



Media release

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Work begins on \$250 million Monash Children's Hospital, creating more than 700 jobs

- **Construction begins on new Monash Children's Hospital in Clayton, creating more than 700 construction-related jobs**
- **Delivering world-leading paediatric care to young Victorians**
- **Victorian Coalition Government is building a healthier Victoria with more than \$4.5 billion of capital investment in health services across the state**

Premier Denis Napthine today joined Minister for Health David Davis and Minister for Mental Health Mary Wooldridge in Clayton to mark the start of major construction works on the new \$250 million Monash Children's Hospital.

"This \$250 million Monash Children's Hospital in Clayton is part of our commitment to build a healthier south east region, and a healthier Victoria," Dr Napthine said.

"Construction of the four-level hospital is expected to be completed by late 2016, and will generate more than 700 construction-related jobs."

As a part of Monash Health, Victoria's largest healthcare service, the current Monash Children's Hospital provides a network of paediatric services across Monash Medical Centre, Dandenong Hospital and Casey Hospital to about a third of all children in Victoria.

"Once complete, this new purpose-built hospital will ensure more young patients are able to access world leading paediatric care, close to home, now and into the future," Dr Napthine said.

"Importantly, Monash Health will be able to deliver services in a modern, family-friendly environment that will make a real difference to improving health outcomes for children."

Dr Napthine said the 230-bed project would provide greater capacity to care for children in south east Melbourne, Gippsland and the Mornington Peninsula and would be one of only two tertiary paediatric facilities for Victorian children and their families.

"With 27 consulting rooms, Monash Health will deliver an extra 60,000 outpatient treatments for children per year and is the only hospital in Victoria that will provide foetal surgery and treatment for cardiac rhythm disturbances," Dr Napthine said.

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“Victorian neonatal care capacity will increase with an additional four cots, alongside 32 extra inpatient beds for children.”

The new hospital will also feature three dedicated children’s operating theatres and a children’s procedure room, as well as medical imaging facilities.

Once completed, the hospital will include:

- 96 paediatric beds;
- 12 children’s cancer day beds;
- 20 same day beds;
- 10 paediatric intensive care beds;
- 30 neonatal intensive care cots; and
- 28 beds providing special mental health services for children and adolescents.

The project will also support and enhance the high quality research, education and training taking place at Monash Health.

Minister for Health David Davis said that construction company Lend Lease Buildings, which will build the new hospital, had a proven track record in building state-of-the-art hospitals, with construction almost complete on the \$447.5 million Box Hill Hospital redevelopment.

“The Government secured a good value for money deal at Box Hill, and will work with Lend Lease to get the same at the Monash Children’s Hospital.

“The new Monash Children’s Hospital is being built on the northern precinct of the Monash Medical Centre Clayton campus with important links to the main hospital,” Mr Davis said.

Mr Davis said the Napthine Government was building a healthier Victoria, with more than \$4.5 billion of capital investment in health services across the state, including the \$250 million Monash Children’s Hospital.

“We have also significantly boosted funding for Monash Health, with its funding increased to \$1.03 billion in 2013-14, which is \$201 million more than in 2009-10,” Mr Davis said.

Minister for Mental Health Mary Wooldridge said the child neuro-developmental psychiatric unit will be an 8 bed unit for children under 12 years.

“The new beds will be the first of their kind in Australia and provide world’s best practice care for children with severe emotional, social and psychological difficulties and severe behaviour disturbance”, Ms Wooldridge said.

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