

Victorian Budget 23/24FY



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DELIVERING FOR THE WEST

That's another State Budget delivered, and it's clear to see the Andrews Labor Government is getting on with delivering its promises, and investing in the things that matter most to our community here in Melbourne's West.

This includes:

- ✓ *Bringing back the State Electricity Commission to put energy back into the hands of all Victorians, while driving down the cost of energy for households.*
- ✓ *Continued investment in training and infrastructure to roll out free three & four year old kinder - to give all of our kids the very best start in life.*
- ✓ *Making new skills easier to obtain by reforming The Education State, and expanding access to Free TAFE - to help prepare us for the jobs of the future, and those that are in demand today.*
- ✓ *Expanding the way we access health care, both physical and mental - to make services easier and cheaper to access.*

These are just some of the amazing things our Government is doing, and if you follow us on social media, we'll always keep you updated on progress and new announcements.

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New Scoreboard & Lighting Upgrades Mainview Reserve, Truganina - Funded



Congratulations Truganina Thunder Football Club and Truganina Cricket Club!



The Education State

A world class education is what every child deserves - and it doesn't need to stop when you turn 18.

From early learning to TAFE, and all the years in between, The Education State has got you covered.

Building 50 New Childcare Centres



And fast-tracking one at Sunshine Primary School!

Smile Squad Expansion

The school dental program (Smile Squad) will expand to low-fee non-government primary and secondary schools commencing in the 2026 calendar year.

Under Smile Squad, teams visit schools annually to provide dental check-ups and oral health education, with treatment offered to students free of charge.

Transforming Specialist Schools

A \$235 million package to help students living with disability, their carers and their families is being delivered - to help make the system easier to navigate.

This includes \$122 million to support one of the biggest challenges for families of children with disability – out-of-hours care.

Expanding Free TAFE To Every Victorian

Previous eligibility criteria has been removed - so if you already have a VET qualification or a university degree, you can access Free TAFE.

You can also now do more than one course within the same occupational pathway.

For example, you can do a Certificate III, Certificate IV and Diploma within the same pathway without paying tuition fees.

Check out the more than 70 courses:

www.vic.gov.au/free-tafe



New 2023 Free TAFE courses include:

- Diploma of Auslan*
- Diploma of Interpreting (Auslan)*
- Advanced Diploma of Interpreting (Auslan)*
- Certificate III in Production Horticulture*
- Diploma of Emergency Health Care*
- Graduate Certificate in Client Assessment and Case Management*

New short courses also include:

- Agricultural Chemical Skill Set*
- Hybrid Electric Vehicle Inspection and Servicing Skill Set*
- Battery Electric Vehicle Diagnose and Repair Skill Set*
- Battery Electric Vehicle Inspection and Servicing Skill Set*
- Mental Health Co-existing Needs Skill Set*
- Mental Health Peer Work Skill Set*



Get the skills you need to land a job that's in demand

Truganina North Education Precinct

New Principals have been announced, and construction powering ahead at Truganina North Education Precinct opening to students for Term 1, 2024.

Truganina North Primary School

Principal Joanna Stanford
20 Hercules Drive, Truganina - 650 Students

Truganina North Secondary School

Principal Joanne Camozzato
30 Everton Road, Truganina (Junior Campus) - 600 Students
805 Morris Road, Truganina (Senior Campus) - 800 Students

Truganina North Primary School Kindergarten

Being built on site, this will help children with a smooth transition to school, and help parents avoid the dreaded double drop-off.



Enrolments Are Now Open For Term 1, 2024!

Truganina North Primary School - Years P to 6

For more info contact vsba@education.vic.gov.au

Truganina North Secondary School - Years 7 & 10

For more info contact Joanne.Camozzato@education.vic.gov.au or vsba@education.vic.gov.au



Best Start, Best Life: Best Kinders for Our Kids

Two years of free early education for three and four year olds is about giving our kids the best education from the earliest age.

New and expanded centres are being built right across the West - including alongside every new public primary school.

