

# Media Release

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## STRENGTHENING LEADERSHIP ACROSS VICTORIA'S HEALTH SYSTEM

Victorians are being asked to consider how their leadership and financial skills, as well as local knowledge and lived experience, could benefit Victoria's world class healthcare system.

Minister for Health Mary-Anne Thomas today urged Victorians from diverse backgrounds and careers, particularly those with an interest in public health systems and expertise in finance and health governance, to apply to join health service boards.

Successful applicants will play a critical role in helping to deliver timely, efficient and sustainable world-class care to their communities, with applications now open for a range of positions across Victorian hospitals.

Positions include directors and chairs at some of Victoria's largest health services, as well as Ambulance Victoria and Healthshare Victoria.

Board chairs and directors play an important role in delivering on the Allan Labor Government's vision for a more reliable health system and a robust workforce to deliver Victorians the care they need – no matter where they live.

The Labor Government has delivered record funding to health services and significantly reformed the way they're funded, amid ever-increasing demand and rising costs.

Hospitals Victoria, a new division within the Department of Health, has also been recently established to help hospitals to achieve sustainable budgets, while also meeting the needs of Victorians and finding new and innovative ways to tackle cost growth.

Boards are responsible for setting the organisation's strategic goals, aligning with the direction of the broader health system, setting up systems to monitor performance and ensuring the organisation is operating in a safe, effective and sustainable manner.

Applications are now open and close on Sunday, 24 November, with successful candidates appointed by the Minister for Health – each position will commence on 1 July 2025 and will carry a term of up to three-years.

For more information or to apply, please visit [health.vic.gov.au/board-applications#board-position-descriptions](https://health.vic.gov.au/board-applications#board-position-descriptions).

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Health Mary-Anne Thomas

*"We are eager to see applicants who reflect the communities they will serve – helping us to improve the health outcomes of all Victorians by working with people who bring different perspectives to the table."*

*"We are investing more than ever into our world-class health system and reforming how we deliver care – that's why it's so important we have board members who offer a diverse range of ideas, perspectives and skills."*