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CREATING JOBS, CARING FOR VICTORIANS

After a tough twelve months, we are on the road to recovery.

But truly bouncing back – it won't just happen by chance.

We need a long-term plan that truly helps Victorians recover.

It's why this Budget invests in the support people need – and the Victorians we need to deliver it.

That includes building a new mental health system from the ground up.

We all know someone who's struggled with their mental health. And yet this issue hasn't been taken seriously.

It's why with this Budget, we're delivering a once in a generation investment that will transform the way mental health support is offered across our city and state.

That means early intervention, dedicated help for our kids, and care that's actually available when you need it.

This Budget invests in more of the services and support our suburbs need. This includes:

- » \$3.8 billion to build Victoria's new mental health system and ensure communities are getting the care they deserve
- » \$3.2 billion to improve our public transport services and infrastructure, including \$986 million to build 25 new X'Trapolis 2.0 trains in Victoria and supporting infrastructure for our network
- » \$1.6 billion to continue our school building blitz, including building 13 new suburban schools and upgrading 35 more, making sure our kids have the classrooms they deserve

- » \$1.2 billion to support children and families, including hundreds of new child protection workers and more help for families in need
- » \$759 million to help meet the demands on our health system due to the pandemic, with more paramedics, more triage care and support staff for Ambulance Victoria, as well as targeted funding to support our busy emergency departments and open new beds across the state
- » \$354 million to continue to address family violence and improve our support for victim survivors
- » \$252 million to provide housing support, including targeted initiatives to address homelessness
- » \$167 million to deliver three-year-old kinder to every corner of our state
- » \$86 million to establish the Victorian Skills Authority, making sure Victorians have the skills they need to find a good, secure job
- » \$70 million to establish public in-vitro fertilisation (IVF) services and help more Victorians achieve their dreams of becoming parents
- » \$50 million to support establishing Victoria's capability to manufacture mRNA vaccines

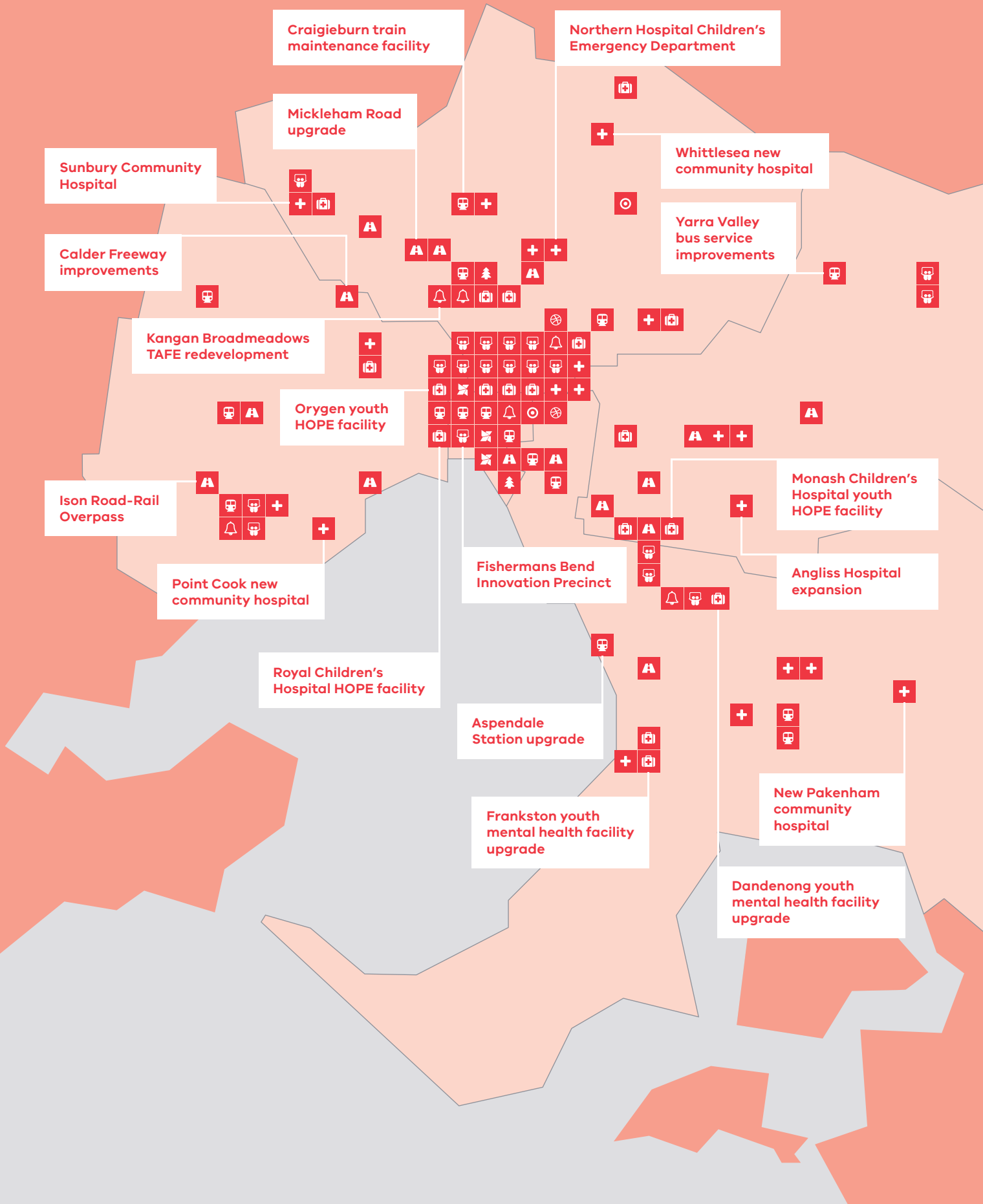
The investments made by the Government in this Budget will support an average of 38 000 jobs per year over the next four years.

It's a simple idea that's at the heart of this Budget. Ensuring every dollar of investment is delivering a double benefit.

