

Media Release

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NEW AMBULANCE STATIONS ON THE WAY

The Andrews Labor Government is boosting ambulance resources across the state, making sure paramedics have the facilities and support they need to quickly respond to local emergencies and save lives.

Minister for Health Martin Foley today announced builders have been appointed to construct new ambulance stations in Inglewood, Karingal and Rochester while a builder has also been appointed to modernise the Ararat Ambulance Station.

Bowden Corporation has been appointed to construct new multi-million-dollar ambulance stations on Mackay Street, Rochester and Hospital Street, Inglewood.

The new ambulance stations will each feature a three-bay garage for ambulances, two rest and recline areas for hard-working paramedics to recuperate, a fully equipped kitchen and improved security and car parking to make sure paramedics are safe. Both ambulance stations are on-track to be completed later this year.

Bowden Corporation will also modernise the Ararat Ambulance Station on Basham Street, which will feature a new MICA covered space, new medical and delivery stores and improved training facilities and amenities for our hard-working paramedics. Work there is likely to be completed in the second half of 2022.

May Constructions has been appointed to construct the new multi-million-dollar Karingal Ambulance Station.

To be located on Cranbourne Road, the new Karingal Ambulance Station will feature a four-bay garage for ambulances, four rest and recline areas, a fully equipped kitchen and improved security and car parking. The ambulance station is on-track to be completed in 2023.

Delivered by the Victorian Health Building Authority (VHBA), the new ambulance stations are just four of 15 stations under construction or about to be built across the state thanks to the Labor Government.

The Labor Government has invested more than \$249 million since 2015 to upgrade and rebuild ambulance stations to provide better working conditions for paramedics and ensure lifesaving emergency care is available for all Victorians.

The new stations form part of the Labor Government's continued investment in Ambulance Victoria, bolstered by an additional \$124 million in the *Victorian Budget 2022/23* to employ more paramedics, buy new vehicles and get more Victorians the care they need.

Since coming to government in 2014, the Labor Government has expanded by paramedic workforce by more than 56 per cent – with an increase of almost 2,000 paramedics.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Health Martin Foley

"We're making sure local paramedics have the facilities to grow and do what they do best – save lives."

"These modern and advanced ambulance stations will help ensure families across the state receive the best lifesaving emergency care, now and into the future."