

OVERVIEW OF HEALTHY POLICY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Victorian State Election 2018

ALP	LIBERALS	GREENS	REASON
<u>Election Platform</u>			
<p><u>BETTER MENTAL HEALTH CARE FOR OUR EMERGENCY WORKERS</u> <i>Wednesday 12 September 2018</i></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><u>Victoria's Health Workforce needs a plan</u> <i>Sunday, 9 September 2018</i></p> <p>A Liberal Nationals Government will develop a comprehensive state-wide health workforce strategy in order to ensure we have the skilled health professionals needed to deliver high quality health care</p>	<p><u>Health Policy</u></p> <p>The Greens have a set of principles and aims outlined on their website.</p>	<p><u>Health</u></p> <p>The Reason Party supports universally accessible, high quality primary healthcare for all Australians.</p> <p>Their position is outlined on their website.</p>
<p><u>BUILDING A WORLD CLASS HOSPITAL FOR FRANKSTON FAMILIES</u> <i>Monday 10th September</i></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><u>FOUR SURGICAL ROBOTS FOR OUR PUBLIC HOSPITALS</u> <i>Sunday, 2 September 2018</i></p> <p>A Liberal Nationals Government will significantly expand access for public patients to cutting-edge robotic surgery with the purchase of four new Robots, which will help save lives and speed up recovery times.</p>		<p><u>IMPROVED, ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC HEALTH FOR ALL</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Facilitate and incentive GP visits to schools and medical services in poorly served areas - Establish health hubs, with integration of health centres, schools & other services - Focus on evidence-based prevention and early intervention throughout the health system - Effectively regulate to prevent over-serving and unscientific treatments - Expand and strengthen dental health services.
<p><u>NON-EMERGENCY PATIENT TRANSPORT REVIEW TO KEEP PEOPLE SAFE</u> <i>Friday 5th October</i></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><u>INCREASING ORGAN DONATION RATES</u> <i>Thursday, 30 August 2018</i></p> <p>A Liberal Nationals Government will implement two key policies to increase organ donation rates and help change the lives of more Victorians.</p>		
<p><u>BUILDING A BIGGER AND BETTER LATROBE HOSPITAL</u> <i>Friday 12 October 2018</i></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><u>FAMILY VIOLENCE STRANGULATION LAWS</u> <i>Sunday, 26 August 2018</i></p> <p>A Liberal Nationals Government will legislate to amend the Crimes Act to make non-fatal strangulation, choking and suffocation in a domestic setting a criminal offence punishable by up to 10 years jail.</p>		
<p><u>DELIVERING THE FIRST STAGE OF A NEW MELTON HOSPITAL</u> <i>19th October 2018</i></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><u>MASSIVE BOOST TO HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE</u> <i>Friday, 17 August 2018</i></p> <p>A Liberal Nationals Government will deliver a massive \$175 million expansion of home and community care and support for Victorians with chronic disease and other conditions who can safely be treated outside hospital in the comfort of their own home and in their community.</p>		
<p><u>BUILDING A NEW REHABILITATION CENTRE FOR BENDIGO</u> <i>19 October 2018</i></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><u>VOUCHER PROGRAM TO DRIVE INNOVATION UNDER MATTHEW GUY</u> <i>Thursday 4th October 2018</i></p> <p>The Liberal Nationals are committed to strengthening and diversifying the Victorian economy by facilitating up to \$18 million in commercial investment through a new \$9 million innovation voucher program.</p> <p>Victorian Start-Ups, small and medium enterprises will be able to access innovation grants focussing on 6 key areas.....one of which will be Victoria's world class biotech and medical tech industries.</p>		
<p><u>LABOR PROMISES VIOLENCE TRAINING FOR 1000 HOSPITAL WORKERS</u> <i>23 October 2018</i></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><u>SOUTH EAST STROKE AMBULANCE TO SAVE LIVES</u> <i>Wednesday 10 October 2018</i></p> <p>An elected Liberal Nationals Government will invest \$6 million for a dedicated Stroke Ambulance based at Monash Medical Centre.</p>		
<p><u>TEN NEW COMMUNITY HOSPITALS TO GIVE PATIENTS THE BEST CARE</u> <i>Wednesday 24 October 2018</i></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</p>	<p><u>LIFE BE IN IT 2.0</u> <i>Monday 15th October 2018</i></p> <p>A Liberal Nationals Government will bring Norm and his family from 'Life. Be in it' out of retirement to have a starring role in an exciting new Victorian Government positive health promotion campaign.</p>		