Making our state stronger and fairer, and getting more Victorians back to work to make it happen.

With this Budget, we're creating jobs and caring for Victorians.

SUBURBAN INVESTMENT



STATEWIDE

- » \$3.8 billion to transform our mental health system, building the system from the ground up
- » \$3.7 billion to meet demand for hospital services, including more emergency department staff, extra highly specialised therapies, and support for new wards as they open
- » \$3.2 billion for public transport services and infrastructure, including \$986 million to build 25 new X'Trapolis 2.0 trains in Victoria and supporting infrastructure for our metropolitan network, and \$613 million to support the reliability of V/Line train services and maintain the regional rail network
- » \$1.6 billion for school infrastructure, including upgrades at 52 schools, building 13 new schools and additional stages at three further schools, and expanding six more across the state
- » \$1.3 billion to continue our public health response to the pandemic
- » \$1.2 billion to support children and families, including an expansion of the child protection workforce and out-of-home care placements and help for vulnerable Victorian families
- » \$788 million to reduce the impact of bushfires on Victorian communities, the economy and the environment
- » \$759 million in funding for more paramedics, more triage care and support staff for Ambulance Victoria, as well as targeted funding to improve flow in our busy emergency departments and open new beds across the state as part of our \$3.7 billion support for increased hospital demand
- » \$716 million for school programs and support for our teaching workforce, including \$148 million to establish the Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership, dedicated to the professional learning and development of Victorian teachers
- » \$556 million to build and expand 10 community hospitals
- » \$386 million for a new Road Safety Strategy to develop new safety technologies, deliver infrastructure upgrades, and other improvements helping to keep Victorians safe
- » \$354 million to support victim survivors and address family violence
- » \$288 million to boost our creative sector – supporting jobs, developing homegrown talent and promoting our people and content to the world
- » \$265 million to plan, upgrade and maintain suburban, rural and regional roads, ensuring a safe and reliable journey for local communities
- » \$252 million to provide housing support, including targeted initiatives to address homelessness
- » \$250 million to protect and preserve our natural environment, including support for volunteers and local community organisations to help conserve our native species and their habitats
- » \$167 million to continue the roll out of universal three-year-old kindergarten, covering the whole state in 2022
- » \$160 million to support Victoria's tourism sector to drive visitation and employment
- » \$107 million to help drive economic activity and revitalise Melbourne's central business district
- » \$86 million to establish the Victorian Skills Authority to champion and strengthen the vocational education and training sector
- » \$70 million to establish public in-vitro fertilisation services to help people who want to become parents achieve their dreams
- » \$50 million to support establishing Victoria's capability to manufacture mRNA vaccines



Arts



Education



Emergency services



Environment and parkland



Health



Mental health



Public transport



Roads



Sport and recreation



Strong communities

BUILDING OUR MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM

Mental health impacts all of us.

If you haven't experienced mental illness directly, chances are you've watched someone you love go through it – a parent, a partner, a child, a neighbour or a friend.

Yet Victoria's mental health system is failing. People are deemed not sick enough for help – until they're too sick to be treated anywhere but hospital.

And when you reach out and ask for support – there simply aren't enough professionals there to help.

It's why the Andrews Labor Government established a Royal Commission to help fix our broken mental health system.

Now, with the Commission's final report, we have a blueprint to do just that.

This represents the biggest social reform in a generation.

It started with last year's Budget, which pledged \$869 million in the single biggest investment ever in the mental health system.

Now, we're eclipsing that investment, with a record \$3.8 billion to transform the way mental health and wellbeing support is delivered across our city, suburbs and state.

This reform will provide a 'front door' to care, ensuring Victorians know where to go for help.

It'll provide coordinated treatment tailored to people's needs.

And it will make sure that Victorians have the support they deserve.

At the same time, this investment will support 3 000 new jobs – from support staff to mental health professionals.

With this investment we'll continue our recovery – creating new jobs, and caring for Victorians.

A front door to care

The Royal Commission told us that Victorians don't know where to go or who to turn to for mental health and wellbeing support.

It's why this Budget delivers \$264 million in local care, providing a 'front door' for care for adults and older adults, with 20 new local services – the first of between 50 to 60 across the state.

These services will focus on early intervention, ensuring Victorians get the care they need much sooner and much closer to their families and communities.

This investment will deliver on our six fast-tracked sites, including Brimbank, Frankston and Whittlesea, which will be open by 2022.

These services will help more Victorians get support earlier, as well as providing a pathway to acute care. And, critically, they will have expanded operating hours, so care is available when it's needed.

This Budget also provides funding to establish 22 reformed area mental health and wellbeing services to replace current services. These services will have more capacity to treat and support Victorians experiencing severe and complex mental health challenges.

And because it's an issue that touches all of us, \$6 million will go towards initiatives including the creation of dedicated tools and resources specifically designed to support occupational mental health – just one of a raft of reforms to support the wellbeing of workers and workplaces.



Help for our kids and young people

We know that our children and young people can be particularly vulnerable. And that ensuring they have the support they need early will give them the best chance for recovery.

It's why this Budget invests \$842 million in the mental health and wellbeing of our children, young people and families – including in our suburban communities.

That includes a fundamental reform of our mental health system, with the establishment of dedicated and stand-alone services, tailored to meet the needs of younger Victorians.

This investment will see two separate streams of care created – one devoted to infants and children (ages 0 to 11) and one devoted to young people (ages 12 to 25).

An investment of \$138 million will deliver 13 reformed Infant, Child and Family Mental Health and Wellbeing Services, providing local support that is specifically designed around the needs of children and young people.

We're also investing \$266 million to reform and expand 13 Youth Area Mental Health and Wellbeing Services across Victoria and support organisations delivering mental health care to young people. This will deliver more hours of care for young people, including extended and after-hours support.

