

# Media Release

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## DOORS OPEN ON NEW ACCOMMODATION FOR KYABRAM HEALTH

The Allan Labor Government is delivering a boost to local healthcare in north-central Victoria with the completion of new accommodation for key workers at Kyabram and District Health Services.

Minister for Regional Development Jaclyn Symes today announced formal completion of the project, which will help meet an immediate need for staff accommodation – both one-bedroom units have already been allocated to staff and visiting health professionals, including interstate and overseas recruits.

The project was delivered as part of the Labor Government's *Regional Worker Accommodation Fund*, set up to provide accommodation for workers in health, education, agriculture, and other key sectors. Across Victoria, the fund is helping employers like Kyabram and District Health Services attract and retain key staff.

Delivered by local builders Timberline Constructions, the new units are an investment in the future of the regional health service that has been delivering healthcare to the local community for more than 90 years.

Dozens of similar projects are underway across Victoria, including at other regional hubs in Shepparton, Kerang and Benalla.

The *Regional Worker Accommodation Fund* is a major investment in the liveability and prosperity of Victoria's regions, which comprise about a quarter of the state's economic output, population, small businesses and employment.

This investment is part of the more than \$47 billion in rural and regional investment, delivered in just over a decade to drive economic growth and make regional towns even better places to live, work, and visit.

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Regional Development Jaclyn Symes

*"Healthcare is an essential part of any vibrant and prosperous community – which is why we've invested in accommodation to support the long-standing work of the Kyabram District Healthcare Service."*

*"From Kyabram to Colac and right across our wonderful state, the Regional Worker Accommodation Fund is supporting job security, economic growth, and improved access to services across rural and regional Victoria."*

### Quotes attributable to Kyabram and District Health Service CEO Anne McEvoy

*"The completion of these accommodation units represents a significant step in strengthening our workforce capability. Providing appropriate, reliable housing for visiting and short-term staff and visiting medical officers directly supports our capacity to maintain essential health services for the Kyabram and district community."*

*"This investment enhances our long-term operational resilience and ensures KDHS remains well-positioned to attract and retain the skilled professionals our region depends on. We acknowledge and appreciate the Victorian Government's commitment to supporting sustainable healthcare delivery in rural and regional areas."*