

Media Release

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IMPROVING SURGICAL WAIT TIMES AT MOORABBIN HOSPITAL

The Allan Labor Government is delivering more surgery to locals in Melbourne's south-east, with construction complete on upgraded operating theatres at Monash Health's Moorabbin Hospital.

Minister for Health Infrastructure Melissa Horne and Member for Bentleigh Nick Staikos today toured the \$4.3 million upgrade to operating theatre suites, meeting with the dedicated health professionals who are providing world-class surgical care to patients.

The operating theatre refurbishment is delivering a safer surgical environment for patients and staff, ensuring our hard-working health professionals can continue to deliver high-quality surgical care while helping to reduce surgical wait times for patients.

The project also delivered important infection control and prevention measures for day ward surgical theatre operating suites, replacing surfaces and adding critical barrier protection and automating doorways.

The Moorabbin Hospital is now a safer and more comfortable place work for our vitally important health professionals, with upgrades to fire sprinklers, storage areas, and staff amenities now completed.

The project was funded through the Metropolitan Health Infrastructure Fund (MHIF) – which has provided more than \$15 million to Monash Health over the past four years – and delivered by the Victorian Health Building Authority, with Monash Health and Ducon Building Solutions.

Established by the Labor Government in 2020, MHIF is now worth more than \$265 million and has funded 110 projects across metropolitan Melbourne to date.

MHIF provides funding for construction, remodeling, replacement and refurbishment projects, equipment, information and communication technology and other vital upgrade works to expand capacity, improve patient amenity, and enhance safety and infection prevention and control measures.

Funding also enables health services and agencies to adopt new technologies and deliver contemporary models of care, improving the quality and safety of care for patients and staff.

Quote attributable to Minister for Health Infrastructure Melissa Horne

"We're providing our dedicated surgical staff with safer, modern surgical suites so they can continue to focus on what they do best – delivering world-class care to Victorians."

Quote attributable to Minister for Health Mary-Anne Thomas

"No matter which corner of the state, we're delivering improvements to hospitals like Moorabbin, making sure all Victorians can get the care they need, when they need it."

Quote attributable to Member for Bentleigh Nick Staikos

"The improved operating theatres at Moorabbin Hospital will speed up surgical wait times for locals in the community, meaning people can get the care they need, sooner."

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