To provide early care, three new infant, child and family hubs will also be established. The hubs will take a one-stop approach to children's health, including emotional, developmental and physical health, integrated with a range of services including paediatricians. These hubs will serve as a recognisable and accessible front door for care, providing the tailored support children and their families need, when they need it.

This Budget delivers five new Youth Prevention and Recovery Care facilities (YPARCs), including 10 beds in Melbourne's North Eastern Metropolitan region. The YPARCs will deliver bed based sub acute care to support young people experiencing mental illness. An extra \$18 million will also upgrade three existing YPARC sites including at Frankston and Dandenong.

An investment of \$16 million will see the establishment of four new Hospital Outreach Post-suicidal Engagement (HOPE) sites specifically designed and delivered for young people at the Royal Children's Hospital, Alfred Health, Monash Children's Hospital and Orygen.

HOPE, which has already achieved success as a service for adults, will provide individualised, intensive and one-on-one support for younger Victorians as they recover.

An investment of \$218 million will deliver a new School Mental Health Fund, enabling schools to provide tailored mental health and wellbeing support for their students, in addition to the expansion of the Mental Health in Primary Schools pilot.

Funding will also be provided to Switchboard, to deliver LGBTIQ+ peer-led support, and the Healthy Equal Youth project to increase support for young LGBTIQ+ Victorians.

This Budget also supports youth-centred research at Orygen, as well as delivery of online programs and workforce development, ensuring that we continue to provide our kids the very best of care.

Support for families and carers

Not only is our current system failing Victorians in need, it's failing their families and carers too.

Instead of feeling supported, they can be left scrambling for answers in an overburdened system. It's why this Budget includes \$93 million in dedicated support for families and carers.

This investment will ensure the voices of families are being heard at the heart of our system, while also recognising the additional support they need in caring for a loved one.

This investment includes delivering eight family and carer-led centres – providing a point of support for families across our suburbs.

These centres will provide personalised help for families and carers, working with them to understand their needs and connect them to the right services.

This work will also include practical help like assisting with short-term respite and enabling family and carer peer support groups – creating connection and community among Victorians who are caring for a loved one.

We will also improve access to perinatal services, with \$6.9 million to expand and reform the community perinatal health teams across the state, so new and expectant parents get the support they need close to home.

And recognising the unique experience of our younger carers, this Budget includes \$23 million to expand the range of support for young people and children caring for a family member.

A further \$9 million will deliver additional support for parents, including new online programs and dedicated group-based parenting sessions.

Care when it's needed most

If you're in need of serious support, you can't afford to wait. And yet right now, that's the experience of thousands of Victorians.

It's the reason the Andrews Labor Government is investing \$370 million in acute mental health services, making sure that Victorians are getting the support they desperately need.

This includes:

- » \$147 million to continue delivering 72 acute mental health beds across Melbourne and Geelong
- » \$102 million to open 35 acute mental health beds specifically for Victorian women in need
- » \$36 million over two years to operationalise 24 Hospital in the Home beds
- » \$35 million to make 53 recently-built acute and youth beds available for patients
- » \$16 million to continue support for three Adult Prevention and Recovery Centres, maintaining existing sub-acute beds

This investment will continue support for the successful HOPE (Hospital Outreach Post-suicidal Engagement) program, including sites at Box Hill Hospital, Royal Melbourne Hospital, Monash Medical Centre, Austin Health Heidelberg, Adult Psychiatric Inpatient Unit Broadmeadows and NorthWestern Mental Health Epping, providing one-on-one support for Victorians as they recover.

ROAD AND RAIL

Over the past six years, the Andrews Labor Government has changed the way Melbourne moves.

Our city-shaping transportation projects – like level crossing removals, building the Metro Tunnel Project, North East Link, building the Mordialloc Freeway and upgrading local roads – are making it easier for people to get around our suburbs.

At the same time, our \$80 billion transport investment has also ensured new opportunities for Victorians – supporting thousands of jobs across the construction sector and in supply chains.

Not only are the projects ensuring we have a modern transport system, they are supporting jobs. Since 2014, our big infrastructure build – including transport, health, education and other vital public infrastructure will support over 177 000 jobs.

This Budget builds on that record, investing in the next round of projects that will ensure Victorians have the fast, reliable and safe road and rail they deserve.

This Budget invests in the road and rail projects that will get Victorians where they're going – and get more Victorians back into work.

New trains for our suburbs

In just six years, the Andrews Labor Government has invested \$53 billion to completely transform our public transport network.

At the same time, we've invested in the services, staff and rolling stock we need to maximise the benefits of our Big Build.

With this Budget we're providing \$986 million to deliver 25 new X'Trapolis 2.0 trains and supporting infrastructure for our suburban network, to continue the process of retiring the ageing Comeng fleet.

These new trains will mean a more efficient and reliable rail network, while also improving access and comfort for passengers.

Importantly, they'll also be more accessible – ensuring every Victorian can rely on our rail network.

Not only will it get commuters home sooner, it's an investment that will also create hundreds of new local jobs.

These trains will be built right here in Victoria – supporting local jobs in manufacturing and right across the supply chain, with the investment expected to support close to 750 jobs.

We're also investing \$159 million to extend the life of Victoria's older rolling stock, keeping them servicing our busiest routes reliably.



The next step towards a turn up and go service

This Budget invests a further \$242 million in the next step towards turn up and go services in our city's south.

Funding will upgrade the tracks near Caulfield Station, separating the Cranbourne Pakenham and Frankston lines, enabling more trains and more frequent services.

These improvements will untangle the lines, preparing this crucial section of the network for the opening of the Metro Tunnel.

New signalling equipment will also make the junction safer and deliver more reliable services for local passengers.

The investment will support planning to improve interchange connections at Caulfield Station, making it easier for commuters to make their train.

Not only will this investment deliver a safer, more reliable trip for local passengers, it will also support around 600 local jobs at the peak of construction.

A better commute for local passengers

Last year we were reminded, there's nothing more important than spending time with the people you love.

