

# Media Release

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## **BOOSTING AMBULANCE RESOURCES IN GIPPSLAND**

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

Minister for Ambulance Services Gabrielle Williams today announced that construction has started on the Morwell Ambulance superstation and the new Foster Ambulance Station – and a site has been secured for the new multi-million-dollar Paynesville Ambulance Station.

The new Morwell Ambulance Station will feature a nine-bay garage for ambulances, eight rest and recline areas for our hard-working paramedics to recuperate, training facilities, a fully equipped kitchen and improved security and car parking to make sure paramedics are safe. Construction is on track to be completed in late 2023.

Construction is also underway on the new Foster Ambulance Station on Station Road. The new ambulance station will feature a three-bay garage, two rest and recline areas, training facilities, a fully equipped kitchen and improved security and car parking. Construction is on track to be completed in the second half of the year.

A new multi-million-dollar ambulance station will also be built on Paynesville Road, Paynesville. The station will feature a three-bay garage, two rest and recline areas, training facilities, a fully equipped kitchen and improved security and car parking.

In more welcome news for the local community, the process to secure a parcel of land for the new Yarram Ambulance Station is progressing.

Paramedics are already operating from two new multi-million-dollar ambulance stations in Moe and Warragul. The new Moe Ambulance Station features a five-bay garage and four rest and recline areas, while the new Warragul West Ambulance Station has a four-bay garage and four rest and recline areas.

The Labor Government has committed almost \$250 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.

### **Quotes attributable to Minister for Ambulance Services Gabrielle Williams**

*“We’re delivering six bigger and better ambulance stations in Gippsland because we know locals 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.”*