

Media Release

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MELTON PARAMEDICS MOVE INTO THEIR NEW STATION

The Andrews Labor Government is boosting ambulance resources in Melton to make sure paramedics have the facilities and support they need to quickly respond to local emergencies.

Minister for Ambulance Services Gabrielle Williams today joined the Member for Melton Steve McGhie, and local paramedics to officially open the new, multi-million-dollar Melton West Ambulance Station.

The 24-hour Melton West Ambulance Station includes a four-bay garage for ambulances, four 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.

The new station was delivered by the Victorian Health Building Authority (VHBA) in partnership with Ambulance Victoria and Bowden Corporation.

The new Melton 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.

The Labor Government has invested 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.

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 Gabrielle Williams

"We know 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."

"The new Melton West Ambulance Station delivers just that, while also ensuring that life-saving emergency care is available to communities across Melbourne's booming outer west when an emergency strikes."

Quote attributable to Member for Melton Steve McGhie

"Along with the new Melton Hospital development, the opening of this new, multi-million-dollar ambulance station in Melton West demonstrates the Andrews Labor Government's commitment to provide the very best health services and facilities for Melton and surrounding communities."