

Media Release

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STRENGTHENING OUR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Andrews Labor Government is supporting Victorians in Frankston and the Mornington Peninsula through their mental health and drug and alcohol recovery journeys, opening a new centre to provide better access to the help they need, when they need it.

The \$1.5 million Tarnbuk Centre in Frankston brings together two of Peninsula Health's existing services - the mental health service and the alcohol and other drugs service – to get people the care they need, with a focus on support and recovery.

The new centre will not only improve continuity of care for clients but also provide a collaborative working environment for staff across both health sectors, delivering integrated, high-quality service and supports to individuals, families and the community.

With a focus on recovery, the Tarnbuk Centre is also offering new and expanded supports including a wellness clinic, dietetics, exercise physiology and music therapy – and will allow for future expanded treatment and recovery programs to meet demand.

The *Victorian Budget 2022/23* delivered more than \$1.3 billion to continue the work to reform the mental health system – building on last year's record investment of \$3.8 billion and ensuring work is underway on implementing more than 90 per cent of the Royal Commission's recommendations.

Quote attributable to Minister for Mental Health Gabrielle Williams

"We're investing more than ever to improve access to mental health and wellbeing care, because it's vital people get the support they need, when they need it – closer to home and existing support networks."

Quote attributable to Minister for Health Mary-Anne Thomas

"We're supporting Victorians get the care they need, close to home so they can get their lives back on track. This facility will also provide a collaborative environment for staff so they can continue to provide the very best care."

Quote attributable to Member for Frankston Paul Edbrooke

"This new facility will ensure that more people living in Frankston and on the Peninsula can access the mental health, alcohol and drug services and support they need under one roof, closer to home."