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NEW PAKENHAM COMMUNITY HOSPITAL ANOTHER STEP CLOSER

The Allan Labor Government is delivering more high-quality public health care to families in Melbourne's growing south eastern suburbs, with major construction now underway on the new Pakenham Community Hospital.

Minister for Health Infrastructure Melissa Horne was joined today by Member for Pakenham Emma Vulin to see the works underway, including the recently poured concrete slabs and footings.

The new Pakenham Community Hospital is being built at 5 Drake Place and will be operated by Monash Health and will include two levels of clinical spaces for services including allied health and rehabilitation, pathology and imaging, public dental, chemotherapy, dialysis and urgent care.

Designs revealed in February show the new public hospital has been carefully designed to create safe and comfortable environments for staff, patients and families.

As part of these works, a main parking precinct is being built to the west of John Street and to the south of the Pakenham Place Shopping Centre – ensuring locals can easily access more health care, when they need it, close to home.

Once complete, the new service will help alleviate pressure on nearby emergency departments and major hospitals, delivering important care and treatment for minor injuries or illnesses.

It will also provide strong links to specialists, community health providers and social support services – improving follow-up treatment and support for those requiring complex care.

Delivered by the Victorian Health Building Authority in partnership with Monash Health, and builder Lendlease, the Pakenham Community Hospital is part of a more than \$800 million dollar package build community hospitals in major growth areas and is on track to be completed in 2026.

Quote attributable to Minister for Health Infrastructure Melissa Horne

"Pakenham is a growing community, with more families choosing to live and work in the area – having access to a brand-new community hospital will mean locals can get the everyday care they need on their doorstep."

Quote attributable to Minister for Health Mary-Anne Thomas

"The new Pakenham Community Hospital will take pressure off nearby major hospitals and ensure locals have access to the urgent care they need, closer to home."

Quote attributable to Member for Pakenham Emma Vulin

"The Pakenham Community Hospital will be a gamechanger for my local community, providing better healthcare, closer to home."