

Media Release

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DESIGNS REVEALED FOR NEW AGED CARE FACILITY IN RUTHERGLEN

The Andrews Labor Government is ensuring older Victorians get the high-quality aged care and comfort they deserve, with designs revealed for a new residential aged care facility in Rutherglen.

Minister for Disability, Ageing and Carers Anthony Carbines released a first look at the new state-of-the-art aged care facility which will give residents a place that feels like home.

The \$57.11 million project involves relocating the current Glenview Community Care Nursing Home to a new site at 33-45 Main Street.

The bigger site will allow the facility to expand from 40 to 50 beds while also giving residents their own rooms with private ensuite bathrooms ensuring their dignity, privacy, person-centred care and independence.

The new facility will feature a community room, sacred space and other common areas for residents to interact with each other as well as with family and friends.

It will provide an environment that is dementia friendly and better suited to supporting mental health and the complex care needs of older Victorians.

The facility's façade and internal fit outs have been designed to provide residents with a modern, safe and comfortable place to call home as well as a safe and efficient workplace for staff.

Upgrading facilities like this is especially important in rural areas such as Rutherglen so people can remain close to their support networks and maintain family and community connections as their care needs increase.

Early works are expected to commence in late 2022 with the project completed by mid-2025.

The project is part of the *Regional and Rural Public Sector Residential Aged Care Services Revitalisation Strategy*, to modernise ageing facilities with purpose-built facilities that better meet community expectations.

The *Victorian Budget 2022/23* invested a further \$142 million to redevelop and upgrade public sector residential aged care services across Victoria as part of this strategy.

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

"We're upgrading our aged care services to provide modern, purpose-built facilities – and most importantly, deliver the care older Victorians deserve."

"The new facilities in Rutherglen will meet a range of complex care needs – meaning locals won't have to move away to access care and can stay connected to family and community."

Quote attributable to Member for Northern Victoria Jaclyn Symes

"This new and bigger facility will mean our hardworking healthcare workers can continue to give older Victorians in the North East the best possible care in the best possible environment."

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