It's why we're transforming our public transport system – investing in the projects that will get Victorians home, sooner.

This Budget continues that transformation, investing \$3.2 billion to keep our public transport network moving.

\$94 million will be invested on the Melton and Wyndham Vale corridors to enable higher capacity trains, including 9-car VLocity trains. These longer trains will increase capacity by up to 50 per cent during peak periods, creating a more comfortable commute for local passengers.

A further \$25 million will plan and improve the accessibility and appearance of stations and stops across our public transport network, including improvements to lift all kerbside tram stops, and upgrades at Aspendale, Burnley, North Richmond, Ruthven and Windsor stations.

Funding of \$74 million will also improve and reform our bus network, including more frequent buses, extended routes and a more reliable service. This includes new and extended routes in the growth areas of Clyde, Clyde North and Tarneit North.

Upgrading our tram network

Last year's Budget delivered a massive \$1.5 billion to fund 100 Next Generation Trams which will support over 1 800 local manufacturing and supply chain jobs at the peak of production.

Building on that investment, this Budget invests a further \$368 million in enabling infrastructure to support the roll-out of the Next Generation Trams on the network, including the construction of a new tram maintenance facility in Melbourne's north-west and upgrading the Southbank depot.

Funding of \$42 million will improve performance on our tram network, with tram and road traffic separations in six Melbourne central business district locations, upgrades to the Automatic Vehicle Monitoring system, and continuation of St Kilda Road corridor tram services.

Disability shouldn't be a barrier to accessing public transport. It's why our commitment to equality includes delivering accessibility upgrades at over 1 000 kerbside tram stops across Melbourne with features like braille plates and tactile ground markings – as well as improved lighting, weather protection and safer road markings at 42 priority stops.

And we're delivering a program of works to extend the life of A and Z-Class trams, keeping them servicing our suburbs reliably.

Getting Victorians home safe

Every Victorian deserves to get home safely.

This Budget builds on our commitment to ensure Victorians are safe on our suburban roads – whether they're driving, walking or cycling.

That includes investing \$386 million in our new Road Safety Strategy to develop and deliver new safety technology and improvements, helping to keep all Victorians safe.

Funding will tackle the most dangerous behaviours on our roads, including drink-driving, speeding and mobile phone use, with more safety cameras, additional enforcement and improved technology – all with the goal of reducing the risk of death and serious injuries on our roads.

This Budget will also improve safety infrastructure across Victoria, including upgrades to traffic signals, signage and installing more safety barriers.



Building and upgrading local roads

Our road network is vital to connecting Victorians. That's why over the past six years, the Andrews Labor Government has invested in building, maintaining and improving our road network.

This Budget continues this work with a \$265 million investment in planning, upgrading and maintaining our suburban and regional roads.

This includes:

- » \$100 million to progress planning of targeted upgrades, including improvements to safety and capacity at Calder Park Interchange, along the Calder Freeway between Gap Road in Sunbury and the M80 Ring Road, jointly funded with the Commonwealth Government
- » \$51 million on road network upgrades across the suburbs to improve safety and travel times, and identify high-priority projects for future works
- » Funding to progress early works for the Ison Road-Rail Overpass to connect Ison Road through Wyndham West and the Princes Freeway corridor including development of the Werribee Main Road / Princes Freeway Interchange
- » Funding for early works to upgrade Mickleham Road between Somerton Road and Dellamore Boulevard

Additional funding of \$14 million is also provided to continue planning the Bulla Bypass.

Investing in our walking and cycling network

Last year, our local walking and cycling paths were more important than ever.

That's why this Budget invests \$21 million to improve the safety and usability of our walking and cycling network across the state, building on last year's investment of \$38 million.

That includes building new walking paths at the intersection of Highbury Road, Seven Oaks Road and Newhaven Road in Melbourne's eastern suburbs.

This Budget also delivers further upgrades including a bridge with shared bike and walking lanes along the Kew to Highett Strategic Cycling Corridor at Toorak Road.

This Budget also invests further to promote the uptake of Zero Emission Vehicles, taking our total investment to \$100 million. This includes \$46 million to introduce the first zero emission vehicle purchase subsidy in Australia, to encourage the early adoption of lower-cost zero emission vehicles by households and businesses. Funding is also provided to encourage the uptake of electric vehicles in the government fleet, as well as new charging stations across the state.



EDUCATION

**We all want our kids to be happy and healthy.
After last year, that's more important than ever.**

It's why over the past six years, the Andrews Labor Government has invested more than \$9.3 billion building and improving Victoria's schools. As an investment, it's also supported thousands of new jobs.

With this Budget, we're continuing that approach – investing in our suburban schools, while at the same time getting more Victorians into work.

This Budget invests \$1.6 billion in new and upgraded schools, supporting around 3 500 construction and supply chain jobs across Victoria.

A further \$716 million is invested in school programs and support for our teaching workforce.

For our kids, it'll mean fantastic new classrooms and learning spaces. For our teachers, it will mean a new focus on professional support and opportunity. And for Victorian workers, it will mean thousands of new jobs.

Each initiative, and every dollar of funding, is an investment in our children – and an investment in Victoria's recovery.

Student health and wellbeing

As we continue work to ensure more young Victorians are getting the mental health support they need, we know that our schools are integral to our effort.

This Budget invests \$277 million to deliver a comprehensive range of reforms that will put student health and wellbeing at the centre of our suburban schools.

Our new School Mental Health Fund will allow schools to select and implement mental health and wellbeing programs that best meet the needs of their students, while also connecting with specialist services where required.

The Mental Health in Primary Schools pilot will also be expanded to include 90 government schools and 10 non-government schools, supporting 100 jobs.

This builds on the investment already made in mental health practitioners in government secondary and specialist secondary school campuses.

And we're continuing to roll out professional learning and coaching for teachers on positive behaviour, providing support to students who may need extra help.

The Doctors in Secondary Schools program will also continue, giving students at participating secondary schools access to primary health care through school.



