

Media Release

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PHILLIP ISLAND COMMUNITY HOSPITAL HITS MAJOR MILESTONE

Residents across the Bass Coast region will soon have greater access to health services they need, closer to home, with the Allan Labor Government's new Phillip Island Community Hospital reaching structural completion.

Minister for Health Infrastructure Mary-Anne Thomas today visited the site to inspect the progress on the important project that will deliver important everyday health services while also taking pressure of nearby health services including Wonthaggi Hospital.

The multi-storey hospital is being delivered in two stages and creating up to 100 jobs during peak construction.

With 32,000 hours already worked onsite, the completion of the main concrete structure works paves the way for the hospital's striking façade to take shape, while work gets underway on the internal fit-out.

Managed by Bass Coast Health, the Phillip Island Community Hospital will expand the services currently provided by the Phillip Island Health Hub to better support the health and wellbeing needs of the local community – such as after-hours care for non-emergency injuries like bumps, cuts and bruises.

By the end of the year, the first stage of the project to expand the Urgent Care Centre will be nearing completion and once complete the second stage of the project to transform the existing centre into dental treatment areas will begin.

Delivered by the Victorian Health Building Authority (VHBA) in partnership with Bass Coast Health and builder SJ Higgins, the Phillip Island Community Hospital is part of the Labor Government's more than half-a-billion-dollar investment in the Community Hospitals Program.

This project builds on the Labor Government's investment in the Bass Coast region with the \$115 million expansion and upgrade of Wonthaggi Hospital opening its doors last year and planning underway for the next stage through our Hospital Infrastructure Delivery Fund.

Quote attributable to Minister for Health Infrastructure Mary-Anne Thomas

"The new Phillip Island Community Hospital will take pressure off nearby hospitals and ensure locals have access to the urgent care they need, closer to home."

Quote attributable to Member for Bass Coast Jordan Crugnale

"Phillip Island is a growing community, with more families choosing to live and work in the area – having access to a brand-new community hospital on Phillip Island will mean locals can get the care they need on their doorstep."