolled nurses, 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



RESPONDING TO AN EMERGENCY

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

And that's exactly what we've done – 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, 84 per cent of ambulances responded to Code 1 emergencies within 15 minutes of call-out – the best result in nine years.

This year's Budget builds on our commitment, with an extra \$191 million to maintain response times and meet the growing demands on our ambulance service.

An additional \$109 million will deliver 23 new 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 suburbs will also benefit under the Budget, with new ambulance stations in Clyde North and East Bentleigh.

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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.

It's why we're turning our approach on its head, establishing 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 intensive 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, including in Parkville and Fairfield
- ▶ \$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

LOCAL 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, investing in training and putting Victorian workers and Victorian jobs first.

These efforts meant 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* builds on this work, ensuring even more Victorians have the dignity and security of a job.

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 momentum, with:

- ▶ \$28.5 million to make selected early childhood courses free at TAFE for eligible students, reducing financial barriers for students, encouraging enrolment and supporting the Government's rollout of universal three-year-old kinder
- ▶ \$8.8 million to expand Jobs Victoria, including the Jobs Victoria Employment Network, to help even more disadvantaged jobseekers find work with additional training and support

As part of the Building Better TAFEs Fund, a further \$10.7 million will deliver upgrades to our suburban TAFEs, including:

- ▶ Redeveloping the Box Hill Institute Lilydale Campus – Integrated Centre for Sustainable Construction Technologies, which focuses on carpentry, plumbing and electrical training
- ▶ Funding to plan and design the modernisation of Melbourne Polytechnic's Collingwood campus
- ▶ Support to kickstart planning on stage two of the redevelopment of Chisholm Institute's Frankston campus, providing new learning spaces for local students

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PROMOTING INNOVATION AND INVESTMENT

With a focus on supporting innovation and investment, the Andrews Labor Government is strengthening our economy and supporting jobs across our city and our suburbs.

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

The Budget will also deliver an increase in the payroll tax-free threshold from \$650 000 to \$700 000 by 2022-23, reducing the number of businesses paying payroll tax by around 700 in 2021-22 and a further 700 in 2022-23.

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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 10 years, on top of the \$74 million already provided.

This includes offering rebates for solar panels, solar hot water systems, or battery storage to more than 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 plan.

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 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.

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KEEPING OUR SUBURBS SAFE

We know how much the safety of the 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 ensuring 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 our suburbs safe.

CONTINUING OUR COMMITMENT

As we recruit and deploy an extra 3 135 new frontline police – many of them to our suburban streets – 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 providing 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 to deliver counter-terrorism protective security training to Victoria Police and maintain vital vehicle security barriers, CCTV and a 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:

- ▶ \$28.8 million to prevent reoffending and keep communities safe with programs targeting people at risk
- ▶ \$12.4 million to make courts across our state safer and more secure with new upgrades and technology
- ▶ \$8.1 million for the Family Drug Treatment Court in Broadmeadows to help parents struggling with addiction get their lives back on track, and get back to their families

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SUPPORTING OUR EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Andrews Labor Government is investing in our emergency services, ensuring the people who serve our suburbs and our state have the support they need.

The *Victorian Budget 2019/20* provides:

- ▶ \$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 more effectively to emergencies around the state
- ▶ \$60 million to increase the retirement benefits of police and emergency services personnel, ensuring those who protect us are protected in their retirement

- ▶ \$14.5 million for our paramedics, police, Protective Services Officers, firefighters and SES workers, to ensure they get the mental health support they need, without the wait

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KEEPING WOMEN AND CHILDREN SAFE

The Andrews Labor Government remains dedicated to addressing family violence, 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 state or federal government in the nation.

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

We know addressing family violence will take a long-term commitment. This Budget continues that effort investing \$185 million, 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 Dhelk Dja Aboriginal 10-Year Family Violence Plan, 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 and meet the needs of victim survivors in emergency accommodation statewide, including additional funding for metropolitan services in eastern Melbourne.
- ▶ \$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 the expansion of the family violence workforce.

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STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITIES

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

This year's Budget builds on that reputation, while also making sure that – across our state and our suburbs – Victoria continues to be proudly progressive, inclusive and fair.

MORE OPEN SPACES FOR OUR GROWING COMMUNITIES

The Andrews Labor Government is delivering on its commitment to make sure that every family has a great local park to enjoy, no matter where they live.

