

Media Release

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SITE IDENTIFIED FOR THE NEW MELTON HOSPITAL

The new Melton Hospital is another step closer, with a preferred site identified for the cutting-edge hospital being built by the Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Health Martin Foley today announced that land at 245-267 Ferris Road, Cobblebank has been selected as the site for the new 24-hour hospital, following extensive planning with Melton City Council and the Victorian Planning Authority.

Outlined in the Toolern Precinct Structure Plan, the site is located within the future Cobblebank Metropolitan Activity Centre and close to the Cobblebank train station, community sports and recreation facilities, and close to the Western Freeway.

This is an important step and part of the Labor Government's \$77.4 million investment to deliver a business case, purchase land and progress detailed planning for the new Melton Hospital.

Planning will include how the new Melton Hospital will link with services at other public hospitals in the western region – including Sunshine Hospital and the \$1.5 billion new Footscray Hospital.

The new hospital will boost access to the very best specialists and deliver excellent patient care for locals in the growing and diverse communities of Caroline Springs, Rockbank, Melton Central and Bacchus Marsh.

The vacant land for the proposed facility is privately owned and in the process of being acquired.

This important project is being delivered by the Victorian Health Building Authority and Western Health which will operate the hospital.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Health Martin Foley

"Melton is one of the fastest growing communities in Australia – and its locals deserve a world-class, 24-hour public hospital, right on their doorstep."

"The new Melton Hospital will be located close to public transport, community sports and recreation facilities and near the Western Freeway – making it easy for residents in the outer west to access to world-class healthcare."

Quote attributable to Member for Melton Steve McGhie

"We're getting on with delivering a new 24-hour Melton Hospital so locals can get the very best care, closer to home – when they need it most."