

Media Release

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MORE FREE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR MELBOURNE'S WEST

Labor is making it easier for Victorians in Melbourne's west to access free mental health care, when and where they need it.

Minister for Mental Health Ingrid Stitt and Member for Werribee John Lister today opened the new Wyndham Mental Health and Wellbeing Local site in Werribee.

The statewide network of Locals provides support and treatment for adults experiencing mental illness or psychological distress.

Importantly, to access care at a Local – you don't need a Medicare card or GP referral and services are completely free.

Locals act as a 'front door' to the system making them an important tool in early intervention.

The network of Locals has already helped more than 35,000 Victorians.

Care is delivered by a multidisciplinary team of experienced mental health professionals, wellbeing staff and peer support workers.

The Werribee local will provide communities in Melbourne's west with a range of clinical and wellbeing mental health supports, both in-person and via telehealth.

The service is one of 22 Locals operating across 24 locations statewide.

Services at the Werribee local are delivered by cohealth in partnership with Mercy Health.

Located 1-13 Watton Street, Werribee, the Wyndham Local is open 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

The Locals network is a flagship initiative of the Allan Labor Government in response to the *Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System*.

More information and contact details are available at betterhealth.vic.gov.au/mental-health-wellbeing-locals.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Mental Health Ingrid Stitt

"We are investing in the mental health services that Melbourne's growing west needs."

"More than 35,000 Victorians have now accessed support at a Local – we're getting on with delivering more of them right across the state."

Quote attributable to Minister for Member for Werribee John Lister

"We have made significant investments in a range of mental health services throughout the west so locals can access more care, closer to home."

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