

Media Release

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DELIVERING BETTER AGED CARE IN BACCHUS MARSH

More residents in Bacchus Marsh will get access to better public aged care thanks to the Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Disability, Ageing and Carers Anthony Carbines today announced a further \$3.75 million will be invested to expand the scope of the upgrade and modernisation of Grant Lodge.

This new investment builds on the \$5.5 million delivered through the Labor *Government's Regional Health Infrastructure Fund* in 2021.

While the facility has served the community well, the expanded scope will now allow Western Health to redesign the site to ensure all residents have private bedrooms and bathrooms – improving amenity, privacy and dignity.

The major upgrade 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 will be designed to provide residents with a modern, safe and comfortable place to call home as well as a safe and efficient workplace for staff.

Grant Lodge Aged Care Facility is just one of the many projects the Labor Government is delivering in Melbourne's west to ensure the community has greater access to clinical health expertise and options for care closer to home.

The Government has already delivered the Joan Kirner Women's & Children's Hospital and is now delivering the \$1.5 billion new Footscray Hospital and the new Melton Hospital.

The *Victorian Budget 2022/23* delivered \$146 million to replace and refurbish public residential aged care facilities across Victoria, including at Camperdown, Mansfield and Orbost, as well as funding to plan for upgrades at facilities in Bright and Heywood.

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

"This funding will mean Western Health can deliver the best possible care in a comfortable and modern facility that residents deserve."

Quote attributable to Member for Buninyong Michaela Settle

"We know how important it is for people to feel confident in the quality and safety of the care they receive, which is why we're ensuring all our public aged care facilities have the very best services there are to offer."

Quote attributable to Member for Melton Steve McGhie

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