

Media Release

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LEASES NOW SIGNED FOR ALL 17 ORANGE DOOR NETWORKS

The Andrews Labor Government is on track to open every Orange Door network across Victoria by the end of next year – ensuring families can access coordinated family violence and child wellbeing support no matter where they live.

The Minister for Prevention of Family Violence Gabrielle Williams today announced an Orange Door site has now been confirmed in every region and that the network would begin operating in Hume Moreland by the end of the year, with a lease signed for a site in Broadmeadows – locking in statewide coverage of the Orange Door.

Five local service partners – Berry Street, Uniting, DPV Health, the Victorian Aboriginal Childcare Agency and the Victorian Aboriginal Community Services Association – will bring The Orange Door network to Hume Moreland.

The Broadmeadows site will be supported by access points, outposted and outreach services to ensure people across the Hume Moreland region can access the support they need, close to home. The service can also be accessed by telephone and email.

A key recommendation of Victoria's Royal Commission into Family Violence, the Orange Door network is a \$448 million Australian-first initiative for adults, children and young people who are experiencing or using family violence, and families needing extra support with the wellbeing and development of children.

It is currently operating in eight regions across the state, including Goulburn, Central Highlands, Loddon, Barwon, Inner Gippsland, North East Melbourne, Bayside Peninsula, and Mallee – and the remaining nine will be open by the end of next year.

The Orange Door brings together workers from specialist family violence, child and family, Aboriginal and men's services to provide help and support for families.

More than 150,000 people, including more than 59,000 children, have received support from the Orange Door network since 2018.

More information is available at orangedoor.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Prevention of Family Violence Gabrielle Williams

"Securing a site in every region across the state is a major milestone in ensuring that no matter where they live – families across Victoria experiencing family violence can get the co-ordinated support that saves and changes lives."

"The Orange Door network is just one part of our system-wide reforms to eliminate family violence and make it easier for families to access the support they need."

Quote attributable to Member for Broadmeadows Frank McGuire

"We're another step closer to opening The Orange Door network to deliver help and support for families in Hume Moreland when they need it most."

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