This year's Budget invests \$154 million to create more than 6 500 hectares of parkland with new walking and bike trails right across our suburbs, providing a place for local families to relax and switch off. This includes:

- ▶ New and upgraded parks equivalent to more than 3 000 MCGs, including Cardinia Creek South Parklands, Clyde Regional Park, Frankston Greenbelt, Jackson Creek Park, Kororoit Creek Park, Quarry Hills Parklands, Seaford Wetlands, Upper Merri Park and William Ruthven Reserve
- ▶ The new Sandbelt Parklands, a 355-hectare chain of parks running from Moorabbin to Dingley Village
- ▶ 25 pocket parks in built-up areas providing more public space for these local communities
- ▶ Up to 16 new off-leash dog parks across our city and suburbs, giving Victorians and their four-legged friends a place to stretch their legs and enjoy the outdoors
- ▶ A walking and running track and children's playground at Wattle Park in Burwood
- ▶ New cycling and walking trails across Melbourne's north and a new 17km Plenty River Trail stretching from Mernda to the Western Ring Road at Greensborough

The Budget will also provide \$5 million to upgrade Victoria's botanic gardens, along with \$1 million for upgrades at Pipemakers Park, including a new sensory play park, and a further \$300 000 to make Lynbrook's Banjo Paterson Park even better for local families.

In addition, the Government is investing to protect our waterways and improve water management including:

- ▶ \$47.2 million for better boat ramps and improved access in suburbs including Hastings, Mordialloc, Port Phillip and Western Port
- ▶ \$6 million to support integrated water management projects that allow smarter use of water in our city and suburbs
- ▶ \$5.1 million to extend protections for our waterways in Melbourne's west and continue to improve management of the Yarra River

A further \$3.5 million will revitalise Broadmeadows' town centre and Frankston's station precinct, breathing new life into these locations and investing in new public spaces for these local communities.

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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, with the *Victorian Budget 2019/20* delivering \$6.3 million to:

- ▶ Address the higher than average rate of homelessness in Victoria's LGBTI communities
- ▶ Extend counselling services and support for LGBTI Victorians and their families

This Budget will also provide \$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.

TACKLING PROBLEM GAMBLING

Problem gambling is having a real impact on communities and families across our state.

This Budget invests \$153 million for the Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation to support at risk Victorians, with \$3 million for targeted programs to support communities including in Darebin, Hume, Moreland, and Whittlesea.

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, including:

- ▶ \$27.1 million to upgrade facilities at seven multicultural aged care services, and to purchase land for two Indian aged care providers in our city's west and south-east and a brand new Chinese aged care facility in Melbourne, 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

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SPORT AND RECREATION

We are renowned as Australia's sporting capital.

And across our suburbs, 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 the Andrews Labor Government's record investments in sport, while delivering on our commitments to local communities with new and upgraded sporting facilities across our suburbs. This includes:

- ▶ \$116 million in grants for suburban and statewide community sport infrastructure, giving local athletes in our suburbs the facilities they deserve
- ▶ \$83 million to plan the redevelopment of the State Basketball Centre, including the Knox Arena and 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
- ▶ \$7.5 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
- ▶ \$5 million to develop the next generation of sporting stars, establishing seven high-performance basketball hubs, including new hubs in Werribee and Melbourne's north-west
- ▶ \$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

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 suburbs, including in 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 2 000 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 6 000 people as part of the Private Rental Assistance Program to prevent and end homelessness
- ▶ Continued support for the Kangan Education Youth Foyer in Broadmeadows, which assists 40 young people who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness with secure and affordable accommodation while they study

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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 Moomba Festival.

Every year, these events attract thousands and thousands of visitors, boosting local businesses, supporting our economy, and creating Victorian jobs.

This year's Budget continues our commitment to the industries and individuals who underpin Victoria's success, with:

- ▶ \$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, a 10-day winter music festival that showcases Victoria's live music scene, food, wine and craft beer, while boosting local jobs
- ▶ \$4.5 million to renew exhibitions at Melbourne Museum, the Immigration Museum, Scienceworks and the production of new Planetarium shows
- ▶ \$3 million to establish an Indian Cinema and Bollywood Attraction Fund to attract film and television projects to Victoria and support our local film industry

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

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METROPOLITAN PARTNERSHIPS

With more people calling Melbourne home, our suburbs are changing.

It means it's more important than ever that local people get a say on local priorities.

Our six Metropolitan Partnerships bring together locals, businesses and councils to provide advice to our Government on the needs of their local communities.

Last year's Budget delivered the Metropolitan Partnerships Development Fund to advance the priorities identified by each partnership.

The *Victorian Budget 2019/20* builds on these efforts providing billions of dollars to further progress work on the projects that matter to our suburbs, such as:

- ▶ \$15.8 billion for North East Link
- ▶ \$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
- ▶ \$1.43 billion for a new hospital for Footscray
- ▶ \$681 million for the Melbourne Airport Rail
- ▶ \$209 million to build new homes to fight homelessness

- ▶ \$195 million for additional metropolitan and regional train services
- ▶ \$30.4 million for phase two of the treaty and self-determination process for Aboriginal Victorians
- ▶ \$3.5 million to revitalise Broadmeadows' town centre and Frankston's station precinct
- ▶ \$3 million for essential mental health facilities in schools
- ▶ \$2.3 million to deliver the first stage of a new Melton Hospital

This year's Budget progresses work on the projects that matter to our suburbs

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