

# Media Release

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## STATE-OF-THE-ART AMBULANCE STATION OPENS IN EPPING

The Allan Labor Government has delivered a new state-of-the-art ambulance station in Epping to give local paramedics the safe and modern facilities to do what they do best – save lives in their community.

Parliamentary Secretary for Infrastructure Delivery Josh Bull and Member for Mill Park Lily D’Ambrosio attended the opening of the new station on Friday alongside local paramedics.

The two-storey, 24-hour ambulance branch features a five-bay ambulance garage, six rest and recline areas, training facilities, a fully equipped kitchen and improved security and car parking. The larger space will serve the fast-growing communities such as Donnybrook, Wollert and Epping North.

The project involved the demolition and reconstruction of the ambulance station at 73 McDonalds Road, a location with convenient access to major roads, schools, shopping centres, community facilities and the Northern Hospital.

The new Epping station is part of the Labor Government’s ongoing support of Ambulance Victoria infrastructure, with \$279 million invested since 2015 to deliver 50 ambulance stations, providing better conditions for paramedics and ensuring lifesaving care is available for all Victorians.

It’s one of more than 40 stations completed in Victoria in the past nine years, with further sites in the works including at Maribyrnong, Bentleigh East, Melton and Exford.

The *Victorian Budget 2023/24* provided more than \$200 million to improve access to emergency care, with an additional \$46 million investment going towards training mobile intensive care ambulance paramedics, getting 25 specialist paramedic practitioners on the road and supporting the new Centre for Excellence in Paramedicine.

To help paramedics meet demand and respond to the most time-critical patients, a further \$108 million from this year’s state budget is supporting services such as the Secondary Triage Service and the Medium Acuity Transport Service.

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Ambulance Services Mary-Anne Thomas

*“Our dedicated paramedics are on the front line of emergency care so it is crucial we provide them with the modern, safe facilities they need to do their lifesaving work.”*

*“This new station reflects our commitment to the health and wellbeing of all Victorians as we continue to strengthen emergency services across the state.”*

### Quotes attributable to Parliamentary Secretary for Infrastructure Delivery Josh Bull

*“As our communities in Melbourne’s north continue to grow, it is vital that our emergency services grow with them.”*

*“This world-class ambulance branch means our paramedics will be able to respond swiftly to all emergencies and give local residents the confidence that help is always nearby.”*

### Quotes attributable to Member for Mill Park Lily D’Ambrosio

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*“This new station enhances safety and working conditions for our paramedics so that they can continue to provide lifesaving care to the community in Melbourne’s north.”*