

Media Release

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DELIVERING BETTER HEALTHCARE FOR SANDRINGHAM LOCALS

The Allan Labor Government is making it easier for locals in Sandringham and Melbourne's bayside to get the care they need, closer to home, with a major upgrade of Alfred Health's Sandringham Hospital complete.

Minister for Health Infrastructure Melissa Horne and Member for Southern Metropolitan Region Ryan Bachelor today visited the hospital to see the completed \$5.62 million refurbishment of the Sandringham Hospital outpatients' facility.

Patients and staff are already benefiting from modern and upgraded consulting rooms, clinical areas and public spaces to boost better health outcomes for locals.

Funded through the Metropolitan Health Infrastructure Fund (MHIF), this major upgrade has supported hard working health care workers at Sandringham Hospital to increase their capacity for specialist medical, nursing and allied health care - helping reduce patient wait times for outpatient care.

New waiting areas and disability access features have made seeking care more comfortable and welcoming for all, with the upgrades featuring modern building design, access pathways, and better service infrastructure for patients.

The upgrade will also see new facilities tailored more to providing care to children and educational facilities for staff. The project was delivered administered by the Victorian Health Building Authority, with Alfred Health and Shape Construction.

Established by the Labor Government in 2020, MHIF is now worth more than \$265 million and has funded 110 projects across metropolitan Melbourne to date.

MHIF provides funding for construction, remodeling, replacement and refurbishment projects, equipment, information and communication technology and other vital upgrade works to expand capacity, improve patient amenity, and enhance safety and infection prevention and control measures.

Funding also enables health services and agencies to adopt new technologies and deliver contemporary models of care, improving the quality and safety of care for patients and staff.

Quote attributable to Minister for Health Infrastructure Melissa Horne

"Not only is this upgrade set to benefit the hospital's dedicated workforce, it also means local families will continue to get the world class treatment and care they need, in fit for purpose spaces."

Quote attributable to Minister for Health Mary-Anne Thomas

"The upgrades at Sandringham Hospital will mean locals in Sandringham and across Bayside will have better access to high-quality care, right on their doorstep."

Quote attributable to Member for Southern Metropolitan Region Ryan Bachelor

"For locals in Melbourne's bayside area, seeking outpatient care at Sandringham Hospital will now be quicker, easier and more comfortable, thanks to these significant upgrades."

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