

Media Release

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PUBLIC AGED CARE UPGRADES FOR VICTORIA'S NORTH EAST

The Andrews Labor Government is ensuring older Victorians get the high-quality aged care and comfort they deserve, with a massive redevelopment planned for Rutherglen's public aged care facility.

Minister for Disability, Ageing and Carers Luke Donnellan and Member for Northern Victoria Jaclyn Symes today announced the *Victorian Budget 2021/22* will invest more than \$57 million to build a modern new 50-bed aged care facility in Rutherglen, delivering a bigger, better and safer home for residents, their loved ones and staff.

Rural and regional public sector residential aged care facilities play a vital role in ensuring communities can access support close to home, especially when their loved ones need more specialised care.

The new Glenview Aged Care Facility in Rutherglen, to be operated by Indigo North Health, will also provide an additional 10 beds in an environment that is dementia friendly and better suited to supporting the needs of older Victorians, staff and visitors.

Residents will be accommodated in single bedrooms with a private ensuite, in settings that promote dignity, privacy, tailored care and independence. Early works are expected to commence by late 2022 and the project completed by early 2025.

The Labor Government is making record investments in public sector aged care – a new \$55.6 million 90-bed facility in Kew was completed in February and work is underway for a \$81.6 million 120-bed public sector residence in Wantirna.

At last year's Budget \$134.6 million was delivered for a 150-bed home at the Kingston Centre in Cheltenham as well as \$900,000 to plan a new facility in Coburg.

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 Disability, Ageing and Carers Luke Donnellan

"We're ensuring that older Victorians – our parents and grandparents – continue to receive the care and dignity they deserve in their later years."

"A bigger and better aged care facility in Rutherglen will ensure the very best care and comfort for local residents – and confidence for their families."

Quote attributable to Member for Northern Victoria Jaclyn Symes

"We're continuing to support our aged care services expand capacity, improve safety – but most importantly, deliver the care older Victorians deserve."