

Media Release

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UPGRADES FOR SUNBURY COBAW COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

The Allan Labor Government is boosting access to healthcare in Melbourne’s growing north west, investing in important upgrades at the Sunbury Cobaw Community Health Centre.

Minister for Health Infrastructure Mary-Anne Thomas today visited Sunbury Cobaw Community Health Centre to announce the health service will receive more than \$150,000 from the latest round of the Metropolitan Health Infrastructure Fund (MHIF) to install solar panels and update important dental and kitchen equipment.

With a team of over 200 staff and 60 volunteers, Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health is a not-for-profit community health organisation supporting people from Sunbury to beyond the borders of Macedon Ranges Shire to access a range of free and low-cost health, wellbeing, and community services.

This investment will allow the centre and staff to work more sustainably – with a solar power generating system able to help combat high operating costs and reduce carbon emissions.

Access to dental care will also be enhanced, with the money helping to upgrade and replace important dental equipment and facilities – additionally, the centre will upgrade cooking equipment, supporting the busy child and youth services.

Established by the Labor Government in 2020, MHIF is now valued at \$265 million, with 110 projects funded across Melbourne to date – it helps metropolitan health and community services undertake vital infrastructure upgrades, including construction and refurbishment projects, equipment and technology upgrades and other essential works.

The latest round worth \$40 million will fund 29 projects across 27 health across Melbourne so these services can continue to provide safe and efficient care to local communities.

The Regional Health Infrastructure Fund provides similar grants across Regional Victoria.

More information can be found at: vhba.vic.gov.au/health/hospitals/metropolitan-health-infrastructure-fund.

Quotes attributable to Minister Health Infrastructure Mary-Anne Thomas

“MHIF is part of our ongoing investment ensuring our health services have the best space, facilities and equipment to deliver world-class care for every Victorian, when and where they need it.”

“This project will enable the Sunbury Cobaw Community Health Centre to provide an even better service for their community, while also reducing its environmental footprint.”

Quote attributable to Member for Sunbury Josh Bull

“This investment is ensuring the Sunbury Cobaw Community Health Centre can upgrade its facilities to ensure it is able to continue providing the very best care to the Sunbury community.”