

Media Release

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WORK STARTS ON NEW INGLEWOOD AMBULANCE STATION

The Andrews Labor Government is boosting ambulance resources in the Goldfields region to ensure paramedics have the facilities and support they need to quickly respond to local emergencies.

Minister for Ambulance Services Mary-Anne Thomas today announced construction is underway on a multi-million-dollar Inglewood Ambulance Station on Hospital Street, to continue providing access to emergency care for locals.

The new Inglewood Ambulance Station will 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 stay safe.

The project involves knocking down the current buildings on the site and building a new fit-for-purpose ambulance station on Hospital Street.

The new station is on track to be completed in mid-2023 with demolition works now complete. Inglewood is one of 14 new or refurbished stations with construction getting underway across the state.

The project is being delivered by the Victorian Health Building Authority (VHBA) in partnership with builder Bowden Corporation.

The Labor Government has invested approximately \$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 Inglewood Ambulance Station forms part of the 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.

Ambulance Victoria recruited 700 paramedics in 2021 - its single largest annual recruitment ever - to help respond to increasing demand.

The Government has expanded the paramedic workforce by more than 56 per cent since 2014 – an increase of more than 2,000 paramedics.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Ambulance Services Mary-Anne Thomas

"We're making sure paramedics in Inglewood have the facilities that support them to do what they do best – save lives."

"This project is delivering a modern and advanced ambulance station that will enable our hard-working paramedics to provide the best lifesaving emergency care, now and into the future."

Quote attributable to Member for Western Victoria Jaala Pulford

"With shovels now in the ground, even better emergency care for families in Inglewood and surrounding areas is just around the corner."

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