

# Media Release

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## NEW CLYDE NORTH AMBULANCE STATION OPENS ITS DOORS

The Allan Labor Government has delivered a new world class ambulance station in Clyde North, supporting the hardworking paramedics to continue delivering world-class emergency care and saving lives across the community.

The new 24-hour facility features a four-bay garage for ambulances, four rest and recline areas for paramedics to recuperate, training facilities, a fully equipped kitchen, car parking and updated security to enhance paramedic safety.

Located on Matterhorn Drive, the site was carefully selected for its proximity to main roads and major sites in the area including nature parks, manufacturing precincts and community facilities – ensuring the best coverage of ambulance services for the community.

It is just one of more than 35 new or upgraded ambulance stations delivered since 2015 – providing paramedics the safe and modern home-base they need to deliver critical care to local communities, with construction on another 16 currently underway.

Since coming to Government, a total of more than \$2 billion has been invested in ambulance services, doubling the on-road workforce with 2,200 more paramedics delivering lifesaving care to Victorians.

Additionally, all 2022 election commitments made to the Victorian people have been funded in the most recent budget, including to employ and train 40 new Mobile Intensive Care Ambulance employees.

The Labor Government is also delivering Australia's first Paramedic Practitioners with a master's course at Monash University from 2024, with the first 25 paramedic practitioners trained and on the road by 2026.

A new Centre for Excellence in Paramedicine at Victoria University is also being established to train the next generation of paramedics, providing advanced teaching methods – with a capacity to train around 1,500 students each year.

### **Quote attributable to Minister for Ambulance Services Mary-Anne Thomas**

*"Our paramedics are the very best of us – we know local communities rely on their expertise when faced with a health emergency, making the new Clyde North Ambulance Station all the more important."*

### **Quote attributable to Member for South-Eastern Metropolitan Lee Tarlamis**

*"The new Clyde North Ambulance Station is providing our paramedics with a fit-for-purpose workplace with the latest equipment and facilities to keep them safe and ensure they can deliver world class care for our community."*

### **Quote attributable to Member for South-Eastern Metropolitan Michael Galea**

*"The new ambulance station in Clyde North will ensure our hardworking staff have a modern home base so they can continue saving lives in our south east community."*

### **Quote attributable to Member for Cranbourne Pauline Richards**

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*“This new world class ambulance station is ensuring paramedics can respond quickly to emergency situations in the Cranbourne community.”*

**Quote attributable to Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale**

*“The hardworking paramedics who service our Clyde and Clyde North community and the wider South East now have a brand new modern station with tailored facilities so they can provide the best critical care and support our community needs in an emergency.”*