

Media Release

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NEW YARRAM AMBULANCE STATION ANOTHER STEP CLOSER

The Andrews Labor Government is continuing to boost 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 a parcel of land at the rear of Grant Street has been chosen as the preferred site for the new, multi-million-dollar Yarram Ambulance Station.

The new Yarram Ambulance Station will feature a three-bay garage for ambulances, two 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 location has been carefully selected to ensure the best coverage of ambulance services for the community-providing ease of access to local walkways and nature reserves. It's also in close proximity to local businesses, sporting and community facilities, and schools. Construction is on track to start later this year.

It's more welcome news for the local community - and our hardworking paramedics - with construction progressing on the new multi-million-dollar Morwell Ambulance Station and Foster Ambulance Station. The process to appoint a builder to construct the new Paynesville Ambulance Station is also underway. This is in addition to paramedics already operating from two new multi-million-dollar ambulance stations in Moe and Warragul.

The new Yarram 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 that local paramedics need modern workplaces, and the latest equipment to stay safe at work and deliver the best care. And that's exactly what we're delivering."

"Having a preferred site for the new, multi-million-dollar Yarram Ambulance Station means we are another step closer to delivering six bigger and better ambulance stations in Gippsland – and we are proud to be getting on with the job."

Quote attributable to Member for Eastern Victoria Tom McIntosh

"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."