

## ROADS & PUBLIC TRANSPORT



- ✔ We're upgrading Epping Road to help you get home safer and sooner. The Epping Road upgrade includes duplicating the road between Craigieburn Road East and Memorial Avenue to two lanes in each direction, slashing congestion and improving travel times for more than 27,000 drivers.

## PARKS & RECREATION

- ✔ We're investing \$500,000 towards the upgrade of Hillsview Soccer Pavilion to boost female participation. The pavilion upgrade will include delivering female-friendly change rooms and greater storage at Hillsview Recreation Reserve, creating new facilities for the community.
- ✔ We are investing \$500,000 to upgrade Hendersons Creek Wetlands Playground, with a grant to Whittlesea City Council for new facilities that local families can enjoy.
- ✔ \$800,000 to establish a new dog park in Wollert.

## FREE TAFE



Visit to Whittlesea Tech School seeing Mill Park Secondary students designing new Apps.

- ✔ The Andrews Labor Government has delivered the Childs Road Upgrade, providing our local community with better and safer journeys thanks to an extra lane in each direction between Beaumont Crescent and Prince of Wales Avenue, new traffic lights at Bowman Drive and a brand-new bridge over Darebin Creek.
- ✔ The Andrews Labor Government is increasing train services along the Mernda Line!
  - ✔ 35 extra services will be added every week, 25 will be at peak or shoulder peak times and 10 at other times giving passengers more travel options.
  - ✔ Mernda passengers will benefit from improved service reliability and a more consistent timetable throughout the day.
  - ✔ Early morning service layover times at Flinders Street will be reduced to two minutes, giving City Loop passengers a shorter journey.



- ✔ Expanding Free TAFE to over 80 courses and creating 10,000 more places to help more Victorians get the skills they need for the jobs they want.
- ✔ Broadening the eligibility criteria for Free TAFE to every Victorian, investing \$186 million to add more subsidised courses. It means all Victorians can study for in demand jobs whether you already have a higher qualification or not.

## COST OF LIVING

Current Victorian Government measures to support household budgets include:

- ✔ \$250 Power Saving Bonus for all households. Apply by August 31st via [compare.energy.vic.gov.au](http://compare.energy.vic.gov.au), or by visiting my office!



Street Stall with Andrew Giles MP at The Stables Shopping Centre.

- ✔ Free L's and P's.



- ✔ Free Rego for eligible apprentices from July 1st saving them \$876 a year.



- ✔ Sick Pay Guarantee: Five days sick pay for casual and contract workers in certain jobs.

**Lily D'Ambrosio MP**

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- ✔ Free school camps for students from disadvantaged and vulnerable backgrounds so they aren't held back from activities with their friends.
- ✔ Smile Squad for free dental treatment in all public schools for students who need it.



- ✔ Get Active Kids: Vouchers up to \$200 to help cover the costs of membership and registrations fees.



- ✔ You can now search Savings Finder on the Services Victoria app or website to find more than 60 ways you can save across energy, utilities, health, education, transport, recreation, leisure services and more.

A REMINDER

**\$250**  
**POWER SAVING BONUS** CLOSING AUGUST 31ST

At the Hawkstowe Picnic Area

# Northern News

WINTER 2023

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Winter Edition of Northern News – our Mill Park community newsletter.

This year the Andrews Labor Government has hit the ground running to deliver on its election commitments to do what matters.

It means fully funding critical projects and vital services in the most recent budget across climate action, health, early childhood education and transport.

At the same time, it means providing real support to help with the cost of living such as the \$250 Power-Saving Bonus, Solar Homes rebates program and free three and four-year-old kindergarten to help take some of the pressure off families.

I'll continue to advocate strongly for our community across Mill Park, South Morang, Wollert, and Epping, and if you need assistance or have any questions, please feel free to contact me via my office.

Warm regards,

**Lily D'Ambrosio MP**  
State Member for Mill Park

Representing the communities of **South Morang** and parts of **Mill Park, Epping** and **Wollert**

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**Lily D'Ambrosio MP** YOUR STATE LABOR MEMBER FOR MILL PARK

## BACKING PATIENTS & HEALTH WORKERS

### NORTHERN HOSPITAL

- ✔ With an investment of \$162.7 million, we increased the Northern Hospital's capacity by three 32-bed wards accommodating 96 acute inpatient beds, including a new ICU and three new operating theatres.
- ✔ An additional \$320 million investment into the Hospital Infrastructure Delivery Fund will help get work started on Stage 2 Upgrades to the Emergency Department. When completed, it will add up to 70 extra treatment spaces and a new tower for inpatients with more than 100 beds.
- ✔ The ED will also include dedicated waiting and treatment spaces for families as well as an alcohol and other drugs hub.
- ✔ The Northern Hospital will be equipped with a new PET scan machine, which will help find and monitor the spread of cancers, diagnose heart disease, brain disorders and other conditions.



Tour of Northern Health Emergency Department with the new Emergency Department Director Daniel Crompton.

### NEW GP-LED PRIORITY PRIMARY CARE CENTRE (PPCC)

- ✔ The Epping Priority Primary Care Centre in Epping Plaza is a place to go when you need care that can't wait, but not quite lights and sirens.
- ✔ It means you get taken care of faster, and hospitals can focus on the patients who need the most urgent care.
- ✔ This centre is part of our \$70 million investment to deliver this free service to all Victorians, with or without a Medicare card.



Visit to the new Epping PPCC.

