

OVERVIEW OF HEALTH POLICY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Victorian State Election 2018

Election Platform	Implementation Progress
<p><u>BETTER MENTAL HEALTH CARE FOR OUR EMERGENCY WORKERS</u> Wednesday 12 September 2018</p> <p>Emergency workers will be able to access mental health support the moment they need it, with the introduction of provisional acceptance payments for mental health injuries under a re-elected Andrews Labor Government.</p> <p>Last check date: 30/10/2019</p>	<p><i>"The \$2.5 million pilot, funded in the Victorian Budget 2019/20, will cover reasonable medical expenses for current and former emergency workers and volunteers who are awaiting the outcome of compensation claims for workrelated mental health injuries. The 12 month pilot will commence in two stages, beginning with Victoria Police and Ambulance Victoria staff and volunteers on 17 June. The second stage will commence on 1 July with CFA and SES staff and volunteers, forest firefighters, public sector nurses and midwives, and MFB, ESTA, child protection, corrections and youth justice staff."</i></p> <p>12/06/2019</p> <p>Source: https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/190612-Improving-Mental-Health-Support-For-Emergency-Workers.pdf?utm_source=miragenews&utm_medium=miragenews&utm_campaign=news</p>
<p><u>BUILDING A WORLD CLASS HOSPITAL FOR FRANKSTON FAMILIES</u> Monday 10th September</p> <p>The \$562 million project will transform Frankston Hospital with 120 new hospital beds, two new operating theatres and an additional 13 new emergency department beds as part of the 11 storey redevelopment.</p> <p>Last check date: 30/10/2019</p>	<p><i>"Funding Announced May 2019 → Planning Completed 2020"</i></p> <p>Source: https://vhhsba.vic.gov.au/health-infrastructure/frankston-hospital-redevelopment</p> <p><i>"\$6 million to kickstart planning on the 11-storey redevelopment of Frankston Hospital, delivering 120 new beds, new operating theatres and expanded child and maternal health services for local families."</i></p> <p>27/05/2019</p> <p>Source: https://budget.vic.gov.au/building-world-class-hospitals</p> <p><i>"Hospital project gets \$6 million for 'planning' "</i></p> <p>3/06/2019</p> <p>Source: https://baysidenews.com.au/2019/06/03/hospital-project-gets-6-million-for-planning/</p> <p><i>"The 2019-20 Victorian Budget allocated \$6 million in FY2019-20 towards planning for the redevelopment of the Hospital. The remaining funding was not profiled in the 2019-20 Budget meaning it is unclear when construction will commence however it is unlikely it would be before FY2022-23."</i></p> <p>Source: https://infrastructurepipeline.org/project/frankston-hospital-redevelopment/</p> <p>3/06/2019</p> <p><i>"Hospital project gets #6 million for 'planning' "</i></p> <p>Source: PDF of Frankston Times - https://issuu.com/frankstontimes/docs/ft_4th_june_2019</p> <p>4/06/2019</p>
<p><u>NON-EMERGENCY PATIENT TRANSPORT REVIEW TO KEEP PEOPLE SAFE</u> Friday 5th October</p> <p>A re-elected Andrews Labor Government will review the <i>Non-Emergency Patient Transport Act</i> to strengthen compliance and enforcement and ensure the highest quality of care for patients.</p> <p>Last check date: 30/10/2019</p>	<p><i>"Review of the NEPT Act and licencing and regulation of first aid providers"</i></p> <p>Source: https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/hospitals-and-health-services/patient-care/ambulance-and-nept/non-emergency-transport/nept-legislation</p> <p><i>"Review of the Non-Emergency Patient Transport Act 2003 and Regulation and Licencing of First Aid providers - Discussion Paper"</i></p> <p>Source: https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/about/publications/policiesandguidelines/review-of-nept-act-2003-regulation-licencing-first-aid-providers-discussion-paper</p> <p>28/06/2019</p>
