

# Media Release

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## **LABOR DELIVERS NEW ACUTE AND PUBLIC AGED CARE HOME IN COHUNA**

The Allan Labor Government has delivered a new \$41.1 million acute and residential aged care home in Cohuna.

Minister for Ageing Ingrid Stitt today announced that the first residents are now moving in.

The purpose-built facility will support the complex care needs of older residents, helping ensure they can age safely, with dignity and close to their families and support networks.

The 24-bed facility includes eight acute hospital beds and 16 aged care beds.

The aged care beds are grouped into small 'households', with access to a shared kitchen, dining, lounge and sitting areas.

Eight acute hospital beds are also available, helping to meet a range of care needs closer to home.

The new co-located facility replaces the Cohuna District Nursing Home and the current medical ward.

More than 540 workers contributed to the project, providing a major boost to the local economy.

Works are now underway to refurbish and repurpose the former Cohuna District Nursing Home.

The space will be converted into administrative areas and staff accommodation for Cohuna District Hospital.

These works are on track for completion in the coming months.

Thanks to sustained and significant investment from the Labor Government, Victoria remains the largest public provider of residential aged care in Australia

### **Quote attributable to Minister for Ageing Ingrid Stitt**

*"Our public aged care homes are designed to maximise residents' independence, so they can age with dignity, in their own communities."*

### **Quote attributable to Minister for Health Infrastructure Melissa Horne**

*"Victoria is the largest public provider of residential aged care in Australia, and these high-quality facilities ensure residents can age close to their families and support networks."*

### **Quote attributable to Member for Northern Victoria Jaclyn Symes**

*"Across regional Victoria, we are building and upgrading aged care homes – because ageing close to home, friends and family is so important."*