Ensuring every student can be their best

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 children are getting the most out of their education.

Last year, the Budget included a \$1.6 billion investment to transform how we support students with disabilities and their families, doubling the number of students receiving extra support, including kids with autism, dyslexia or complex behaviours.

With this Budget, the Andrews Labor Government is continuing investment to reduce barriers for students with disability, including:

- » \$25 million to provide transport assistance for eligible students to attend school
- » \$15 million to improve access to school facilities for students with disability and additional needs, including ramps and handrails, alterations to toilets and showers and technology for students with vision or hearing impairments
- » \$10 million to make our schools more inclusive, delivering playgrounds, outdoor sensory areas and quiet re-engagement spaces

A further Budget boost will deliver \$39 million to improve outcomes for Koorie children, including a co-design initiative with community on how we can better support students.

This Budget also provides \$55 million to continue swimming and water safety education programs in government, Catholic and specialist schools and to introduce these programs to government language schools.

Supporting our teachers

Across our schools and suburbs, Victoria's teachers give our kids their all.

As a Government, we understand how important their work is – and the profound difference they can make in the lives of their students.

That's why with this Budget, we're investing \$185 million to support our teaching workforce.

This includes \$148 million to establish the new Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership with a central business district presence, providing support to teachers across our suburban schools.

Building on the existing work of the Bastow Institute of Educational Leadership, the Academy will be dedicated to the professional learning and development of our teachers.

The Academy's flagship Teaching Excellence Program will enable teachers to advance their skills by drawing on the latest research.

It's an investment in our teachers – and an investment in our kids.

This funding also includes:

- » \$20 million for Turnaround Teams to work intensively with schools in improving student outcomes
- » \$4.8 million to equip an additional 95 teaching students to work in schools in disadvantaged areas and further support school based mentors

The best start in life: three-year-old kinder

We know a great early education is a big part of a great start in life.

In this Budget we're continuing to deliver on our promise, funding three-year-old kinder for every Victorian child.

The roll-out, which began in regional Victoria, will now reach kindergartens across our city and suburbs.

This reform will also save families money, with an average saving of around \$1 150 a year for five hours a week of kinder and \$3 500 when the roll-out is completed in 2029. Around a quarter of families will be able to access low or no-cost programs at a stand-alone service.

By 2029, the program will be scaled up to deliver the full 15 hours a week to families across Victoria.

With the roll-out requiring more than 6 000 extra teachers and educators, this investment will create opportunity for thousands and thousands of Victorians – including across our suburbs.

New and upgraded schools

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.

It's why we promised to open 100 new schools across our state by 2026, helping to meet the needs of families in our fastest growing communities.

We're making good on that promise, delivering great local schools – for every child, wherever they live and whatever their background.

Over the last six years, we've invested more than \$9.3 billion in building and upgrading our schools – with \$1.9 billion delivered in the last Budget alone.

As a result of these investments, 15 new schools are currently being built, plus a further 14 new schools and campuses that opened in Term 1, 2021.

This Budget continues that investment, with \$1.6 billion in new schools, upgrades and maintenance.

That includes \$492 million to build 13 brand-new schools across our suburbs, and additional stages at three recently opened schools.

A further \$246 million will deliver upgrades at 35 schools across our suburbs, delivering great classrooms and learning spaces for local children.

Land will also be acquired to deliver future schools in Cardinia, Casey, Hume, Melton, Port Phillip and Wyndham, giving local families more certainty.

And to help meet the growing needs of growing communities, \$85 million will support six established schools across Victoria, including five schools in our suburbs, investing in additional capacity to be ready for the 2024 school year.

Our suburban schools will also benefit from investments including:

- » \$188 million to maintain and modernise Victorian schools
- » \$105 million for relocatable buildings to meet the needs of growing schools and provide additional functional spaces for learning

METRO SCHOOLS



NEW METRO SCHOOLS IN 2023

The following new schools (interim names listed below) will be constructed:

- » Camms Road Primary School
- » Hayes Hill Primary School
- » Holyoake Parade Primary School
- » Lollypop Creek Primary School
- » Merrifield West Secondary School
- » Mount Ridley Special School
- » Officer Rix Road Primary School
- » Riverdale East Primary School
- » Rockbank Murray Road Primary School
- » Tarneit Missen House Primary School
- » Wollert East Secondary School
- » Wollert West Primary School

The following new school will be built to open in 2024:

- » Truganina North Secondary School

Additional stages of new schools will also be constructed at three schools:

- » Cranbourne West Secondary College
- » Elevation Secondary College
- » Tarneit Senior College

SCHOOL UPGRADES – GROWTH FOR 2024

The expanded capacity will be ready for the 2024 school year at:

- » Glen Eira College
- » Manor Lakes P-12 College
- » Moorabbin Primary School
- » Mount Ridley P-12 College
- » Newlands Primary School

METRO SCHOOL UPGRADES

- » Alamanda K-9 College
- » Albert Park College and the Victorian College of the Arts Secondary School
- » Ashburton Primary School
- » Birralee Primary School
- » Brentwood Park Primary School
- » Chelsea Primary School
- » Croydon Primary School
- » Dandenong North Primary School
- » Footscray City Primary School
- » Frankston High School
- » Glen Waverley South Primary School
- » Goonawarra Primary School
- » Kangaroo Ground Primary School
- » Kensington Primary School
- » Kerrimuir Primary School
- » Koo Wee Rup Primary School
- » Manchester Primary School
- » Montmorency Primary School
- » Moonee Ponds Primary School
- » Mullauna Secondary College
- » Niddrie Primary School
- » Northcote High School
- » Parkwood Green Primary School
- » Pascoe Vale Girls Secondary College
- » Plenty Parklands Primary School
- » St Albans East Primary School
- » Swinburne Senior Secondary College
- » Templeton Primary School
- » Viewbank Primary School
- » Warrandyte High School
- » Watsonia North Primary School
- » Weeden Heights Primary School
- » Wembley Primary School
- » Westall Secondary College
- » Wheelers Hill Primary School

METRO LAND ACQUISITION FOR NEW SCHOOLS

Land will be acquired in the municipalities of Cardinia, Casey, Hume, Melton, Port Phillip and Wyndham for future new schools.



