

Media Release

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WORK STARTS ON SHEPPARTON EARLY PARENTING CENTRE

More growing families in Shepparton will soon have access to more early parenting services, closer to home.

Minister Horne today announced that construction has started on the new Shepparton Early Parenting Centre.

Located at 6 Evergreen Way, the new early parenting centre will offer free and specialised parenting support for new parents and carers.

Offering support for children from birth up to four years old, the centre will offer families help with sleep and settling, feeding and care, and specialised support for behaviour and development skills.

Staffed by nurses, midwives, early parenting practitioners, play therapists and allied health professionals – families will be able to access expert guidance when they need it most.

Designed to feel like a home away from home, the centre will feature 10 overnight family units, four day-stay places, shared kitchen and dining areas, a multi-purpose room, a playroom, various outdoor spaces and onsite parking.

The site for the new early parenting centre was chosen for its easy access by car or public transport and is close to local shops and services.

The project is part of the Labor Government's more than \$168 million investment to expand the Early Parenting Centre network.

This massive investment is delivering new and upgraded centres right across Victoria.

AW Nicholson Construction has been appointed to build the centre, which is expected to be complete next year.

The Allan Labor Government has delivered Early Parenting Centres in Wyndham, Whittlesea, Ballarat, Bendigo, Casey and Geelong – and have upgraded existing centres in Noble Park and Footscray.

Quotes attributable to the Minister for Health Infrastructure Melissa Horne

"We're making sure parents in Shepparton have the support they need, when they need it most."

"Now that construction is underway, parents will soon be accessing free support and guidance so their littlest ones can thrive."

Quote attributable to Minister for Children Lizzie Blandthorn

"Early parenting centres provide expert guidance and support to children and families when they need it – this new centre in Shepparton will make a massive difference for local families."

Quote attributable to Member for Northern Victoria Jaclyn Symes

"The new Early Parenting Centre in Shepparton is a major win for local mums and dads – ensuring every child has the best possible start in life."

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