

Media Release

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DELIVERING CAMPERDOWN LOCALS THE AGED CARE THEY DESERVE

The Allan Labor Government is giving older Victorians in the South West better access to the high-quality care they need and deserve, with the brand-new aged care facility in Camperdown nearing completion.

Minister for Health Infrastructure Melissa Horne visited the busy construction site of the \$39.6 million project to check out how construction is progressing.

The new aged care facility in Camperdown will feature 36 bed modern single rooms and private ensuite bathrooms, a dedicated kitchen, dining, lounge and break-out sitting areas for residents to stay connected with each other as well as loved ones.

To make the most of the surrounding natural environment, the facility will also ensure residents have open area views and an abundance of natural light, acknowledging the positive impact of green spaces and fresh air for their physical and mental wellbeing, as well as increasing social interaction.

It will also provide a dementia-friendly environment that is better suited to supporting the mental health and complex care needs of older locals.

The dementia-friendly design focus means residents can 'age in place' which is particularly important in regional areas like Camperdown – giving residents the opportunity to remain close to their support networks and maintain family and community connections as their care needs increase.

The project is being delivered by the Victorian Health Building Authority in partnership with South West Healthcare and builder A W Nicholson and is on track to be completed in the coming months.

The Camperdown aged care facility project is being delivered under the *Rural and Regional Public Sector Residential Aged Care Services Revitalisation Strategy* to modernise ageing facilities which are home to some of our most vulnerable older Victorians.

Quote attributable to Minister for Health Infrastructure Melissa Horne

"We're ensuring that older Victorians living in communities like Camperdown can access high-quality public aged care, when they need it, closer to their loved ones."

Quote attributable to Minister for Ageing Ingrid Stitt

"This new 36-bed facility provides the opportunity for residents to enjoy a home-like setting that promotes dignity, privacy, and independence and will enable staff to continue to provide high-quality care and support."

Quote attributable to Member for Western Victoria Gayle Tierney

"This is a fantastic investment for the health and wellbeing of older locals – this new, state-of-the-art facility will ensure they can age with the dignity and respect they deserve, while staying close to their own community."