<p><u>BUILDING A BIGGER AND BETTER LATROBE HOSPITAL</u> Friday 12 October 2018</p> <p>A re-elected Andrews Labor Government will deliver a massive expansion of the LaTrobe Regional Hospital at Traralgon by investing \$217 million to build the next stage of LaTrobe Regional Hospital's expansion.</p> <p>This will include three new operating theatres and an additional 14 new medical and surgical beds for recovery.</p> <p>Last check date: 30/10/2019</p>	<p><i>"Expression of Interest open for Latrobe Regional Hospital Redevelopment – Stage 3A The Victorian Health and Human Services Building Authority is calling for Expressions of Interest from suitably qualified and experienced parties to design, prepare contract documentation and provide contract administration services for delivery of the \$217 million Latrobe Regional Hospital Redevelopment - Stage 3A."</i></p> <p>Source: https://vhhsba.vic.gov.au/news/expression-interest-open-latrobe-regional-hospital-redevelopment-stage-3a</p> <p><i>"The Latrobe Regional Hospital expansion will include the construction three new operating theatres. This will allow for 6200 extra elective surgeries to be completed each year and has the potential to cut waiting times."</i></p> <p>Source: https://www.insideconstruction.com.au/index.php/2019/05/27/vic-budget-hospital-projects-to-create-hundreds-of-construction-jobs/</p> <p>27/05/2019</p> <p>LaTrobe Regional Health Building Tender</p> <p>Source: https://www.tenders.vic.gov.au/tender/view?id=98922</p> <p>28/05/2019</p>
<p><u>DELIVERING THE FIRST STAGE OF A NEW MELTON HOSPITAL</u> 19th October 2018</p> <p>A re-elected Andrews Labor Government will provide \$2.3 million to begin planning and complete a business case for a new hospital at Toolern, on the outskirts of Melton.</p> <p>Last check date: 30/10/2019</p>	<p>https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/one-stop-shop-for-meltons-healthcare-needs/ - 8/05/2019</p> <p><i>"The Budget is getting on with building the very best hospitals that Victorians can rely on, with important planning work for major hospital projects being funded, including:</i></p> <p><i>a \$562 million redevelopment of the Frankston Hospital</i></p> <p><i>a new hospital at Toolern, on the outskirts of Melton"</i></p> <p>27/05/2019</p> <p>Source: https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/building-the-best-hospitals-for-victorianpatients/?utm_source=miragenews&utm_medium=miragenews&utm_campaign=news</p>

	<p>"In May 2019, \$2.4 million for a Melton hospital business case was included in the State Budget. The business case, which will determine the type and level of hospital services required."</p> <p>Source: https://www.melton.vic.gov.au/Council/About-Council/Advocacy/A-state-of-the-art-health-precinct</p> <p>"Budget planning work for major hospital projects includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A \$562 million redevelopment of the Frankston Hospital; • A new hospital at Toolern, on the outskirts of Melton" <p>June 2019</p> <p>Source: http://www.health.vic.gov.au/healthvictoria/jun19/building.htm</p> <p>"Expressions of interest open for New Melton Hospital master plan and feasibility study"</p> <p>Source: https://www.vhhsba.vic.gov.au/news/expressions-interest-open-new-melton-hospital-master-plan-and-feasibility-study</p> <p>22/08/2019</p>
<p>BUILDING A NEW REHABILITATION CENTRE FOR BENDIGO</p> <p>19 October 2018</p> <p>A re-elected Andrew's Labor Government will provide \$60 million to build a Bendigo Hospital day rehabilitation centre for people recovering from accidents, injuries and illnesses.</p> <p>Last check date: 30/10/2019</p>	<p>"The Victorian Budget 2019/20 includes nearly \$60 million for the Bendigo Hospital Day Rehabilitation Centre – a key election commitment by the Andrews Labor Government."