

Media Release

The Hon Anthony Carbines MP

Minister for Child Protection and Family Services

Minister for Disability, Ageing and Carers

Acting Minister for Equality



Wednesday, 12 January 2022

CARE AND COMFORT FOR OLDER INDIAN VICTORIANS

The Andrews Labor Government is delivering better multicultural aged care services, with a site secured for a new community-developed facility to provide specialised care for elderly Victorians.

The new multi-million-dollar aged care facility will be situated on a parcel of land at Mayfield Road in Cranbourne East, offering the surrounding aging Indian community tailored care with easier access to their loved ones.

Victoria is home to Australia's largest Indian community with 170,000 Victorians born in India – this multicultural facility will deliver better care and comfort to ensure residents enjoy their later years.

Aged care services dedicated to specific cultural communities deliver clear benefits to older Victorians – helping them feel more at home, while reassuring families their loved ones are receiving specialised care.

Multicultural aged care facilities can ensure older generations remain connected to their roots by providing unique offerings, including traditional food and dedicated spaces to practice religion and culture.

Research has also shown that people living with dementia often revert to their mother tongue – by having staff onsite that speak that same language, residents can be better understood and cared for.

The City of Casey has a large number of persons of Indian cultural background aged 60 years and over, and people born in India are the largest group of non-English speakers in the city's vibrant and diverse population.

With easy access by car and public transport the Mayfield site offers a host of benefits, including nearby parks and shopping with close access to health services such as Casey Hospital.

An EOI process will commence this year, seeking the best organisation to construct the facility and deliver services.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Disability, Ageing and Carers Anthony Carbines

"We know it's hugely important for people to remain connected to their culture as they get older – and we've delivered on our election commitment to secure a site to help make this residential aged care facility possible."

"The land purchase will make a difference to the Indian community, with a new aged care facility that offers bilingual and cross-culturally trained staff, traditional food options, and spaces for religious and cultural activities."

Quote attributable to Member for Cranbourne Pauline Richards

"Close to parks, public transport, shopping and health services – this is the perfect location for a new aged care facility to support the older Indian members of our local community – and to help them feel at home."