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NEW AGED CARE FACILITY IN MAFFRA ONE STEP CLOSER

The Allan Labor Government is ensuring older Victorians receive the high-quality care they need and deserve, closer to home – with designs revealed for the new \$69.7 million public aged care facility in Maffra.

Minister for Ageing Ingrid Stitt today released the first look at designs for the new state-of-the-art public sector residential aged care service – which will be operated by Central Gippsland Health.

Replacing the existing JHF McDonald Wing and Residential Aged Care Wing at Maffra District Hospital, the new 30-bed facility has been designed to provide a modern, safe and comfortable environment for both residents and staff.

Designed with the dignity, independence and wellbeing of residents in mind, it will feature private bedrooms with ensuite bathrooms, smaller household-style living areas and shared spaces including a community room, reflection room and landscaped gardens.

The facility will feature open area views and an abundance of natural light, acknowledging the positive impact of green spaces and fresh air for residents' physical and mental wellbeing, as well as increasing social interaction – providing welcoming spaces for residents, and their families and friends to gather.

The new designs also show that the service will provide a dementia friendly environment that is better suited to supporting the mental health and complex care needs of older Victorians.

The design focus means residents can 'age in place' – which is important in regional areas like Maffra – meaning they remain close to networks and maintain family and community connections as their care needs increase.

Delivered by the Victorian Health Building Authority in partnership with Central Gippsland Health, the process to appoint a builder to construct the Maffra aged care facility is underway.

Quote attributable to Minister for Ageing Ingrid Stitt

"Victorians deserve to age with dignity and respect – and the designs of this modern facility in Maffra are an important milestone for the project providing locals with the chance to age close to home and their loved ones."

Quote attributable to Minister for Health Infrastructure Melissa Horne

"We're upgrading and building public aged care right across the state because older Victorians and the people caring for them deserve safe, comfortable and state-of-the-art facilities no matter where they live."

Quote attributable to Member for Eastern Victoria Tom McIntosh

"This is a massive investment in Maffra and surrounding communities – this new facility will help locals stay close to family and community while receiving the high-quality care they deserve."