

Media Release

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WORK BEGINS ON A BIGGER, BETTER WONTHAGGI HOSPITAL

The Andrews Labor Government is delivering the best healthcare for Bass Coast families with the major expansion and upgrade of at Wonthaggi Hospital now underway.

Minister for Health Martin Foley and Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale today inspected the progress of the \$115 million expansion project which will give local families and residents access to world-class healthcare close to home.

The expansion will deliver 18 additional emergency department treatment spaces enabling the hospital to treat an extra 26,000 emergency patients per year.

The hospital's surgery capacity is also being doubled thanks to three new theatres and a procedure room while 32 inpatient beds and four short stay beds will be modernised.

This additional capacity will reduce the need for locals to travel for care and will help meet future demand in the Bass Coast Shire – one of the highest growth areas in regional Victoria.

The project is on track to be completed in 2023 and will create 345 jobs during peak construction.

The Labor Government has invested more than \$8 billion on health infrastructure since 2015, delivering the largest health building program in the state's history and creating thousands of jobs.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Health Martin Foley

"This significant investment will deliver world-class hospital, meaning residents and their families get the very best care, closer to home."

"We're ensuring Wonthaggi Hospital has the latest, cutting edge infrastructure that will allow hard-working hospital staff to treat more patients sooner."

Quotes attributable to Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale

"We are a growing community with many families choosing the Bass Coast to call home, and many more visiting for holidays – this project is ensuring Wonthaggi Hospital can meet that growing demand."

"Every Victorian deserves quality care, close to home. A bigger, better Wonthaggi Hospital will deliver just that for our local community."