### WOMEN'S HEALTH & WELLBEING

- ✔ Funding a new Women's Health Clinic at the Northern Hospital to treat women's specific health issues.
- ✔ Investing \$65 million to fund more laparoscopies for women who suffer from endometriosis.
- ✔ Investing \$86 million to help parents with their newborn babies with greater access to more free services.



- ✔ A new Orange Door family violence service in Pacific Epping Shopping Centre.
- ✔ Funding the supply of free sanitary items across hundreds of public sites across Victoria, including courts, TAFEs, libraries, and train stations.

## BETTER AMBULANCE SERVICES

- ✔ We want to make sure paramedics have the facilities and support they need to quickly respond to local emergencies and save lives. That's why we are investing \$46 million to train the next generation of paramedics, deploying specialist paramedic practitioners to provide urgent treatment faster training and an additional 40 Mobile Intensive Care Ambulance paramedics.



Visit to the construction site of the new McDonalds Road Ambulance Station.

- ✔ Building a new Ambulance Station at McDonalds Road, Epping.
- ✔ 631 paramedics recruited in 2022 - almost 2,200 extra since coming to government.
- ✔ Free training and study opportunities for 17,000 nurses and midwives.

### MENTAL HEALTH

- ✔ A new state-of-the-art mental health facility at Northern Hospital allowing an extra 655 Victorians to get the acute care they need each year. This facility was funded through the \$801 million Mental Health Beds Expansion Program.
- ✔ Mental Health and wellbeing programs in all state and low fee primary schools in Mill Park.
- ✔ Mental Health Professionals and tailored programs in all State Secondary Colleges in Mill Park.
- ✔ The Apprentice Mental Health Training program for apprentices. This includes support for apprentices at smaller employers to access employee assistance programs and for employers to improve their mental health and suicide prevention literacy.

- ✔ We have committed \$5.06 million to delivering the Whittlesea First Response Youth Service in South Morang in collaboration with the Hope Street Youth and Family Services. The site, based in South Morang, will include 12 bedrooms, including a family unit, emergency accommodation as well as assertive mobile outreach and intensive, holistic wrap-around case management.



Smoking Ceremony to mark the start of construction on the South Morang First Response Centre with Aunty Joy Murphy Wandin AO and CEO of Hope Street Donna Bennett.

### WHITTLESEA YOUTH HUB

- ✔ We are investing in the future and welfare of young people in our local community with a feasibility study for a Youth Hub in Whittlesea, in partnership with Whittlesea City Council.



Launch of Whittlesea Youth Hub feasibility study with Minister Natalie Suleyman and Bronwyn Halfpenny MP.

- ✔ Co-designed by the people who will use the Hub, this safe space will enable young people to forge connections, explore possibilities and thrive.
- ✔ The \$150,000 of funding for the feasibility will determine the location of the Youth Hub to best maximise the space to be suitable for young people and be accessible.
- ✔ This study is part of the Andrews Labor Government's five-year Youth Strategy 'Our promise, Your future' which will deliver upgrades and develop new youth hubs across outer metropolitan Melbourne.

## BEST START, BEST LIFE



Mill Park Environment Day Event celebration.

- ✔ We are investing \$1.8 billion for early childhood education.
- ✔ Free three and four-year-old kindergarten saving families up to \$2,500 per child.
- ✔ A new Kinder at Meadowglen Primary School in Epping with 66 places is now open.
- ✔ \$5,000 grant to every Kinder to purchase new toys and equipment to support play-based learning.
- ✔ An Early Parenting Centre in South Morang is under construction. Includes, 10 residential family units, four day-stay places, a kitchen and dining area, playrooms, outdoor play areas.
- ✔ Building 50 government owned and operated Early Learning Centres across the state.

### EDUCATION

- ✔ **Marymede Catholic College** - New Performing Arts Centre built with \$3.45 million of funding.
- ✔ **Mill Park Secondary College** - \$11.6 million upgrade and modernisation project under construction to create a new 400-seat performing arts centre for the school.
- ✔ **Wollert Secondary College** - New school opened in 2023 that shared in \$763.27 million in funding for land acquisition and construction.
- ✔ **Wollert Central Primary School** - A new primary school set to open in Wollert in 2025 as part of a \$2 billion investment in schools across Victoria.



Visit to The Stables Kindergarten.

## CLIMATE ACTION & ENVIRONMENT

### SEC

- ✔ We're bringing back the State Electricity Commission (SEC) and investing an initial \$1 billion in renewables.
- ✔ The SEC will help accelerate the work towards 95% renewables by 2035 and create 59,000 jobs for Victorians.
- ✔ Funding is provided for the establishment of two worker training centres for the emerging offshore and onshore wind industry, and the hydrogen industry.

### AN END TO NATIVE LOGGING

- ✔ Bringing forward our government's plan to end native logging to January 1, 2024, and creating the biggest expansion to our public forests in Victorian history.
- ✔ Providing an additional \$200 million in support for workers and their families to assist them in transitioning away from native timber logging.

### EMISSIONS REDUCTION

- ✔ We're setting one of the most ambitious emissions reduction targets in the world, cutting Victoria's emissions by 75-80 per cent by 2035.
- ✔ Victoria is decarbonising at the fastest rate in the country, cutting its emissions by more than any other state since 2014.
- ✔ More than 5,000 solar panel installations in Mill Park, saving households an average of \$1000 every year off power bills.

### BANNING UNWANTED TELEMARKETING CALLS FROM THE VICTORIAN ENERGY UPGRADES PROGRAM

- ✔ We are banning unwanted, annoying telemarketing calls in our Victorian Energy Upgrades Program.
- ✔ It will protect consumers, ensuring Victorians can make informed decisions as they upgrade their energy efficiency to cut their bills and their emissions.