



# Victorian Budget 2020/21

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## Funding Overview

The Andrews Labor Government's 2020-21 State Budget is investing an **\$461.5 million over 4 years in the Disability, Ageing & Carers portfolio.**

This will provide assistance for Victorians with a disability, essential services for older Victorians and critical support for carers, bringing to a total new investment of **\$1.3 billion** since the 2015-16 Budget.

This includes:

- **\$241.7 million** for out-of-scope NDIS services, the State Disability Plan & the Disability Worker Regulation Scheme
- **\$219.8 million** for rural and metropolitan residential aged care, clinical placements for aged care safe patient care, addressing social connections across generations and ensuring the response to elder abuse



## Funding boost to support Victorians with a disability

The Victorian Government contributes **\$2.5 billion** (plus indexation) to the National Disability Insurance Scheme each year.

In the 2020/21 State Budget, an additional **\$1.9 billion** is being invested to support Victorians with a disability, including nearly **\$1.6 billion** to transform support for students with disability in Victorian government schools – doubling the number of students receiving extra support in the classroom to 55,000 .



In addition, the Government will fund:

- A **\$223.3 million** package to provide services outside the scope of the National Disability Insurance Scheme
- A **\$11.7 million** package to further support the State Disability Plan 2021-2024, including **\$7.3 million** for autism assessment & diagnosis
- **\$6.7 million** to continue the Disability Worker Regulation Scheme

## NDIS out of scope services

The Andrews Labor Government will fund a **\$223.3 million** package to provide services outside the scope of the National Disability Insurance Scheme and meet commitments under the National Quality and Safeguarding Framework.

This includes:

- **\$41.9m** to fund the Home and Community Care Program for Younger People (HACC-PYP)
- **\$25m** to continue quality and safeguards for Victorians receiving services
- **\$15.1m** to meet demand for clinical assessments for people seeking to access the NDIS
- **\$13.6m** to support Young people in Residential Aged Care or receiving Home Care Packages
- **\$10.3m** for accommodation for children in state care
- **\$5.1m** to provide continuity of support for former residents of residential institutions
- **\$5.0m** to provide coordination supports for Victorians with complex needs





# Improving aged care facilities

As part of the *Victorian Budget 2020-21*, the Government is continuing to provide critical asset expenditure to modernise and upgrade Public Sector Residential Aged Care facilities. This includes:

- **\$134.6 million TEI** for the Public Sector Residential Age Care Services Metropolitan Melbourne: Stage 3 Kingston Project
- **\$10 million TEI** for the Rural Residential Aged Care Facilities Renewal Program 2020-21
- **\$0.9 million** for planning and design of Melbourne Public Sector Residential Aged Care Services Strategy: Stage 4 Coburg Project



# Ageing and Carers

The Andrews Labor Government is also providing more than **\$78.9 million** to fund assistance programs and essential services for older Victorians and carers.

This includes:

- **\$40 million** for a new aged care student placements training program for nurses and personal care workers – if the Commonwealth introduces minimum mandated staffing ratios
- **\$27.6 million** for the future provision of public sector residential aged care to ensure PSRACS meet nursing/resident ratios and continue to deliver the best quality quality care
- **\$6.7 million** to strengthen social connections across generations and to address elder abuse
- **\$4.6 million** to support career pathways into employment for unpaid carers



## Continuing COVID-19 supports

The Government's COVID-19 inclusion measures to support the portfolio including maintaining social connections and wellbeing for vulnerable cohorts include:

- **\$48 million** in supports for Victorians with a disability, including **\$7.5m** to jointly fund the \$15m *Disability Mobility Reduction Payment Initiative* with the Commonwealth, disability liaison officers in hospitals, the Call-to-test service, support for advocacy and **\$2.9m** for infection control training for disability service providers
- A **\$9.8 million** Wellbeing Package to further reduce healthcare worker infections and increase access to support, and develop of a healthcare worker wellbeing centre.
- **\$5 million** for the new Community Food Relief Fund, as part of **\$18.7 million** in support for food relief activities across 19/20 and 20/21.
- **\$4.4 million** to continue the Community Activation and Social Isolation (CASI) initiative, bringing the total investment in CASI from the start of the pandemic to \$11.8 Million. The Seniors festival was expanded and included radio programs.
- **\$0.8 million** for the *weVolunteer* portal
- **\$50 million** to for maintenance and upgrades of PSRACS and state-owned Specialist Disability Accommodation as part of the COVID economic recovery package

Consultation for a **new State Disability Plan** recommenced on December 3 2020, *International Day of People with Disability*, after pausing due to COVID-19.