Every child starting three-year-old kinder also receives a kinder kit with educational items like books and games to support their learning.

By 2032, four-year-old kinder will also transition to become Pre-Prep, providing 30 hours per week of play-based learning.

These are fantastic investments that will benefit kids for the rest of their lives.



Wins For Women

20 WOMEN'S HEALTH CLINICS

A one-stop shop for women needing treatment or advice on issues from contraception to pelvic pain.

Including at: Sunshine Hospital, Footscray Hospital & Werribee Mercy!

EXPANDED PUBLIC FERTILITY SERVICES CARE

Provided to extend and expand public fertility care services to deliver more treatment cycles every year.

FREE PADS & TAMPONS IN PUBLIC PLACES

1,500 sanitary dispenser machines with free pads and tampons will be installed in up to 700 public sites.

Including at: Courts, TAFEs, Libraries, Train Stations & Cultural Institutions e.g. State Library & Museum



Pictured:
Sarah Connolly MP at Baitul Makmur Mosque Laverton

Care Made Easier



Affordable Pharmacist Care

Coming Soon

Waiting for a doctor's appointment for straightforward issues like a quick travel vaccine, or to renew your pill can be stressful - so a pilot to get advice and treatment for these simple things will start in October.

Pharmacists will be able to treat minor skin conditions, provide medicine for uncomplicated UTIs, and renew scripts for some medications such as the contraceptive pill - making access to basic health care a bit faster and cheaper.

**RENEW THESE
AT THE PHARMACY**



Mental Health & Wellbeing Locals

Our mental health is just as important as our physical health - which is why these services are here to revolutionise the way we receive treatment, care and support.

Locals are the flag ship new 'front door' to a transformed system, so anyone aged 26 years and older can walk in and get the help they need - no referral or appointment required.

Because we all need support sometimes.

The Brimbank Mental Health and Wellbeing Local is one of the first six to open - and is operated by cohealth at 45 Dickson St, Sunshine. Another is set to open in Wyndham, and one in Footscray by the end of 2026.

What is a Paramedic Practitioner?

Paramedic Practitioners are ambos with a Master's Degree in advanced clinical training who can provide urgent care on site.

For many patients, this can eliminate the need for a trip to the hospital.

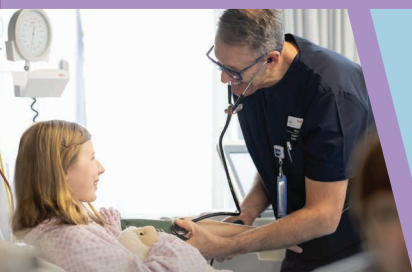
It's an incredibly important role, and paramedics who want to become Paramedic Practitioners can now do the training, free of charge.



More Support For Our Nurses & Midwives

Free to study nursing, and enshrined nurse-to-patient ratios support the nurses who care for us - and sign-on bonuses encourage new graduates to enter the public system.

Now, funding is also being provided to boost the number of nurses and midwives in resuscitation bays, maternity night shifts, intensive care units, high dependency units, coronary care units and aged care residential in-reach facilities - all to help make care a bit easier for all.



Cleaner & Greener

Bringing Back The SEC!

The State Electricity Commission (SEC) is back with a \$1 billion investment to deliver 4.5GW of power!

That's the equivalent of Loy Yang A being delivered through renewable energy.

Victoria is on track to meet our world-leading emissions reduction targets of 75-80% by 2035, and net zero by 2045.



And Energy Storage!

Big batteries and neighbourhood batteries provide crucial storage capacity for excess supply.

Meaning a secure, affordable supply of renewable energy is available at peak times.



