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SUNBURY JOINS HUME MORELAND ORANGE DOOR NETWORK

The Andrews Labor Government is making sure families across Melbourne's north have access to the family violence and child wellbeing support they need, with an expansion of the Hume Moreland Orange Door Network.

Minister for Prevention of Family Violence Gabrielle Williams today opened the Sunbury access point for the Hume Moreland Network – ensuring more people across the Hume Moreland region can get the support they need, closer to home.

The Orange Door Network is a free service for adults, children and young people who are experiencing or have experienced family violence, and families needing support with the wellbeing and development of their children.

It brings together workers from specialist family violence, men's, Aboriginal and child and family services, to provide coordinated, multi-disciplinary support, including crisis assistance and support, risk assessments, safety planning and wellbeing support.

The Orange Door in Hume Moreland is a strong partnership between Berry Street, Uniting (VicTas), DPV Health, Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency Co-Operative, Victorian Aboriginal Community Services Association and the Government.

Since opening in February, the Hume Moreland Orange Door Network has helped more than 4000 people, including more than 1,400 children.

Victoria is leading the nation with its work to end family violence, with more than \$3.5 billion invested since the Royal Commission into Family Violence – more than every other state and territory combined, and more than the Commonwealth.

The Orange Door Network – a key recommendation of the landmark Royal Commission into Family Violence – has so far assisted more than 215,000 people, including more than 85,000 children, statewide since 2018.

The Orange Door in Sunbury is open Monday to Friday between 9.00am and 5.00pm. For more information, call 1800 271 151, email hma@orangedoor.vic.gov.au or visit orangedoor.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Prevention of Family Violence Gabrielle Williams

"When experiencing family violence, reaching out for help can be the hardest thing a person will do. We are making accessing advice and support as easy as possible, no matter where you live."

"We are already seeing the power of services working together to support child and family wellbeing with thousands of residents accessing the Hume Moreland Orange Door Network since it opened."

Quote attributable to Member for Sunbury Josh Bull

"The new access point in Sunbury means local families can access the coordinated family violence, child and family wellbeing services and support they need, closer to home."

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