

Media Release

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SITE SECURED FOR POINT COOK COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

The Andrews Labor Government is delivering on its election commitment to give Wyndham families the best care in their community - with a site secured for the new Point Cook Community Hospital.

Minister for Health Martin Foley, Member for Altona Jill Hennessy and Member for the Western Metropolitan region Ingrid Stitt today announced that a parcel of land at 140 Dunnings Road, Point Cook, has been secured for the new multi-million-dollar facility.

The hospital is one of 10 new community hospitals in major growth areas funded as part of a \$675 million investment by the Labor Government

To be operated by Western Health, it will be a small public hospital providing a range of integrated community health and specialist services including urgent care for minor injuries and illnesses, day surgery, paediatric services, dialysis and mental health services. The project will take pressure off nearby major hospitals – allowing them to focus on critical care and acute health issues, emergency care and more complex surgeries and procedures.

Strong links to specialists, community health providers and social support services will improve follow-up treatment and support for those requiring complex care.

Once complete, the ten community hospitals will have the capacity to treat at least 114,000 more urgent care patients, 55,000 dialysis treatments and enable more than 100,000 additional allied health sessions each year.

The Labor Government's Community Hospital Program will create an estimated 1,900 jobs during planning and construction and deliver more than 1,000 healthcare jobs once completed. The final designs for the Point Cook Community Hospital are expected to be released in late 2022, with construction due for completion in 2024.

The Labor Government has made unprecedented investments in Victoria's health system, with more than \$133 billion in funding since coming into office – ensuring all Victorians have access to the care, treatment and support they need to stay healthy and well.

Quote attributable to Minister for Health Martin Foley

"The Labor Government is getting on with delivering the largest pipeline of health projects in Victoria's history including in Point Cook, so Victorians can access the care and services they need, no matter where they live."

Quote attributable to Member for Altona Jill Hennessy

"This will be a small public hospital with services tailored to meet the needs of our community. It will take pressure off the nearby Werribee Mercy emergency department and provide better access to a range of everyday health services for people who are not critically unwell, close to home."

Quote attributable to Member for Western Metropolitan Ingrid Stitt

"This will give families in Wyndham peace of mind that help is just around the corner when something is not quite right or when a loved one gets sick."

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