

Media Release

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UPGRADES TO BOOST AMBULANCE SERVICES IN EPPING

The Andrews Labor Government is investing in ambulance services in Epping to make sure paramedics have the facilities and support they need to quickly respond to local emergencies and save lives.

Minister for Health Mary-Anne Thomas visited the Epping Ambulance Station today to announce construction on a new multi-million-dollar station is now underway to ensure paramedics can provide critical care to Victorians.

The upgraded two-storey ambulance station will feature a five-bay garage for ambulances, six rest and recline areas for hard-working paramedics to recuperate, training facilities, a fully equipped kitchen and improved security and car parking to keep paramedics are safe.

The project involves knocking down and rebuilding the existing ambulance branch on McDonalds Road to continue providing the best care possible. Demolition was completed last month allowing construction works to get underway.

The hardworking paramedics from Epping have been relocated to their temporary accommodation in Millers Road in Epping while the new station is built.

Construction is on-track to be completed in January 2023 and the project will be delivered by the Victorian Health Building Authority (VHBA) in partnership with builder Bowden Corporation.

There are 14 ambulance stations currently either under construction or about to start works, including in Melton South, Mornington, Taylors Lakes, Moe, Warragul, Inglewood and Ararat – meaning even more paramedics will be able to work from better home bases to support and care for more 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.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Ambulance Services Mary-Anne Thomas

"We know that Victorians rely on the expertise, compassion and commitment of our paramedics. We also know that paramedics need modern workplaces, and the latest equipment to stay safe at work and deliver the best care."

"We're upgrading and building new ambulance stations across Victoria, including rebuilding the Epping Ambulance station. Modern, advanced and well-located ambulance stations mean Victorians can receive the best lifesaving emergency care, now – and into the future."

Quote attributable for Member for Mill Park Lily D'Ambrosio

"This investment is going to help our hardworking paramedics stay safe while at work and also ensure local families get the care they need, faster."