New school – construction



School upgrade



School upgrade (growth for 2024)

HEALTH

Last year drove home the importance of great local healthcare – and the dedicated people who look after us all.

Since coming to office, the Andrews Labor Government's investments in our healthcare system – and the workers that look after us – total more than \$133 billion.

This Budget delivers \$7.1 billion in funding to build a health system that will ensure Victorians receive compassionate, world-class healthcare – across our city and our suburbs.

It also ensures that as we continue to recover from the pandemic, we're ensuring our health services are equipped to meet future demand.

Not only will this investment ensure care when it's needed, it is also creating and supporting new jobs.

From medical professionals, to cooks, cleaners, support staff and construction workers – this Budget will give more people in our suburbs the security of a job.

It's an investment in Victorian workers – and the health and wellbeing of every Victorian.

Care close to home

Families in our suburbs deserve to be confident that care is available when it's needed most.

It's why this Budget delivers \$556 million to expand and build 10 community hospitals.

These hospitals will reduce the burden on existing services, by delivering care at a local level. Importantly, local communities will also have a say in how that care is delivered – making sure it meets the needs of local families. This investment will give Victorians in Melbourne's growing suburbs the health services they need, delivering upgraded or expanded facilities at:

- » Craigieburn
- » Sunbury

New facilities will be constructed at:

- » Cranbourne
- » Pakenham
- » Mernda
- » Eltham
- » Point Cook
- » Inner South of Melbourne

With this investment we'll make sure that if a child falls sick late at night, a teenager breaks their ankle at sport, or if a loved one needs dialysis treatment, local families will be able to get the care they need, close to home.



Building our hospitals and health system

Over the past year, our hospitals and local healthcare services have been at the heart of our communities.

This Budget continues to invest in our local hospitals – and the health of our communities – with \$1.2 billion to build and upgrade health infrastructure across the state.

This includes \$100 million to build new emergency department zones dedicated to children and their families, including Casey Hospital, Maroondah Hospital, Northern Hospital and Frankston Hospital, ensuring our youngest Victorians continue to have the very best care.

Delivering on the continued expansion of Angliss Hospital, this Budget includes \$99 million to construct a new in-patient unit.

A further \$5.7 million will plan for the future redevelopment of emergency departments at Maroondah Hospital, Casey Hospital, Northern Hospital, Werribee Mercy Hospital and Austin Hospital.

This Budget also provides \$29 million for public residential aged care services, including across nine suburbs that will continue to provide care for our older Victorians.

Hospitals across Victoria will be able to upgrade their engineering infrastructure, Information and Communication Technology and medical equipment with a \$103 million funding boost. This can include operating suites, emergency departments, intensive care units, network infrastructure and neonatal and maternity services.

Investing in our healthcare system

Our healthcare system and dedicated workforce faced an unprecedented challenge in 2020.

Now, as we're investing in our state's recovery, we're investing in the recovery of our healthcare system too.

That includes delivering investment to support more surgeries, improve our emergency response and promote early care – encouraging more Victorians to get the care they need sooner, before they reach crisis point.

With \$300 million of additional elective surgery already under way following the pandemic, this Budget ensures even more Victorians can get the surgeries they need as soon as possible.

This Budget commits an additional \$136 million to an elective surgery improvement fund to reduce the elective surgery wait list and deliver better outcomes for patients.

Community-based health services will also receive a massive \$91 million boost.

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

The investment will also support the opening of new beds in health services across the state, supported by Victoria's hardworking healthcare workforce.

Our support for Ambulance Victoria will also provide new funding for more than 200 paramedics, helping ensure our ambulance services can respond rapidly in emergencies.

It includes an extra \$266 million to support the work of Ambulance Victoria, with additional triage nurses, an expansion to secondary triage services and non-emergency patient transfers, kick-starting planning for new ambulance stations.

It will also fund a \$204 million investment to bolster Ambulance Victoria's resources through programs like Telehealth, and will deliver ongoing operational improvements across the state.

We're also expanding the future pipeline of Victoria's healthcare workforce, delivering 200 000 additional student placement days in the public health system and supporting clinicians to supervise students.

Supporting more Victorians to start a family

The Andrews Labor Government will help more Victorian families experience the joys of parenthood, helping to cover the costs of in-vitro fertilisation (IVF).

IVF can help people who want to become parents achieve their dreams. But with an initial IVF cycle costing an average of \$5 500, for many it's unaffordable and out of reach.

It's why this Budget delivers \$70 million to establish public fertility care services – which will be free for 4 000 Victorian patients each year when the program is fully operational.

Access to public IVF services will begin in 2022, helping more Victorians become parents, without the high costs.

This investment will also deliver Australia's first public sperm and egg bank, helping even more Victorians have a family of their own.

An investment of \$4.1 million will establish three new women's reproductive health hubs, enabling more women to access expert advice on sexual and reproductive health issues and helping to catch-up on deferred check-ups and care as a result of the pandemic. Funding will also expand the hours of operation for the eight existing hubs and expand the scope of services they provide.



JOBS

Over the past six years, we've made jobs our priority.

And as we continue our rebuild, jobs – good, secure, meaningful jobs – must be at the heart of our recovery.

That includes supporting our skills sector to help more Victorians train, retrain and find new opportunity.

It means investing in the sectors that make our state strong.

And ensuring our projects and policies create good jobs for the future – and for our future generations.

This focus will underpin our Victoria's economic recovery.

Just as importantly, it'll help more Victorians find employment – and with it, security, stability and certainty.

Delivering a double benefit

Over the past six years, the Andrews Labor Government's Big Build has been delivering the roads, rail, schools and hospitals our growing suburbs need – and supporting thousands of jobs.