</p> <p>27/05/2019</p> <p>Source: https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/190527-A-World-Class-One-Stop-Shop-Rehabilitation-Centre-For-Bendigo.pdf?utm_source=miragenews&utm_medium=miragenews&utm_campaign=news</p> <p>"Victorian budget 2019-20: Bendigo hospital precinct to be completed thanks to \$60 million funding announcement"</p> <p>27/05/2019</p> <p>Source: https://www.bendigoadvertiser.com.au/story/6184598/bendigo-health-secures-60-million-for-new-rehabilitation-centre/</p> <p>"The Victorian Government is investing nearly \$60 million to deliver the Bendigo Hospital Day Rehabilitation Centre, bringing under one roof rehabilitation services currently spread out across Bendigo Health."</p> <p>Source: https://www.vhhsba.vic.gov.au/health-infrastructure/bendigo-hospital-day-rehabilitation-centre</p> <p>"BENDIGO HOSPITAL REHABILITATION CENTRE"</p> <p>Source: https://www.corelogic.com.au/cordell/7332193</p>
<p>LABOR PROMISES VIOLENCE TRAINING FOR 1000 HOSPITAL WORKERS</p> <p>23 October 2018</p> <p>A re-elected Andrew's Labor Government will provide \$3.45 million to train hospital support workers to protect themselves from violent and aggressive patients.</p> <p>1000 staff including ward clerks, front of house staff in emergency rooms and allied health workers will be sent on three-day training courses to learn how to protect themselves and others.</p> <p>Last check date: 30/10/2019</p>	<p>https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/health-workforce/worker-health-wellbeing/occupational-violence-aggression</p> <p>"Labor promises violence training for 1000 hospital workers"</p> <p>Source: https://www.theage.com.au/politics/victoria/labor-promises-violence-training-for-1000-health-support-staff-20181023-p50bbo.html</p> <p>23/10/2018</p>
<p>TEN NEW COMMUNITY HOSPITALS TO GIVE PATIENTS THE BEST CARE</p> <p>Wednesday 24 October 2018</p> <p>A re-elected Andrews Labor Government will build, upgrade and expand community hospitals across Victoria.</p> <p>Labor will build new community hospitals at Whittlesea, Eltham, Point Cook and Fishermans Bend.</p> <p>Existing services in Craigieburn, Cranbourne, Pakenham, Philip Island, Sunbury and Torquay will be expanded to become community hospitals.</p> <p>Last check date: 30/10/2019</p>	<p>https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/delivering-24-hour-medical-care-for-phillip-island/</p> <p>Community Consultation Committees (CCC) to be established for each new community hospital.</p> <p>Source: https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/locals-to-help-shape-flagship-community-hospitals/</p> <p>Source: https://www.smh.com.au/federal-election-2019/labor-vows-to-spend-big-on-community-health-in-victoria-20190425-p51h7z.html</p> <p>Sunbury: Children's Health Hub in Sunbury; managed by Sunbury Community Health Eltham: N/A Point Cook: N/A Fisherman's Bend: N/A Craigieburn: N/A</p> <p>"Community hospitals program"</p> <p>Source: https://www.vhhsba.vic.gov.au/health-infrastructure/community-hospitals-program</p> <p>"Torquay: CCC Membership Applications Open 12/03/2019, CCC Membership Applications Close 23/04/2019, Construction Begins 2022 and Construction Complete 2024."</p> <p>Source: https://vhhsba.vic.gov.au/torquay-community-hospital</p> <p>"Locals To Help Shape Flagship Community Hospitals"</p> <p>Source: https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/locals-to-help-shape-flagship-community-hospitals/</p> <p>4/03/2019</p> <p>"Whittlesea: Start in 2022 and finish by 2024 ; managed by Northern Health "</p> <p>12/03/2019</p> <p>Source: https://ncreview.com.au/2019/03/12/new-hospital-a-step-closer/</p> <p>"CCC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS OPEN 12 MAR 2019 CCC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS CLOSE 23 APR 2019 CCC APPOINTED JUL 2019 CONSTRUCTION BEGINS 2022 CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE 2024"</p> <p>Source: https://www.vhhsba.vic.gov.au/whittlesea-community-hospital</p> <p>"Cranbourne: Cranbourne Community Hospital will be managed by Monash Health – CCC Membership Applications Open 12/03/2019, CCC Membership Applications Close 23/04/2019, Construction Begins 2021 and Construction Complete in 2024. "</p>

