

Media Release

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UPGRADES FOR SALE HOSPITAL ON THE WAY

Healthcare workers in Gippsland will soon have access to even better workspaces, with the Allan Labor Government delivering a massive upgrade of Sale Hospital's historic Community Services Building.

Minister for Health Infrastructure Melissa Horne visited the building to see how the \$2.73 million upgrade will deliver modernised spaces to support local healthcare workers, patients, and students.

Part of the Sale Hospital precinct, the Community Services Building is home to a range of essential healthcare services, including outpatient care, consulting rooms, and administrative offices.

Funded through the Labor Government's Regional Health Infrastructure Fund (RHIF), the restoration and refurbishment project will transform the building inside and out.

Major works have strengthened the historic building's foundations and enhanced the second and third-floor balconies to ensure long-term structural integrity for generations to come. The project also includes upgrades to the roof, windows, doors and façade, along with a fresh coat of paint to revitalise the iconic building.

Inside, upgrades are now underway to improve the kitchen, bathrooms and common areas, creating modern spaces to support the staff and residents who provide such essential health care in the community.

The building also provides short-term accommodation for visiting doctors, students and healthcare workers – playing an important role in training the next generation of health professionals.

Operated by Central Gippsland Health, Sale Hospital delivers essential services like emergency care, planned surgery, maternity and aged care as well as a range of important community-based programs.

The RHIF – now worth \$790 million – provides critical funding for rural and regional health services right across Victoria, ensuring communities can continue to receive safe and high-quality care close to home.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Health Infrastructure Melissa Horne

"This investment is about more than just bricks and mortar - it's about creating safe, modern spaces that support our incredible regional healthcare workers and the communities they serve."

"Our Regional Health Infrastructure Fund is supporting health services and hospitals across the state – ensuring all Victorians, no matter where you live – can access the very best care."

Quote attributable to Member for Eastern Victoria Tom McIntosh

"The upgraded Community Services Building at Sale Hospital will mean that local healthcare workers can provide the best care, from modern, fit-for purpose workspaces."