

Media Release

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NEW CENTRE TO SUPPORT YOUNG FAMILIES IN MELTON

Shovels are in the ground to build a new community centre in Melton which will provide families in Melbourne's growing west with parenting support programs and facilities thanks to support from the Allan Labor Government.

Minister for Suburbs Sonya Kilkenny and the Member for Sydenham Natalie Hutchins visited Fraser Rise to celebrate the start of works on the Plumpton Community Centre and Neighbourhood House, jointly funded by the Labor Government and Melton City Council.

The new centre will provide families with three and four-year-old kindergarten services to support young families in the growing suburb.

Families will also have access to parenting support programs, playgroups, breastfeeding support, immunisations and a range of community programs and activities.

The Labor Government have contributed \$10.5 million to building Plumpton Community Centre and Neighbourhood House through the Growing Suburbs Fund and Building Blocks Infrastructure Program.

The Growing Suburbs Fund represents a \$440 million Labor Government investment over 10 years and to date has provided more than \$1.3 billion of critical local infrastructure in our fastest-growing suburbs.

Find out more about the Growing Suburbs Fund at localgovernment.vic.gov.au/grants/growing-suburbs-fund.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Suburbs Sonya Kilkenny

"Works are now underway to build the Plumpton Community Centre and Neighbourhood House, these facilities will play an important role for this fast-growing and vibrant community."

"We're investing in these growing suburbs, to ensure they remain great places to call home, where communities can thrive."

Quote attributable to Minister for Children Lizzie Blandthorn

"We want every Victorian family to have access to quality facilities close to home – this centre in Melton will be a great way for parents and children to make friends and establish support networks in their local communities."

Quote attributable to Member for Sydenham Natalie Hutchins

"From kindy and playgroups to parenting support programs and breastfeeding support – this project will be a fantastic asset for our community, providing all kinds of programs and facilities that will help families to thrive."