	<p>Source: https://vhhsba.vic.gov.au/cranbourne-community-hospital</p> <p><i>"Pakenham: Pakenham Community Hospital will be managed by Monash Health – CCC Membership Applications Open 12/03/2019, CCC Membership Applications Close 23/04/019, Construction Begins 2022, Construction Complete in 2024."</i></p> <p>Source: https://vhhsba.vic.gov.au/pakenham-community-hospital</p> <p><i>"Philip Island: Philip Island Community Hospital will be managed by Bass Coast Health – CCC Membership Applications Open 12/03/2019, CCC Membership Applications Close 23/04/2019, Construction Begins 2019 and Construction Complete in 2014."</i></p> <p>5/03/2019</p> <p>Source: https://sgst.com.au/2019/03/crugnale-to-chair-hospital-committee/</p> <p><i>"Community Hospitals program"</i></p> <p>Source: https://engage.vic.gov.au/community-hospitals</p>
<p><u>FINISHING WHAT WE STARTED: STRONGER NURSE TO PATIENT RATIOS</u></p> <p>A re-elected Andrews Labor Government will recruit 1,100 new nurses and midwives.</p> <p>Last check date: 30/10/2019</p>	<p>Original Source: https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/1100-new-nurses-and-midwives-to-deliver-better-care/</p> <p><i>"Thousands of doctors, nurses and midwives are preparing to begin long and rewarding careers in Victoria's world-class public hospitals. Around 810 first-year medical interns and 2,500 new nurses and midwife graduates will start their careers in 2019, ushering in a new era of highly-trained medical professionals to care for patients in hospitals and health services all over Victoria. Regional Victoria will be a big winner, with 290 of the medical interns to be based at rural and regional hospitals. "</i></p> <p>Source: https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/thousands-of-doctors-nurses-and-midwives-start-their-careers/</p> <p><i>"Women, children's hospital opens in May -The move delivers 600 new nurses and midwives in the state's public hospitals and the government says it is working on further strengthening the ratio, resulting in a total of 1,100 new nurses and midwives in the system. "</i></p> <p>Source: https://www.sbs.com.au/news/women-children-s-hospital-opens-in-may</p> <p>14/03/2019</p>
<p><u>BACKING OUR PARAMEDICS TO KEEP SAVIN GLIVES</u></p> <p>A re-elected Labor Government will provide \$109 million to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - recruit 90 new paramedics - \$25 million to upgrade and build new stations - 23 new vehicles on the road - Convert 15 single crew stations into dual crew stations in regional Victoria <p>Last check date: 30/10/2019</p>	<p><i>"Speaking in Ballarat on Friday, Ms Mikakos said the State Government would continue to invest in the service, but admitted more work was always needed to address problem regions. "We've had 450 new paramedics rolled out that's benefited our ambulance branches right across Victoria," Ms Mikakos said. "We're going to do further recruitment as part of a \$109 million which we committed to at the last state election."</i></p> <p>15/03/2019</p> <p>Source: https://www.thecourier.com.au/story/5957729/regions-are-not-yet-up-to-speed-on-ambulance-response-times/</p>
<p><u>LABOR WILL ESTABLISH A ROYAL COMMISSION INTO MENTAL HEALTH</u></p> <p>A re-elected Labor Government will establish a Royal Commission into Mental Health that focuses on the quality and cost of care across the system.</p> <p>Last check date: 30/10/2019</p>	<p>Original Source: https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/mental-health/priorities-and-transformation/royal-commission https://engage.vic.gov.au/royal-commission-mental-health-terms-of-reference</p> <p><i>"Victorians wanting to have their say or find out more about upcoming consultations will be able to access a new website launched by the Commission today. The Royal Commission's first community consultation will be in Whittlesea on 5 April, and consultations will continue through May. Other consultations will be held in Pakenham (9 April) and Hamilton (11-12 April)."