

# Media Release

**The Hon Lizzie Blandthorn MP**  
Deputy Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council  
Minister for Children  
Minister for Disability



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## **300<sup>TH</sup> CHANGING PLACES FACILITY OFFICIALLY OPENS IN VICTORIA**

Victorians with disability and their carers will benefit from the newest Changing Places facility now open in Ringwood – the 300th to be built Australia.

Minister for Disability Lizzie Blandthorn officially opened the new facility at Jubilee Park in Ringwood this week.

Victoria leads the charge in making Australia a more accessible place, with 135 out of 300 Changing Places nationally located in Victoria.

Changing Places are larger than standard accessible toilets with extra features, such as a tracking hoist and additional space for two or more carers to support a person with high support needs to use a bathroom safely and with dignity.

The *Victorian Budget 2022/23* allocated \$2.5 million to provide grants for local councils and not-for-profit organisations to build Changing Places across the state.

This is on top of the \$11.4 million that the Labor Government has invested in Changing Places initiatives since 2015, building facilities across metropolitan, rural and regional Victoria.

Maroondah City Council received \$180,000 in funding to build the Changing Places facility at Jubilee Park.

Learn more about Changing Places and find facilities located across Victoria at [changingplaces.org.au](https://changingplaces.org.au).

### **Quote attributable to Minister for Disability Lizzie Blandthorn**

*“Accessible facilities are essential to creating an inclusive community for all Victorians and visitors, and we’re proud to support the establishment of another Changing Places site.”*

### **Quote attributable to Member for North-Eastern Metropolitan Region Shaun Leane**

*“Changing Places enables the local community to access our parks and outdoor areas in a safe and comfortable way, and I’m glad to see another one opening in Ringwood.”*

### **Quote attributable to Maroondah City Council Community Access and Inclusion Facilitator Jack Mulholland**

*“It’s exciting to see that with the addition of the Changing Facility at Jubilee Park in Maroondah, we now have 300 facilities across Australia – it’s come a long way from the very first one at Ringwood Lake in 2014 and we hope to see a lot more.”*