

Media Release

The Hon Ros Spence MP

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Minister for Carers and Volunteers



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MORE SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES TO MAKE LIFE EASIER

Everyday Victorian families are being hit hard by cost-of-living pressures.

Minister for Carers and Volunteers Ros Spence today opened the Good Shepherd Craigieburn site backed by a \$5.1 million boost to the Good Money Program, enabling families to buy everyday necessities with an interest-free loan.

It's about helping families in need to get the essentials – whether that's a new fridge, a visit to the dentist or a car to get to work, school and appointments.

Last year more than 7,400 loans were given to families – now we'll deliver more than 9,400.

Labor's investment adds to the existing sites in Collingwood, Dandenong, Geelong and Morwell operated by Good Shepherd.

Families can visit the storefronts to access loans to purchase white goods, furniture and technology needs, as well as access financial counselling and support.

Good Money loans can also be used for medical and vet bills or a bond on a new rental property.

Families are facing new challenges. Only Labor has new solutions to make life easier, safer and more affordable.

Liberals have no solutions – just cuts.

For more information and eligibility visit goodshep.org.au/services/nils.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Carers and Volunteers Ros Spence

"This is real cost-of-living relief – no interest, no surprises, just a helping hand for everyday Victorian families."

"These loans are a lifeline that help Victorians fund essentials like a new fridge, rental bond loan or visit to the doctor."

Quote attributable to Member for Greenvale Iwan Walters

"We're helping Victorians afford what they need today, without locking them into long-term financial strain."

Quote attributable to Good Shepherd CEO Stella Avramopoulos

"Expanding our No Interest Loans program via our Good Money stores, community provider network and digital services will ensure that no matter where Victorians live, they can get the help they need to manage life's unexpected costs and build their financial confidence."