

Media Release

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FRANKSTON HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT TO OPEN IN JANUARY 2026

The largest ever health infrastructure project in Melbourne's south east will open its doors on 20 January 2026 – with main construction complete on the \$1.1 billion Frankston Hospital redevelopment.

Minister for Health Infrastructure Melissa Horne and Minister for Mental Health Ingrid Stitt today toured the new 12 storey tower that will transform care for locals and serve the growing community for generations to come.

Delivered by the Allan Labor Government, the redeveloped hospital – which will be known as the 'Peninsula University Hospital' – will have capacity to treat 35,000 more patients every year.

Once fully operational, the new tower will include 130 more beds, new spaces for mental health and oncology services, 15 new operating theatres and a rooftop helipad to support the safe transfer of critically ill patients.

The existing emergency department has also been expanded to include a dedicated paediatric zone, and a new mental health and alcohol and other drugs hub – providing fast-tracked, tailored and specialised treatment for patients who need it, while easing pressure on the emergency department and improving safety.

The project will also deliver more care for local women and children with specialist women's and children's services including new maternity, obstetrics and paediatric wards, a women's clinic and a special care nursery to support babies in their critical first weeks and months.

Taking up an entire floor, it will include endometriosis and pelvic pain multidisciplinary clinic services, and an advanced laparoscopic gynaecology specialist and allied health team, including physiotherapy.

Designed to reflect the landscape of the Mornington Peninsula, the reception area features three massive wooden beams resembling native trees and a large canopy designed to imitate sea foam found along the nearby coastline.

Since ground broke on the project in June 2022, three million hours of work have been completed by more than 5,200 workers on site.

The Frankston Hospital redevelopment is being delivered by the Victorian Health Building Authority in partnership with Peninsula Health and the Exemplar Health consortium.

Quote attributable to Minister for Health Infrastructure Melissa Horne

"This is the largest ever health infrastructure project in the region – with millions of hours of work completed by thousands of construction workers, it's fantastic to see main works complete."

Quote attributable to Minister for Mental Health Ingrid Stitt

"With a new mental health and AOD hub in the emergency department, the redeveloped Frankston Hospital will provide better access to specialist mental health care for families in the south east and the Mornington Peninsula."

Quote attributable to Minister for Health Mary-Anne Thomas

"The redeveloped Frankston Hospital will mean more families in the south east and the Mornington Peninsula can get the care they need faster and closer to home."

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Quote attributable to Member for Frankston Paul Edbrooke

“This project is gamechanger for our local community and once doors open next month, local families will have better access to care and support on their doorstep.”

Quote attributable to Member for Carrum Sonya Kilkenny

“Not only will the upgraded hospital offer more world-class care for locals, but it will also give our dedicated healthcare workers a better, safer, state-of-the-art workplace.”

Quote attributable to Member for Hastings Paul Mercurio

“It is so great to come down to Frankston Hospital with my fellow friends and colleagues to have one last look over the amazing Frankston Hospital redevelopment before the doors finally open.”

Quote attributable to Member for Cranbourne Pauline Richards

“The Frankston Hospital Redevelopment is the largest ever health investment in our region, and as our community grows, it will support local families for generations to come.”