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NEW SHORT STAY UNIT OPENS AT FRANKSTON HOSPITAL

The Allan Labor Government is getting on with delivering world-class healthcare for Melbourne's south-east, with the new 13-bed short stay unit at the massive \$1.1 billion Frankston Hospital redevelopment now complete.

Located in the emergency department, the new short stay unit will cater for patients requiring treatment and monitoring for less than 24 hours – easing pressure on hardworking staff by assisting with patient flow and reducing patient wait times.

Completion of the short stay unit now paves the way for the emergency department expansion to progress which includes a new dedicated paediatric zone and a mental health and alcohol and other drugs (AOD) hub.

The new mental health and AOD hub will mean people presenting with mental health issues can be fast-tracked to specialist and dedicated care, providing access to the right support sooner and easing pressure on the main emergency department.

In addition to the expanded emergency department, the redevelopment will deliver 12 levels of clinical services, 130 more beds, a rooftop helipad, new spaces for mental health and oncology services and 15 new operating theatres.

With more families choosing to make Frankston home, it will also deliver expanded women's and children's services including a new maternity, obstetrics and paediatric wards, a women's clinic and a special care nursery.

Once complete, the Frankston Hospital will have capacity to treat approximately 35,000 more patients each year – cutting wait times and reducing pressure on surrounding hospitals.

Overseen by the Victorian Health Building Authority in partnership with Peninsula Health and the Exemplar Health consortium, main works on Frankston Hospital are expected to be complete in late 2025.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Health Infrastructure Mary-Anne Thomas

"The new short stay unit paves the way for a bigger and better emergency department at Frankston Hospital to support 35,000 more people every year."

"The redevelopment project will be a gamechanger for locals with expanded women's and children's services and will help to cut wait times for care – getting people home sooner."

Quotes attributable to Member for Frankston Paul Edbrooke

"The new short stay unit is supporting our massive redevelopment of Frankston Hospital and it's fantastic to see it complete and ready to welcome patients."

This project will be a gamechanger for the south east community with 130 more beds and 15 new operating theatres that will cut wait times and ease pressure on other hospitals."