

Media Release

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NEW ORANGE DOOR ACCESS POINT OPEN IN BENTLEIGH

The Allan Labor Government is ensuring people in Melbourne's south-east can access the coordinated family violence and child wellbeing services they need, with a newly opened Orange Door Access Point in Bentleigh.

Minister for Prevention of Family Violence Vicki Ward today visited the Nepean Highway Bentleigh service, which began operating in June as part of the Orange Door Bayside Peninsula network.

The Orange Door network brings together specialist family violence, child and family and Aboriginal services to provide crisis assistance and support, risk and needs assessment, safety planning and connection to other services.

Orange Door locations provide coordinated help and support for people experiencing family violence, and for families needing support for the wellbeing and development of children.

The Orange Door Bayside Peninsula began operations at its primary site in Frankston in May 2018, servicing the local council areas of Port Phillip, Stonnington, Bayside, Glen Eira, Kingston, Frankston and Mornington Peninsula.

Its partner agencies include The Salvation Army, Anglicare Victoria, Family Life, Good Shepherd, OzChild, Peninsula Health, Uniting Vic. Tas and the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency.

Bentleigh is the second Access Point for The Orange Door Bayside Peninsula Area, meaning there are now more ways for people to access family violence help and support. The Bentleigh Access Point is hosted by Salvation Army and includes a reception area, private meeting room, public areas and secure staff working areas.

Access Points make it easier for people to access support from the Orange Door Network in their local area.

People can seek help face to face at the Frankston primary site, Bentleigh or Hastings Access Points and visit those locations for outreach services to clients in these areas.

Since opening, the Orange Door Bayside Peninsula has supported more than 80,000 people, including 29,000 children.

To reach Orange Door Bayside Peninsula, phone 1800 319 353 or email bpa@orangedoor.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Prevention of Family Violence Vicki Ward

"We continue to work to end family violence and support anyone experiencing it, as well as keeping those who choose to use violence firmly in view through our nation-leading investment."

"The Orange Door safety hub provides more people in Melbourne's growing south-east corridor with easy access to the support they need."

Quote attributable to Member for Bentleigh Nick Staikos

"I am pleased we are supporting the people of Bentleigh with this new service."

Quote attributable to Parliamentary Secretary for Men's Behaviour Change Tim Richardson

"It is great to see this further source of support for people impacted by family violence in the Bentleigh area."

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