

# Media Release

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## NEW DESIGNS REVEALED FOR BENDIGO REHABILITATION CENTRE

New designs have been unveiled for a \$59.5 million day rehabilitation facility at Bendigo Hospital – giving Central Victorians access to world-class facilities to support their health and physical wellbeing and creating more than one hundred new jobs.

Minister for Health Martin Foley today unveiled designs for the state-of-the-art rehabilitation facility and announced Alchemy Construct as the contractor to complete the project's early construction works.

The designs reveal a first look at the exterior, grounds, hydrotherapy pool, and internal fit outs of the multimillion-dollar facility – creating a welcoming, safe and healing atmosphere for patients, their carers and families.

Delivered by the Victorian Health Building Authority, the investment includes a new hydrotherapy pool and brings outpatient rehabilitation, allied health, dental, mental health, renal dialysis, breast screening and diabetes education services under the one roof.

Central Victorians will be able to access a team of health professionals all in one place to help them recover from accidents, injuries and medical conditions, such as a stroke or heart attack, while providing a holistic and patient-centred approach to rehabilitation and care.

Bendigo Health's ageing East and North Wing tower buildings, built in 1958 and 1972 will be demolished, and the area will be converted to open green space for patients, visitors, and staff to enjoy.

Existing services will be relocated to the newly refurbished Phillips and Hyett blocks located at the Bendigo Hospital's Lucan Street campus.

At the peak of construction, the project will create around 180 jobs, providing a boost for the local economy.

With early works now underway, the day rehabilitation centre is expected to be complete in mid-2023.

### **Quote attributable to Minister for Health Martin Foley**

*"This significant investment will mean Central Victorians can easily access the high-quality rehabilitation and allied health services they need for their recovery journey – in a modern, state-of-the-art facility."*

### **Quote attributable to Member for Bendigo East Jacinta Allan**

*"This investment will ensure locals recovering from accidents or injuries have the best rehab services close to home and under the one roof."*

### **Quote attributable to Member for Bendigo West Maree Edwards**

*"The new day rehabilitation facility is going to be the final piece in the Bendigo Health precinct redevelopment – completing an important project for our local community that we are very excited to see finished."*