

Media Release

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HOMES FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS IN THE MALLEE

The Allan Labor Government is delivering new accommodation so more healthcare workers will soon be able to call the Mallee home, with construction underway on three new units for staff at Kerang District Health.

Minister for Regional Development, Jaclyn Symes, today announced construction has commenced on the new units which are being delivered through the Labor Government's *Regional Worker Accommodation Fund*.

The investment is a boost to the community and key local industries, with the new houses to help attract and retain healthcare workers. Kerang District Health has been a vital part of the region since 1952, providing a range of essential hospital and healthcare services.

In another win for the area, the two and three-bedroom units have been designed by Kerang-based McKnight & Bray Building Design and are being built by Cavalier Homes, with the project using only local trades and suppliers.

The *Regional Worker Accommodation Fund* aims to increase prosperity, opportunity, and liveability for communities in regional Victoria, which accounts for approximately one-quarter of the state's economic output, population, small businesses, and employment.

Elsewhere in the Mallee, the *Regional Worker Accommodation Fund* is supporting similar community-building projects. This includes at Irymple and Robinvale, where 10 units will be built in both towns to support key workers.

Across the state, even more worker accommodation is being built to help regional communities attract the key workers they need to thrive.

The *Regional Worker Accommodation Fund* is part of our \$47 billion delivered in regional investments in just over a decade, driving economic growth and making Victoria a better place to live, work, stay, experience, invest and study.

For more information, visit rdv.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Regional Development Jaclyn Symes

"We're continuing to invest in the Mallee and right across the state to help communities have the resources they need to secure the professionals they need to thrive."

"It's all about maintaining the strength of regional communities like Kerang and ensuring they continue to be great places for residents, visitors and businesses."

Quotes attributable to Chief Executive Officer Kerang District Health Kellie Byron-Gray

"We were really excited to receive much needed funding through the Regional Worker Accommodation Fund to construct three new townhouses for health care staff."

"Having suitable and modern housing options is crucial to attracting and retaining skilled health professionals and their families to the region."