Local Neighbourhood Batteries:

- ✓ Tarneit – Complete
- ✗ Wyndham – Coming Soon
- ✗ Maribyrnong – Coming Soon

Victoria's Big Batteries:

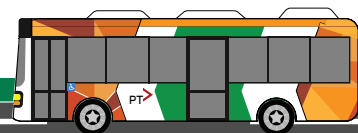
- ✓ 300MW Battery – Moorabool – Complete
- ✗ 150MW Battery – Hazelwood – Coming Soon
- ✗ 100MW Battery – Terang – Coming Soon
- ✗ 365MW x 4 Batteries – TBD – Coming Soon
- ✗ 125MW Battery – TBD – Coming Soon

Zero Emission Buses



*Clean, green public transport means hydrogen and electric buses!
You might have already seen them operating along routes in our community and across the West.*

All new buses on our public transport network will be zero emissions from 2025!



More Trees for a Cooler, Greener West

There have been 192,000 planted since this program started, and another 131,504 new trees now scheduled to be planted across the western suburbs by mid-2024 as part of the current round!



THE BIG BUILD CONTINUES

Level Crossings? Going, Going, Gone!

The removal of 70 level crossings is already complete - with several gone across our community and the program now a year ahead of schedule!

There are still more to go though - and Hopkins Road, Truganina is listed as up next on the chopping block.

The impacts of better traffic flow, safer transport, new train stations, and more community space are already so clear to see across the West.



Metro Tunnel - Connecting the West!

The Metro Tunnel will be a crucial connection for our community to an integrated transport network - and is on track to open in 2025 a year ahead of schedule to provide us with more services more often.

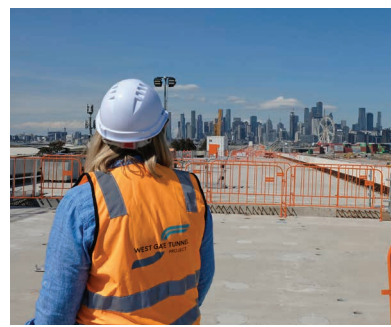
At the forefront of it's design is accessibility - with dedicated specialists and advocacy groups ensuring Metro Tunnel stations are accessible and inclusive, for equitable access to all.



West Gate Tunnel - The Second River Crossing!

Digging is done on the massive twin tunnels that will soon see us all get to where we need to go so much quicker. Slashed commute times, and dirty trucks off our suburban streets will benefit thousands of commuters and businesses here in the West.

This is an important piece of infrastructure for our community - and I'm so excited to see it open in 2025.



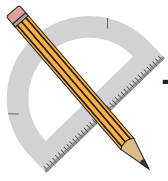
More VLocity Trains & Melton Line Upgrade

VLocity trains are bigger and better, with more being built to increase VLine services throughout our community and beyond to Geelong and Ballarat.

Upgrades will soon also be taking place along the Melton Line to cater for the longer nine car VLocity trains - including platform upgrades at Ardeer Station.



New & Upgraded Train Stations



Tarneit West Station
Construction Funded

Truganina Station
Planning Funded

Albion Station
Rebuild Funded



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HOW OUR OFFICES CAN ASSIST

As your local State Members, it is our responsibility to represent the needs and interests of the community in the Parliament of Victoria.

This includes the following sectors:

Schools, Hospitals, Emergency Services, Water, Public Transport and Roads.

Laverton District

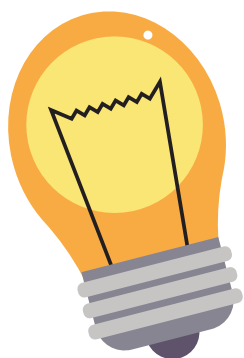
Laverton District is a Parliament of Victoria lower house/Legislative Assembly seat that includes the suburbs of Albion, parts of Ardeer, Braybrook, Laverton, Laverton North, Sunshine, Sunshine West, Truganina & Williams Landing.

Western Metropolitan Region

Western Metropolitan Region is a Parliament of Victoria upper house/Legislative Council seat covering 11 lower house seats including Footscray District, Kororoit District, Laverton District, Niddrie District, Point Cook District, St Albans District, Sunbury District, Sydenham District, Tarneit District, Werribee District & Williamstown District.

Our offices can assist by:

- Contacting a State Government Department or Minister on your behalf.
- Raising your concerns in Parliament.
- Assisting your community group and provide information about State Government grants.



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