Now, as we recover from the pandemic, we're using that same approach: making sure every dollar of investment is delivering a 'double benefit' – making Victoria stronger, and supporting good, stable jobs for Victorians.

Since 2014 the Government's infrastructure investment has supported or will continue to support over 177 000 jobs.

Helping look after kids in care. Providing more support to victims of family violence.

Supporting those struggling with their mental health. Giving more Victorians the security of home.

With this Budget, we're creating jobs, and caring for Victorians.

Backing skills for our suburbs

As we continue to invest in the services our state needs, we are supporting the creation of thousands of new jobs. And through our investments in our skills sector, we're making sure that it's Victorians who are first in line.

This Budget invests \$384 million in our skills sector, to make sure that Victorians are ready for these jobs.

This includes \$60 million provided through the Building Better TAFE's Fund to redevelop Kangan Institute's Broadmeadows Campus.

An investment of \$86 million will establish the new Victorian Skills Authority, bringing together industry, providers and communities to leverage local knowledge.

The Victorian Skills Authority will provide a strengthened local presence across our suburbs and state – by connecting industry, education providers and communities to give locals a voice in designing training and ensuring workers have the skills they need.

We're also investing \$209 million to further support our TAFE and training sector. This investment includes up to 12 200 extra subsidised training places in our TAFE and training system to ensure all Victorians can access training.



Playing to our strengths

Victoria is famous for its manufacturing expertise. This Budget plays to our strengths, delivering new investment in this sector.

To put Victoria at the forefront of advanced manufacturing, engineering and design, the Budget invests \$179 million to deliver the first stage of the transformation of the former General Motors Holden site at Fishermans Bend into a global innovation hub. The site will house the University of Melbourne's School of Engineering from 2024 and is expected to become a world-renowned centre for innovation by 2051, supporting up to 30 000 high-value science, technology, engineering and mathematics jobs.

A further \$50 million will support establishing Victoria's capability to manufacture mRNA vaccines, creating future jobs and reaffirming our reputation as a world leader in biotechnology.

To support recovery in international education, and recognising the importance of international students to our city and suburbs, the Government will invest a further \$51 million.

This investment will expand our Global Education Network and continue to attract, reach and support our international students.

Investing in our creative suburbs

Victoria's creative industries are the heart and soul of our state – and we're putting them at the heart of our recovery.

With a \$288 million investment, this Budget continues to invest in the creativity of our suburbs and communities, while also driving the creation of new jobs.

This includes:

- » \$121 million to transform Victoria's screen industry, help attract international and interstate productions to Victoria and create new local jobs
- » \$79 million to support institutions and the companies they support – like the Arts Centre Melbourne and the Melbourne Theatre Company
- » \$34 million for Museums Victoria to renew exhibition offerings and improve the visitor experience
- » \$24 million to invest in non-government creative organisations, creating jobs and opportunities.
- » \$11 million for the Music Works program to support musicians, support staff, venues, and allied organisations accelerate the recovery and growth of Victoria's music scene
- » \$4 million in support for Victorians from First Nations, youth and diverse backgrounds to obtain secure, well-paid work, and support leadership programs for a diverse cohort of mid-career and established creatives. This includes support for First Nations festivals and platforms such as Yirramboi, Blak & Bright Literature Festival and the Koorie Art Show, attracting more visitors to Victoria and creating new local jobs
- » \$2 million to help Victorians develop new works through the Creators Fund

An investment of \$4.5 million will establish the Creative Neighbourhoods Program, supporting the creation of local creative precincts and ensuring affordable creative spaces for local artists. This includes additional funding to support local arts organisations, including the Brunswick Design District that will support development, investment and activation for creative enterprises in the heart of Brunswick.

These investments build on last year's \$1.4 billion Budget boost, which is transforming Melbourne's Art Precinct, including delivering NGV Contemporary, the country's premier gallery for contemporary art and design.

This project will support an estimated 5 000 jobs in construction and more than 200 new ongoing jobs in Victoria's creative sector when complete.

Supporting our visitor economy

A rebounding visitor economy is critical to our recovery.

It's why last year's Budget delivered an unprecedented \$465 million investment to kick-start our visitor economy – backing the projects and priorities that would see this crucial industry rebound.

That included a dedicated \$107 million Visitor Economy: Industry Support Package to provide much-needed support to Victoria's thousands of tourism workers and businesses.

This Budget builds on that effort, delivering \$160 million in funding to make sure this crucial industry gets back on its feet.

This Budget also provides \$107 million to help drive economic activity and revitalise Melbourne's central business district. This includes \$7.4 million for a new voucher scheme to entice Melburnians and visitors to support our city cafes and restaurants.

The Budget provides a \$200 million Melbourne City Revitalisation Fund – jointly funded with the City of Melbourne. This will also renew city spaces and support CBD arts and cultural events.

That includes showcasing everything our state has to offer, with a \$55 million investment dedicated to expanding Visit Victoria destination marketing and engagement – helping to reach new audiences both here and overseas.

This Budget will also help Victoria reaffirm its place as the best business destination in Australia, with a \$43 million Business Events Program to attract a strong pipeline of business events to our State.

A further \$31 million will continue to help Victorian businesses respond to the pandemic, including border coordination and support, education programs and coordination of COVIDSafe public events.



STRONGER COMMUNITIES

In Victoria, we've shown that if we look out for each other, we can achieve anything.

That's why with this Budget, the Andrews Labor Government is investing in the projects and priorities that further strengthen our suburbs.

The local sports clubs that bind us together.

The open spaces that matter to local families.

The community connections that are the source of our suburb's strength.

And the investments that will make our state even stronger and fairer.

This Budget invests in Victoria's communities – and the people who call them home.

Stronger suburbs

We know that our investments in sports and recreation help make Victorians healthier, create jobs – and create stronger, more connected communities.

This Budget invests \$623 million to support the strength of our neighbourhoods and communities.

