

Media Release

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ORANGE DOOR ON TRACK FOR BRIMBANK MELTON

The Andrews Labor Government is ensuring more families in Melbourne's West can access help for family violence and child wellbeing, with a major step towards bringing The Orange Door Network to Brimbank Melton.

Minister for Prevention of Family Violence Gabrielle Williams today announced the first lease has been signed for the Brimbank Melton Orange Door Network – with a primary site in Sunshine.

The primary site will be supported by access points, outposted services and outreach services to ensure residents across the region have the support they need, close to home.

The \$448 million Orange Door network is an Australian-first initiative that has helped more than 140,000 people, including more than 55,000 children, since it began, bringing together workers from specialist family violence, child and family, Aboriginal and men's services.

The network is currently operating in eight regions across the state, including the Central Highlands, Loddon, Barwon, Inner Gippsland, North East Melbourne, Bayside Peninsula, Mallee and Goulburn – and the remaining nine will be open by the end of next year.

It's part of the Labor Government's record more than \$3 billion investment to end gendered violence in Victoria following the Royal Commission into Family Violence.

There have been more than 140,000 referrals to The Orange Door network across the state since 2018. More information is available at orangedoor.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Prevention of Family Violence Gabrielle Williams

"The Orange Door network ensures people experiencing family violence can get the co-ordinated support they need, when they need it, closer to home."

"We're getting on with delivering The Orange Door network to families of Brimbank Melton by the end of 2022."

Quote attributable to Member for St Albans Natalie Suleyman

"This Orange Door will make a real difference for women and families in the region – ensuring they can access the family violence and wellbeing support they need, when they need it – close to home."