

2024-25 Victorian State Budget

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

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Continuing to Support our Public Aged Care Services

2024-25 Budget

- **\$31.2 million** through Strengthening Public Sector Residential Aged Care
- **\$23.1 million** in the Home and Community Care Program for Younger People



Delivering quality aged care services



Lowest number of hospital bed days used by people awaiting residential aged care at **3,596 days** (Vic). Compared with **111,745** (NSW) and **113,251** (Qld)¹



All **171 PSRACs** are accredited



We are continuing to provide almost **1.5 million bed days** in 2023-24



Staffing rating is **4.4/5**, compared to national average of 2.7

¹ Productivity Commission 2024, *Report on Government Services: Aged Care Services*, <<https://www.pc.gov.au/ongoing/report-on-government-services/2024/community-services/aged-care-services>>

An artistic rendering of a modern, multi-story building with a light-colored brick facade and large glass windows. The building has a curved design and a prominent glass-enclosed atrium on the upper floors. The sky is blue with light clouds.

New and improved facilities

- Construction is underway for facilities in **Cheltenham, Rutherglen, Camperdown**
- In 2024-25 construction will start in **Mansfield, Orbost, Cohuna**
- Planning underway for facilities at **Maffra** District Hospital and **Numurkah** Hospital

- **\$16.8 million** invested to investigate the impact of Germicidal UV lights (GUV) in aged care.
- Research to reduce burden of flu & other respiratory diseases.

Supporting Seniors to Thrive

The 2023-24 State Budget provided \$6 million over four years



Lived experience of senior Victorians to inform work, including the Ageing Well Action Plan 2022-2026.



A new Senior Victorians Ministerial Advisory Committee will be established in 2024.

Seniors' card and Festivals Programs

- Over **1.3 million** Seniors Card holders and over **80,000** Seniors Business Discount Card holders
- 2023 Seniors Festival delivered **3,003 free and low-cost events** across the state to **128,286 attendees**
- **19 older Victorians** were recognised through the 2023 Victorian Senior of the Year Awards.



Thank you



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