



Victorian Budget 2019-20

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Record health investment

The Andrews Labor Government 2019-20 Budget is investing **\$5 billion in health services, programs and agencies** to ensure all Victorians have access to world-class health care no matter their age or where they live.

- **\$3.2 billion in output funding** delivering on a range of key initiatives including record funding to run our hospitals, free dental care for children attending government schools and new supports for parents.
- **\$1.8 billion in asset funding** including a major investment in building hospitals and other health infrastructure.



Better outcomes for patients

In addition to election commitments, this Government's **\$3.2 billion** output funding investment supports major deliverables, including:

A record **\$2.3 billion** to meet demand and run our hospitals

An extra **\$71.9 million** to provide palliative care support

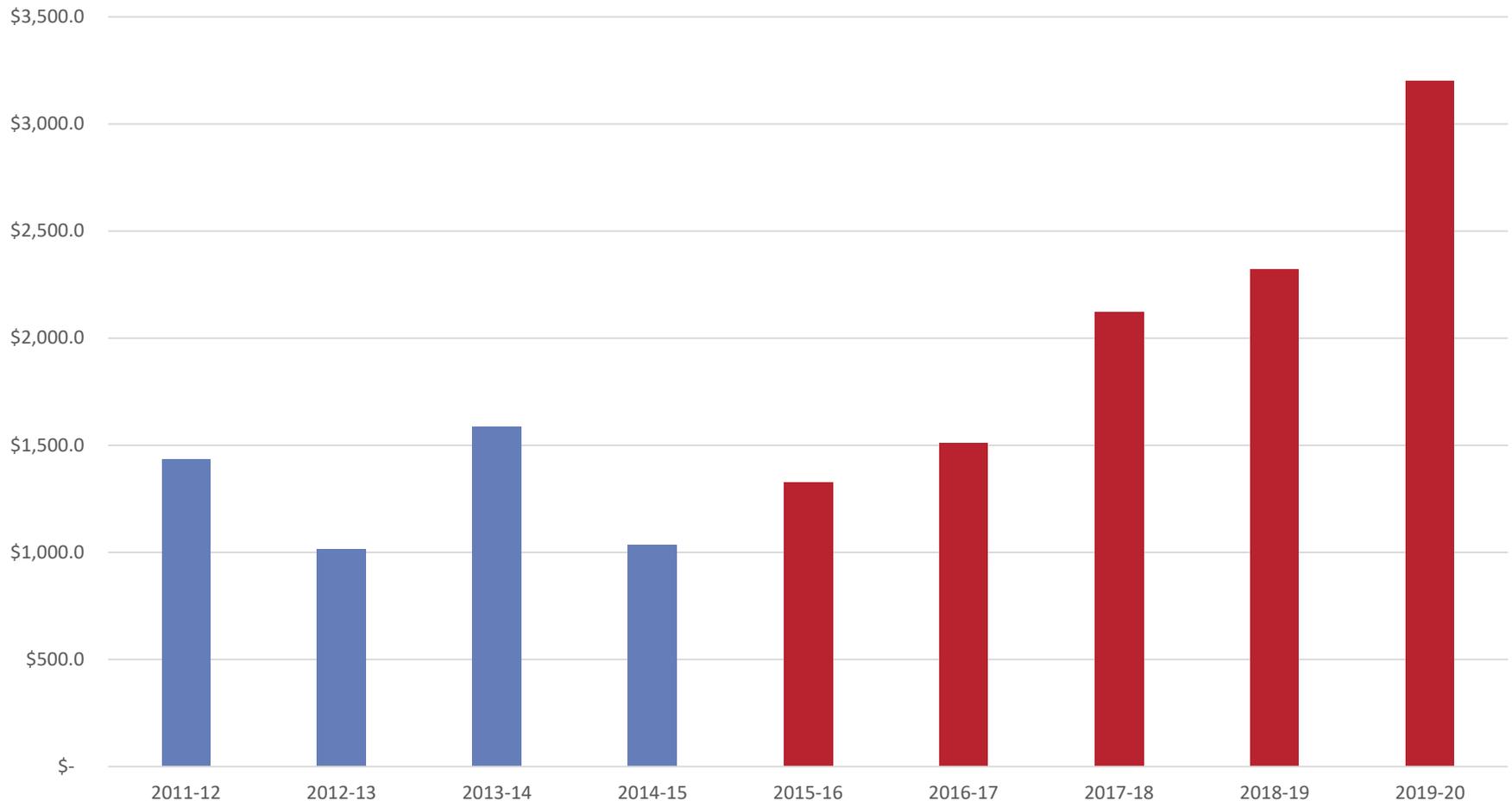
This funding will:

- Help admit **two million patients across Victoria**
- Ensure **1.91 million patients** receive world-class care in emergency departments
- Over **203,000 Victorians** will get the surgery they need, faster.
- Provide support for **7,700 patients** seeking palliative care