This includes an investment of \$55 million to deliver local sports infrastructure upgrades across our state, including extending the Female Friendly Facilities Fund to deliver suburban community pavilions, changerooms, playing grounds and courts. It also includes an investment of \$55 million to build a multi-purpose sport centre at the Fitzroy Gasworks Precinct.

Since being established in 2015, the Andrews Labor Government's Growing Suburbs Fund has delivered more than \$325 million towards 253 projects, supporting thousands of jobs.

A further \$50 million investment will see the Fund continue to deliver infrastructure projects and facilities in Melbourne's interface councils – from local community hubs to playgrounds.

The Andrews Labor Government's strong record of investment in local libraries continues, with \$9.3 million for the Public Libraries Resource Program to enable our libraries to buy new books and collection items, run online services and deliver outreach programs.

A further \$14.6 million will expand the Good Money service, seeing the service extend beyond shop fronts, to telephone and online services. This means that no matter where they live, Victorians will be able to access this vital financial wellbeing service – expected to help an extra 25 000 people on low incomes.

The Budget also addresses the ongoing challenge of isolation and loneliness, with \$1 million to continue the hotline operated by the Australian Red Cross, which was established during the pandemic to provide emotional support and psychological first aid.

The Budget also includes almost \$11 million to extend our six Metropolitan Partnerships.

By encompassing the voice of residents, businesses and community groups, these partnerships will ensure we're listening to locals in driving and delivering local projects.

\$20 million has been allocated to deliver five suburban government hubs for up to 2 380 office based public servants to work in their local areas and closer to home. This will support local economic activity and local jobs.



Embracing our diversity

We know one of our greatest strengths in Victoria is our diversity.

It's why this Budget invests in supporting opportunity for all Victorians – regardless of ability, background, belief, gender or sexuality.

This includes \$9.2 million to support inclusive and safe communities for Victorians with disability. This investment will see the continuation of Disability Liaison Officers, established during the pandemic, and ensure Victorians with disability have the help they need in navigating and finding the right support.

This funding also supports the Victorian Disability Advocacy Program to continue promoting the rights and voices of people with disability.

A further \$2.5 million will expand the Changing Places initiative, building new fully accessible public toilet facilities across Victoria, helping to support people with disability, their families and carers.

This Budget also delivers \$4.4 million to support multicultural communities in recovering from the economic effects of the pandemic through building, upgrading and renovating community infrastructure. This funding will support development of a bicultural worker strategy to plan for recruitment and support of bicultural workers who will assist diverse communities to navigate services.

An additional \$4.3 million includes support for community organisations to deliver targeted programs to support migrant and refugee women into employment. A further \$1.4 million will go towards programs to address racism, vilification and hate-based conduct.

Funding of \$1 million will go towards Melbourne Pride 2021, a major event to celebrate and support LGBTIQ+ Victorians. Melbourne Pride 2021 will mark the 40-year anniversary of the decriminalisation of homosexuality by the Victorian Parliament.

Additional funding will further support LGBTIQ+ legal services and establish a civil response scheme to support the recent banning of change or suppression (conversion) practices.

Investing in our environment

Protecting our suburban green spaces means protecting the health of Victorians – and the future of our State.

With this Budget, we're investing \$250 million to protect and preserve our environment.

Acknowledging the crucial role of grassroots volunteers in caring for our environment, the Andrews Labor Government is investing \$81 million to care for our iconic wildlife, to plant trees and tackle weeds and pests. Landcare, Trust for Nature and the Port Philip Bay Fund will share in this funding, which will support the work of local volunteers.

Giving all Victorians an opportunity to relax and unwind, funding of \$32 million will also ensure our parks – including our suburban green spaces – can continue to support local families and communities.

A further \$20 million will allow children under 16 years of age to learn more about our environment, continuing free access to Melbourne Zoo, Healesville Sanctuary and Werribee Open Range Zoo on weekends, public holidays and during school holidays.

The Budget also delivers a \$2.8 million contribution to the design and construction of a new facility for the Port Phillip EcoCentre in St Kilda – so more school students and locals can benefit from innovative environmental programs.

To provide more shade, and green spaces, the Andrews Labor Government is investing \$5 million to plant 500 000 trees in Melbourne's west.

More support to keep children and families safe

The Andrews Labor Government wants to make sure every child grows up happy, healthy and supported.

This Budget continues our investment in children and families, delivering \$1.2 billion in support.

This includes \$1 billion to expand the child protection workforce, increase out-of-home care placements and provide a range of other supports to improve outcomes for vulnerable Victorian families, making sure more children are getting the support they need, while also supporting 246 new child protection practitioners statewide.

A further \$354 million will support our continuing work to keep women and children safe and perpetrators accountable across the state. This includes:

- » \$97 million to support statewide enhanced family violence information sharing and risk assessment
- » \$78 million to expand the network of specialist family violence courts, including sites at Broadmeadows, Dandenong, Melbourne, Ringwood and Sunshine
- » \$49 million to provide case management responses for victim survivors in emergency accommodation, statewide 24/7 crisis services and other supports to victim survivors of family violence and sexual assault

An additional \$34 million will ensure our most vulnerable kids can access early childhood education and care. This funding will expand early intervention, and trial new and intensive support for children and their families.

This Budget also delivers \$18.4 million to strengthen engagement and support for at-risk young people, with programs delivered across our suburbs.

Putting families first

Funding of \$18 million is provided to trial a new whole-of-family support model for families with complex needs at two locations across the state including Brimbank-Melton. At the same time, this investment will also support 30 jobs.

Interdisciplinary teams led by a family practitioner will work with vulnerable families with multiple health, justice or human services needs to improve their safety, health and wellbeing, and divert them from long-term acute and tertiary service usage.

A new trial – *Frontline Victoria* – will create a fast-tracked path for degree-qualified career changers to move into a role within the child and families' services system – building the workforce and strengthening support for our kids.





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