

Media release

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WORKS BEGIN ON KYNETON'S NEW HEALTHCARE HUB

Construction of the Andrews Labor Government's modern one-stop-shop for community health and family services in Kyneton has begun.

Member for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas yesterday turned the first sod to mark the start of construction works for Cobaw Community Health Services' new Healthy Community Access Hub, next door to Kyneton District Hospital.

The hub was made possible with nearly \$10 million from the Labor Government's flagship Regional Health Infrastructure Fund.

Once finished, Kyneton families will get easier access to a wide range of vital community health services they need under one roof, and closer to home.

The hub will bring together primary health and community health services, private practitioners and counsellors at one convenient site, and will feature a significant increase in tailored consulting rooms.

With bigger, better and safer facilities, Cobaw Community Health Services will have the capacity to meet increasing demand.

The facility will support community and primary health professionals to work together delivering better health outcomes for patients.

The contemporary building has been designed to reflect the natural environment of the Macedon and Cobaw Ranges. Construction is expected to be completed in mid-2020.

The Labor Government's \$250 million Regional Health Infrastructure Fund is the largest of its kind in Victorian history. It is rebuilding regional and rural hospitals to ensure Victorians can access the high-quality care and facilities they need, no matter where they live.

The Labor Government has also committed to boosting the Regional Health Infrastructure Fund by a further \$100 million.

Quotes attributable to Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas:

"This one-stop-shop will ensure local services are better linked-up, more efficient, and easier to access. That means better, safer care for Kyneton families – and more services to meet future demand."

"The staff here at Cobaw do a remarkable job. We're helping them keep locals healthy with modern facilities that they deserve. The convenience of this new hub will make life easier for local families and health professionals alike."

Quotes attributable to CEO of Cobaw Community Health, Margaret McDonald:

"The extra space and more modern facilities that this building will deliver will help meet the future health and wellbeing needs of the community for many years to come."

“Today marks an important milestone after months of securing the best location for this new community infrastructure and over a year in the planning and design.”