

# Media Release

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## **DELIVERING BETTER PUBLIC AGED CARE FACILITIES IN NUMURKAH**

The Andrews Labor Government is doing what matters for public aged care residents in the Goulburn Valley, with a new public aged care facility on the way.

Minister for Health Infrastructure Mary-Anne Thomas today visited NCN Health Numurkah to meet with staff and residents and discuss our plans to deliver them a new purpose-built public aged care facility.

The *Victorian Budget 2023/24* invested more than \$54 million to build a modern, dementia-friendly aged care facility at NCN Health's Numurkah Campus.

The project will create a new 36-bed facility next to the Numurkah Karinya Nursing Home and hospital acute ward – featuring larger, more spacious and functional rooms to allow for improved mobility and care for residents.

Part of a \$162 million package in the *Victorian Budget 2023/24* that is also delivering new public aged care facilities in Cohuna and Maffra - the Numurkah facility will cater for residents with complex support needs while creating a safer and more efficient working environment for staff.

These new public aged care facilities will help ensure older Victorians remain connected to their communities, in facilities providing modern care that support independence and privacy.

The project forms part of the Labor Government's *Regional and Rural Public Sector Residential Aged Care Services Revitalisation Strategy* which is modernising facilities across Victoria which are home to some of our most vulnerable older residents.

Since 2016, the Labor Government has invested more than \$698 million to upgrade, modernise and rebuild out public sector aged care facilities.

### **Quote attributable to Minister for Health Infrastructure Mary-Anne Thomas**

*"We're doing what matters - delivering much-needed high-quality residential aged care services that will benefit older Victorians across the Goulburn Valley."*

### **Quote attributable to Minister for Disability, Carers and Ageing Lizzie Blandthorn**

*"We're delivering new public aged care homes across regional Victoria so older Victorians have access to the best possible care, in their community."*

### **Quote attributable to Member for Northern Victoria Jaclyn Symes**

*"This new 36-bed facility will ensure residents can enjoy a modern and home-like setting that promotes dignity and independence and enable staff at NCN Health to continue their amazing work caring for residents."*