

# Media Release

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## UPGRADES TO MELBOURNE HOSPITALS ON THE WAY

The latest round of the Andrews Labor Government's *Metropolitan Health Infrastructure Fund* is now open, giving communities across Melbourne access to the world-class healthcare they deserve, close to home.

Minister for Health Mary-Anne Thomas today announced submissions are open for the third round of the *Metropolitan Health Infrastructure Fund* (MHIF), with more than 60 health services and agencies across Melbourne eligible for a share of \$40 million funding.

MHIF provides funding for construction, remodeling, replacement and refurbishment projects, equipment, information and communication technology and other vital upgrade works to expand capacity, improve patient amenity, and enhance safety and infection prevention and control measures.

Established by the Labor Government in 2020, the *Victorian Budget 2023/24* invested an additional \$40 million in the popular program – now worth more than \$265 million, the MHIF has funded 72 projects across metropolitan Melbourne to date.

MHIF previously funded \$1.4 million for Monash Medical Centre to upgrade and expand the Maternity Clinic so they can provide better access to prenatal care services for expectant mums.

MHIF also funded more than \$4.3 million for surgical services upgrade at Moorabbin Hospital including refurbishment of six operating theatre suites to continue getting Victorians the surgery they need, sooner.

Funding also enables health services and agencies to adopt new technologies and deliver contemporary models of care, improving the quality and safety of care for patients and staff.

The Labor Government continues to invest in improvements to Victoria's health services - in addition to MHIF, the *Victorian Budget 2023/24* invested \$320 million in the *Hospital Infrastructure Delivery Fund* – kickstarting planning, development and land acquisition for new and upgraded hospitals across the state.

Submissions for MHIF close on 18 September 2023. For more information, visit [vhba.vic.gov.au/health/hospitals/metropolitan-health-infrastructure-fund](http://vhba.vic.gov.au/health/hospitals/metropolitan-health-infrastructure-fund).

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Health Infrastructure Mary-Anne Thomas

*"Melbourne's health services and the dedicated staff who run them deserve every support to ensure they can continue to provide the very best healthcare to local communities."*

*"Through initiatives like the Metropolitan Health Infrastructure Fund we are supporting our hardworking doctors, nurses and support staff continue to do what they do best – save and improve lives."*