</i></p> <p>26/03/2019</p> <p>Source: https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/mental-health-royal-commission-community-consultations/</p> <p><i>"The Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System"</i></p> <p>Source: https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/mental-health/priorities-and-transformation/royal-commission</p> <p>07/09/2019</p> <p><i>"Mental health royal commission sparks tidal wave of complaints to commissioner"</i></p> <p>Source: https://www.smh.com.au/national/mental-health-royal-commission-sparks-tidal-wave-of-complaints-to-commissioner-20191017-p531md.html</p> <p>17/10/2019</p> <p>https://rcvmhs.vic.gov.au/</p> <p>https://engage.vic.gov.au/royal-commission-mental-health-terms-of-reference</p>
<p><u>BUILDING A BETTER HOSPITAL FOR MELBOURNE'S INNER WEST</u></p> <p>A re-elected Labor Government will invest up to \$1.5 billion to build a new 504 bed hospital at Footscray.</p> <p>A re-elected Labor Government will start construction in 2020 and the hospital will open in 2025.</p> <p>Last check date: 30/10/2019</p>	<p>Original Source: https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/new-footscray-hospital-project-gets-underway/</p> <p><i>"The Victorian Health and Human Services Building Authority (VHHSBA) held an Industry Briefing about the New Footscray Hospital on Thursday 14 February. The briefing was aimed at those experienced in major infrastructure and hospital projects - whether in the design, construction, financing, advisory or facilities management industries - who were interested in learning more about the New Footscray Hospital Project, which is proposed to be delivered as a public-private partnership."</i></p> <p>14/02/2019</p> <p>Source: https://vhhsba.vic.gov.au/events/industry-briefing-building-new-footscray-hospital</p> <p><i>"The procurement timeline is expected to start in mid-2019 with the release of requests for EOI's with a shortlist of 2-3 bidders to be chosen. This will be followed by the request for proposal, expected in late 2019. The contract and financial close is expected in 2020, with operational commencement in 2025."</i></p> <p>1/03/2019</p> <p>Source: https://infrastructurepipeline.org/project/new-footscray-hospital/</p> <p><i>"Community consultative committee will be established to provide a forum for the local community to participate in the development of the New Footscray Hospital."</i></p> <p>11/04/2019</p> <p>Source: http://www.westernhealth.org.au/AboutUs/News/Pages/FH_InfoSessions.aspx</p>

	<p>“CCC Membership Applications Open 2/04/2019 – CCC Membership Applications Close 10/05/2019”</p> <p>“EOI open for \$1.5B Footscray Hospital construction”</p> <p>21/06/2019</p> <p>Source: https://www.insideconstruction.com.au/index.php/2019/06/21/eoi-open-for-1-5b-footscray-hospital-construction/</p> <p>“New Footscray Hospital Project”</p> <p>Source: http://www.westernhealth.org.au/AboutUs/News/Pages/default.aspx</p> <p>12/08/2019</p> <p>Source: https://vhhsba.vic.gov.au/health-infrastructure/new-footscray-hospital</p> <p>“Landmark investments in world-class hospitals and health facilities, including a new \$1.5 billion Footscray Hospital due to open in 2025.”</p> <p>Source: https://www.miragenews.com/metro-partnerships-working-for-all-of-melbourne/</p> <p>18/09/2019</p> <p>“Footscray Hospital Another Step Closer”</p> <p>Source: https://www.miragenews.com/footscray-hospital-another-step-closer/</p> <p>17/10/2019</p>
<p><u>PUTTING FARMERS’ HEALTH ON THE AGENDA</u></p> <p>A re-elected Labor government will provide an extra \$4 million over four years to support the National Centre for Farmer Health.</p> <p>Last check date: 30/10/2019</p>	
