Media Release

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THE ORANGE DOOR OPENS IN SUNSHINE

Adults and children experiencing family violence in Brimbank Melton have another place to turn to for help with a new Orange Door opening in Sunshine.

The Orange Door is an easy way for people experiencing or who have experienced family violence to access support, either face to face, or via telephone or email.

It brings together services from specialist family violence, men's, Aboriginal and child and family services to provide coordinated support, including crisis assistance and support, risk assessments, safety planning, wellbeing support and community-based services.

The Andrews Labor Government is supporting The Orange Door with an investment of \$448.1 million, part of a record \$3.86 billion investment to address family violence following the Royal Commission into Family Violence.

The Sunshine site includes a reception area, private meeting rooms, public areas, and secure staff working areas.

The Orange Door in Brimbank Melton is a partnership between GenWest, MacKillop Family Services, Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Services, Victorian Aboriginal Community Services Association Ltd., Western Health and the Labor Government.

Services began at Brimbank Melton in October 2022 at a site at Cobblebank in Melton West, while construction of the new site was underway.

The Cobblebank site will continue to operate as an access point for The Orange Door.

Since opening in 2018, The Orange Door has provided support for more than 377,000 people, including 152,000 children, and now operates from 17 locations around Victoria.

The Orange Door Brimbank Melton is open from 9 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday. For more information call 1800 271 046, email <u>bma@orangedoor.vic.gov.au</u> or visit orangedoor.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Prevention of Family Violence Ros Spence

"With the opening of The Orange Door at Sunshine, more Victorians now have access to this incredible integrated service, wherever they are."

"Across Victoria The Orange Door offers multiple ways to access help and can connect people to the right services and support including flexible support packages, safety planning, safe accommodation, and parenting support."

Quote attributable to Member for Laverton Sarah Connolly

"The Orange Door in Sunshine will make a huge difference for women and families in the Brimbank Melton area, ensuring they have access to the family violence and wellbeing support they need, when they need it."