Whittlesea, Eltham, Point Cook and Fishermans Bend. Existing services in Craigieburn, Cranbourne, Pakenham, Philip Island, Sunbury and Torquay will be expanded to become community hospitals.			
FINISHING WHAT WE STARTED: STRONGER NURSE TO PATIENT RATIOS A re-elected Andrews Labor Government will recruit 1,100 new nurses and midwives.	AUSTRALIAN FIRST – OVER THE COUNTER PILL Sunday 21 October 2018 A Liberal Nationals Government will increase access to the contraceptive pill by making it available over the counter from a pharmacist.		
BACKING OUR PARAMEDICS TO KEEP SAVIN GLIVES A re-elected Labor Government will provide \$109 million to <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 	VICTORIAN PATIENT TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE SCHEME Monday 22 October 2018 An elected Liberal Nationals Government will increase VPTAS funding by \$35.1 million to raise reimbursement rates for accommodation and mileage, provide funding for future population growth in our regional cities and towns and speed up claims processing times, improving the lives of the 30,000 Victorians who use the scheme.		
LABOR WILL ESTABLISH A ROYAL COMMISSION INTO MENTAL HEALTH 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.	NEW HOPE FOR VICTORIANS WITH RARE DISEASES Tuesday 23 October 2018 The Liberal Nationals will provide \$1 million to improve education and awareness of rare diseases so Victorians can receive earlier diagnosis with quicker and more effective treatment, getting back in control of their health and getting back on the road to recovery faster.		
BUILDING A BETTER HOSPITAL FOR MELBOURNE'S INNER WEST A re-elected Labor Government will invest up to \$1.5 billion to build a new 504 bed hospital at Footscray. A re-elected Labor Government will start construction in 2020 and the hospital will open in 2025.	LIBERAL NATIONALS COMMIT TO 95-95-95 UNAIDS TARGET 5 YEARS EARLY Wednesday 24 October 2018 A Liberal Nationals Government will commit to the 2030 95-95-95 United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) target by 2025, while investing \$3.6 m in rapid HIV testing. The target aims to have 95% of people living with HIV diagnosed, 95% of people diagnosed with HIV accessing treatment and 95% of people on HIV treatment having an undetectable viral load.		
PUTTING FARMERS' HEALTH ON THE AGENDA A re-elected Labor government will provide an extra \$4 million over four years to support the National Centre for Farmer Health.	PIONEERING CURE FOR KIDS WITH ALLERGIES Wednesday 24 October 2018 A Liberal Nationals Government will invest \$1.5 million to fund a world first Oral Immunotherapy Allergy Trials Program at Melbourne University if elected in November.		
5 New Children's Emergency Departments 12 November 2018 A re-elected Labor Government will commit \$62.4 million to build five new dedicated children's hospital emergency departments at The Northern Hospital, Geelong Hospital, Frankston Hospital and Casey Hospital.	CUTTING THE COST OF PARKING AT HOSPITALS Wednesday 31 October 2018 A Liberal Nationals Government will fund up to \$40 million to provide for around an extra 125,000 subsidised car parks each year. This includes rolling out a concession eligibility policy and ensuring promotion and publicity of concessional rates. We will also freeze the maximum daily rate to stop any increases for the next two years.		
IVF SUBSIDIES 12 November 2018 Labor has promised to spend \$32 million subsidising IVF for Victorian families if the Andrews government is re-elected on November 24.	GOULBURN VALLEY HEALTH 12 November 2018 The Coalition promised to complete the redevelopment of Goulburn Valley Health, at a cost of \$21 million, including a residential mother and baby unit. The completion of stage two would be done within two terms if elected.		

	<p>New Mental Health Hubs</p> <p>12 November 2018</p> <p>The Coalition will provide \$24 million to trial three new Mental Health Hubs with mutli-disciplinary teams including GPs, psychiatrists, addiction specialists and allied health professionals based at each centre.</p>		
	<p>Australian first for pregnant mums with diabetes</p> <p>21 November 2018</p> <p>A Liberal Nationals Government will ensure pregnant women living with Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes have access to a Continuous Glucose Monitor (CGM) while they are pregnant.</p>		
	<p>Liberal Nationals to publish Labor's 'secret' hospital waitlist</p> <p>20 November 2018</p> <p>A Liberal Nationals Government will introduce performance measurements known as Referral to Treatment (RTT) to give patients a genuine timeframe from when they get a referral from their GP to when they receive their active treatment.</p>		