

VICTORIAN STATE BUDGET 2021-22



MENTAL HEALTH

- \$3.8 billion towards the decade long reform to build a new mental health system.
- \$41 million to expand Victoria's lived experience workforce.
- \$93 million to provide dedicated support for families and carers.
 - > \$54.5 million for eight family and carer led centres across the state by end of 2022.
 - Personalised help to connect to the right services.
 - Practical assistance: e.g. short-term respite, peer support groups.
 - > \$9 million with additional supports for parents who have a child with mental health concerns, including new online parenting programs and dedicated group-based parenting sessions.
 - > \$23.4 million to co-design and expand the range of support across Victoria for young carers, including funding for Satellite House and the Families where a Parent has a Mental Illness program (FaPMI).

LGBTIQA+ COMMUNITIES

- \$6.4 million for Switchboard's Rainbow Door, a free specialist LGBTIQA+ helpline providing information, support and referrals to LGBTIQA+ Victorians, their families and friends.
- \$2.4 million for Victoria's Healthy Equal Youth project – supporting the health and wellbeing of young LGBTIQA+ Victorians.

EDUCATION/MENTAL HEALTH

- \$218 million for mental health reform in education.
 - > School Mental Health Fund.
 - to be rolled out to rural and regional schools from Term 3 2022 and metropolitan schools by 2024.
 - Schools can draw on a range of evidence-based approaches to support students.
 - Funds can be used to engage more mental health and wellbeing staff.
 - Funding is also provided to improve supports available to young carers and referral pathways through the mental health and wellbeing, and education systems.
 - > Mental Health in Primary Schools pilot will be expanded to 100 schools, each of these schools will have a Mental Health and Wellbeing Coordinator.

FINANCIAL SUPPORTS

- \$14.6 million in Good Money hubs, including an expansion into phone-based and digital services. The enhanced Good Money service is expected to deliver 11,500 no-interest loans over four years, helping around 25,000 Victorians with a low-income.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLES

- \$48 million for the Yoo-rook Justice Commission. This is an Australian-first truth-telling inquiry into the wrongs committed against Aboriginal people after white settlement in Victoria. The commission's final report is due in three years. An interim report is expected to be made in the middle of next year.

EDUCATION

- \$383.8 million investment in skills, training and higher education.
 - > The \$85.9 million Victorian Skills Authority (VSA) will ensure all Victorians can access the training they need to find a good, secure job.
 - > An investment of \$88.8 million will provide subsidised VET to eligible students.
 - Asylum Seeker VET program.
 - 12,200 training places, 7,400 which are in TAFEs.
 - > The Labor Government will also ensure TAFEs and training providers are properly funded to deliver high quality training with a \$99.2 million boost to funding rates.
 - > \$72.4 million to upgrade TAFE Campuses.
 - > \$12 million will make sure our TAFEs have the modern equipment and tools.
 - > \$14.9 million means support for placement officers to better coordinate mandatory practical placements.
 - > Funding of \$6.2 million will increase places for pre-accredited digital literacy and employability training courses.
- \$167.1 million for the roll-out of three-year-old kinder which started in 2020, it will be expanded in 2021 and will be Victoria wide in 2022. Initially five hours per week it will expand to 15 hours per week by 2029.

FAMILY VIOLENCE

- \$354 million to continue implementation of all 227 recommendations from the Royal Commission into Family Violence.
- \$3.2 million to support gender equality programs that support women's financial security, particularly women from migrant and refugee backgrounds.

HOUSING

- \$193 million to support people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.
 - > \$110 million for the Private Rental Assistance Program.

EMERGENCY MEDICINE

- "More than \$759 million in funding for more paramedics, more triage care and support staff for Ambulance Victoria, as well as targeted funding to improve flow in our busy emergency departments. The investment will also support the opening of new beds in health services across the state, supported by Victoria's hardworking healthcare workforce."

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY

- \$2.5 million to deliver more fully accessible public toilets known as Changing Places, on top of the 33 already funded.
- \$1.7 million boost in disability advocacy funding.
- \$6.1 million for the continuation of Disability Liaison Officers in hospital networks.
- Allocation of \$1.4 million in accessible communications within the Emergency Response portfolio.
- \$20 million over two years for the Disability Worker Regulation Scheme.
- *Victorian State Disability Plan* will be launched in December.

AGED CARE

- "Nearly \$29 million will be invested to support nurse-to-resident ratios in our public sector residential aged care, ensuring older Victorians in state-run facilities are properly supported and cared for."