

# Media Release

**Ingrid Stitt MP**

Minister for Mental Health

Minister for Ageing

Minister for Multicultural Affairs

Minister for Prevention of Family Violence



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## **BOOST FOR VICTORIA'S MENTAL HEALTH AND AOD SERVICES**

The Allan Labor Government is ensuring Victorians can access mental health and alcohol and other drugs treatment and care in safe, modern spaces.

Minister for Mental Health Ingrid Stitt today announced the successful projects in the latest round of the Mental Health and Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) Capital Renewal Fund.

Under the latest round, 32 mental health and AOD services will share in \$20 million for critical upgrades and refurbishments.

It's all about ensuring Victorians can access the specialist care they need, when they need it and close to home.

Projects supported in this round include:

- \$1 million to the Aboriginal Community Elders Services for the refurbishment of a social and emotional wellbeing centre for Elders
- \$1 million to Bendigo Community Health Services for a range of safety and accessibility upgrades
- \$790,000 to Better Health Network for the refurbishment of the Fitzroy Street site
- \$1 million to Grampians Health for safety upgrades and planning and design work of a new Intensive Care Area in the Steele Houghton Unit
- \$131,000 to Wellways to upgrade the Kuna Bim Youth Residential Rehabilitation Service in Warrnambool.

The Mental Health and AOD Capital Renewal Fund responds directly to recommendations from the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System.

It aims to improve mental health and AOD services by creating safer, more accessible and more supportive environments for staff, consumers and their families, carers and supporters.

Since 2018, the fund has delivered \$70 million in critical upgrades and refurbishments to mental health and AOD services across Victoria.

A full list of recipients can be found here: [vhba.vic.gov.au/news](https://vhba.vic.gov.au/news) .

### **Quotes attributable to Minister for Mental Health Ingrid Stitt**

*"Victorians living with mental health or AOD issues deserve care and support – wherever they are."*

*"From Gippsland to Warrnambool – we're upgrading services so that no matter where you live, you have can get the best care in the very best facilities."*