<p><u>5 New Children’s Emergency Departments</u></p> <p>12 November 2018</p> <p>A re-elected Labor Government will commit \$62.4 million to build five new dedicated children’s hospital emergency departments at The Northern Hospital, Maroondah Hospital, Geelong Hospital, Frankston Hospital and Casey Hospital.</p> <p>Last check date: 30/10/2019</p>	<p>7/05/2019</p> <p>“On top of \$321.9 million to deliver free dental care for state school students, the budget provided funding for five new dedicated children’s emergency departments including at Maroondah Hospital, in nearby Ringwood East.”</p> <p>Source: https://www.theage.com.au/national/victoria/more-kinder-for-lachy-the-families-set-to-benefit-from-labor-s-budget-promises-20190527-p51rn3.html</p> <p>“\$65 million boost for Frankston & Mornington Peninsula health”</p> <p>03/09/2019</p> <p>Source: https://www.greghunt.com.au/65-million-boost-for-frankston-mornington-peninsula-health/</p> <p>Safe and high-quality care for Victorian women, their babies and families Response to the Inquiry into perinatal services - “investing \$62.4 million to create separate children’s emergency departments at five Victorian hospitals: Geelong, Maroondah, Frankston, Casey and Northern hospitals”</p> <p>Source: https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/file_uploads/Inquiry_into_Perinatal_Services_-_Government_Response_-_Final_Submission_x8dH4JYT.pdf</p> <p>February 2019</p>
<p><u>IVF SUBSIDIES</u></p> <p>12 November 2018</p> <p>Labor has promised to spend \$32 million subsidising IVF for Victorian families if the Andrews government is re-elected on November 24.</p> <p>Last check date: 30/10/2019</p>	<p>https://www.danandrews.com.au/policies/public-ivf-services-to-assist-more-families-to-achieve-their-dream https://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-11-13/victorian-election-labor-promise-public-ivf-services/10491576</p> <p>“Cracking Down On Unscrupulous IVF Providers - The Government is investing \$32 million for the provision of public services, which will also pave the way for regional Victorians to have better access to IVF services. An IVF cycle can cost up to \$15,000. About 13,000 Victorians were treated at IVF clinics in the last financial year.”</p> <p>Source: https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/cracking-down-on-unscrupulous-ivf-providers/</p> <p>“For the first time, the government has set aside money – more than \$30 million – to establish subsidised public IVF services for low-income families, with \$2 million of that allocated in this budget for a business case.”</p> <p>26/05/2019</p> <p>Source: https://www.theage.com.au/politics/victoria/victorian-state-budget-2019-20-footscray-hospital-gets-extra-1-4b-20190527-p51rl6.html</p> <p>“The state government promised to expand subsidised IVF services for low-income Victorians before the election last year, vowing to invest \$32 million to set up and run low-fee, bulk-billing clinics in Melbourne and regional areas.”</p> <p>Source: https://www.theage.com.au/national/victoria/calls-for-public-egg-and-sperm-bank-to-curb-state-s-donor-shortage-20190703-p523ot.html</p>
<p><u>Morrison Government delivers funding for new Paediatric Emergency Department for Geelong</u></p> <p>24 March 2019</p> <p>The Morrison Liberal Government will deliver \$40 million in the upcoming Federal Budget to help fund new paediatric emergency departments in four Victorian hospitals including Geelong University Hospital.</p> <p>This investment will provide emergency department (ED) facilities which cater to the specific needs of families and children.</p> <p>Last check date: 30/10/2019</p>	<p>“Another \$40 million was also announced for new paediatric emergency departments at the Geelong, Maroondah, Frankston and Casey hospitals.”</p> <p>Source: https://www.abc.net.au/news/2019-03-25/peter-maccallum-cancer-centre-treatment-funding/10935308</p>