

Media Release

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WORK POWERING AHEAD ON UPGRADED NORTHERN HOSPITAL

Works are powering ahead on the Allan Labor Government's \$813 million redevelopment of the Northern Hospital – with stage one's new Ambulatory Care Centre hitting structural completion and work progressing at pace on stage two.

Minister for Health Infrastructure Melissa Horne today announced that John Holland has been appointed as Managing Contractor of the second stage of the project, delivering a new emergency department and inpatient unit tower on Cooper Street.

On track for completion in mid-2026, the new Ambulatory Care Centre's external façade is being installed while internal fit out works progress. This will provide a dedicated space for outpatient and ambulatory services, clinical care and hospital administration with a ground link to the existing facility.

The expanded emergency department will feature a dedicated paediatric zone, a specialised mental health and alcohol and other drugs hub, an emergency observation unit, extra inpatient beds and more car parks.

The design of the new building will draw inspiration from local basalt geology, waterways and landscapes, using warm grey, ochre and green tones to connect the facilities with the surrounding precinct.

The Northern Hospital has one of the busiest emergency departments in the state and as the northern suburbs continue to grow, this important expansion will ensure even more patients have better access to emergency treatment and inpatient care.

The redevelopment will expand and improve facilities to include almost 200 treatment spaces and support 30,000 more emergency patients each year, so that more families in Melbourne's growing northern suburbs can access the care they need, close to home.

Delivered by the Victorian Health Building Authority, the Northern Hospital redevelopment is expected to be complete in late 2029 and will support up to 2,200 local jobs across both stages of construction.

Quote attributable to Minister for Health Infrastructure Melissa Horne

"This is another exciting step forward in our massive investment to upgrade the busy Northern Hospital – delivering more care, closer to home, for Melbourne's growing northern suburbs."

Quote attributable to Member for Thomastown Bronwyn Halfpenny

"We are continuing to upgrade the Northern Hospital, and this brings our community one step closer to an even bigger and better emergency department."

Quote attributable to Member for Mill Park Lily D'Ambrosio

"An expanded Northern Hospital is going to be a gamechanger for locals across the northern suburbs and for the healthcare staff who currently deliver world-class care in Victoria's busiest emergency department."

Quote attributable to Member for Yan Yean Lauren Kathage

“The stage one works are powering ahead, and it is exciting we now have a builder now appointed for stage two – it means we are well on the way to delivering a world-class emergency department for the community in the north.”

Quote attributable to Member for Greenvale Iwan Walters

“The progress on this project is powering ahead and I know the community are looking forward to knowing they’ll soon be able to rely on this bigger, better Northern Hospital.”

Quote attributable to Member for Broadmeadows Kathleen Matthews-Ward

“Broadmeadows relies on the expertise of hardworking nurses and doctors at the Northern every day – this is going to make it easier to get the care they need.”