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CRAIGIEBURN HOSPITAL OPENS WITH MORE SERVICES FOR LOCAL FAMILIES

The Allan Labor Government has officially opened the new Craigieburn Community Hospital, ensuring that those living in Melbourne's northern suburbs have access to the highest quality care, close to home.

Run by Northern Health, dialysis and public dental services have already been operating, with care now set to expand to include paediatric development and feeding clinics, as well as antenatal and pre-term birth care.

A staged rollout of services is underway and will see more services become available such as a lung cancer screening and a specialised insulin pump clinic in the coming months.

The hospital will provide a local option for some routine appointments, helping ease some of the demand on major hospitals so they can focus on patients with more complex or emergency care needs.

The community can access services at the hospital through referrals from their GPs or other healthcare providers.

Community hospitals are small public facilities in key growth areas of Melbourne, providing a range of everyday health services so people can access quality care close to home.

The *Victorian Budget 2025/26* included \$634.3 million to operationalise critical health infrastructure which includes the Craigieburn Community Hospital.

The hospital is part of the Labor Government's more than \$800 million Community Hospitals Program, delivering new facilities across Victoria, including those now operational in Sunbury and Phillip Island.

Quote attributable to Minister for Health Mary-Anne Thomas

"The opening of Craigieburn Community Hospital is another example of how we're delivering health care that is local, accessible, and tailored to the needs of our growing communities."

Quote attributable to Member for Kalkallo Ros Spence

"The Craigieburn Community Hospital is putting locals first, making it easier for them to access specialist services such as dialysis or important public dental care, closer to home."