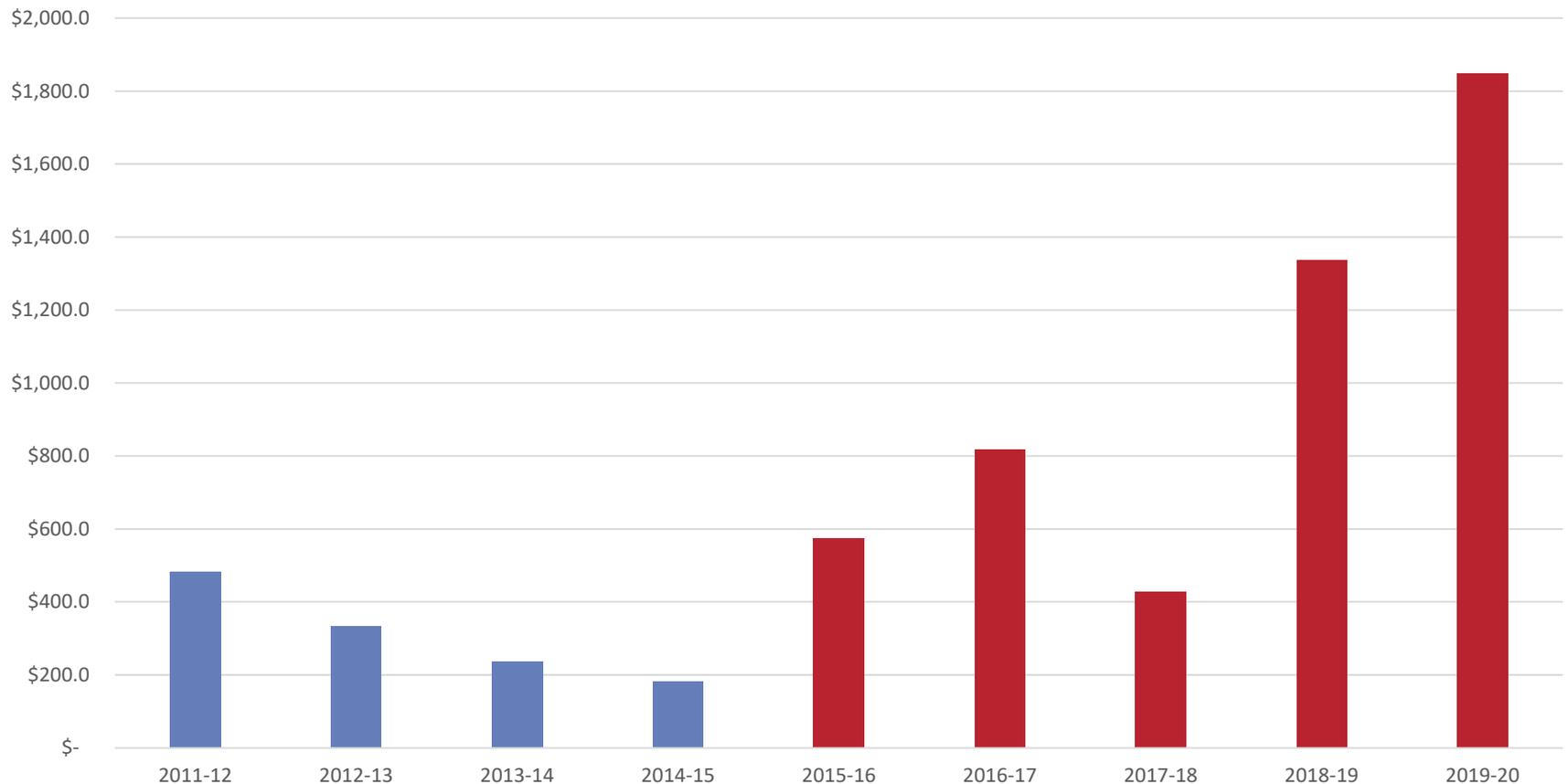
Record health funding

The Andrews Labor Government has invested a record amount in new output initiatives in the 2019-20 budget.



Record funding to build better hospitals

The Andrews Labor Government has invested a record amount in health infrastructure initiatives in the 2019-20 budget.



Investing in children's health

The Andrews Labor Government is delivering on election commitments for Victoria's children. In the 2019-20 Budget these include:

- **\$321.9 million** to fund free dental care for Victorian government school students. This will provide services including check-ups, radiographs, teeth cleaning, fluoride and dental sealants, fillings, root canals, and impressions for mouth guards
- **\$2.0 million** to develop a business case to establish public IVF services that are bulk-billed and subsidised for low-income Victorians
- **\$213.6 million** to provide more support for new Victorian mums and dads through supports including:
 - A Maternal & Child Health line to support parents with infants experiencing sleep and settling problems
 - 7 new sleep schools will be established while another 2 sleep schools will be refurbished
 - 35,000 new parents will receive a baby bundle
 - 7000 vulnerable new families will receive extra support



Investing in world-class healthcare

Additional health election commitments in the 2019-20 Budget include:

- **\$15.1 million** to enhance the availability of SunSmart services in Victoria.
- **\$8 million** in operational funding to introduce a 24-hour urgent care centre at Phillip Island plus **\$3.4 million** in asset funding to upgrade the centre
- **\$3.5 million** to enhance the skills of frontline health service workers to recognise and respond to occupational violence
- **\$64.4 million** to increase nurse and midwife to patient ratios
- **\$50 million** to establish a Nursing and Midwifery Workforce Development Fund to retain, recruit and train more nurses and midwives
- **\$4 million** to support the Victorian Assisted Reproductive Treatment Authority
- **\$2.7 million** to continue the PRONTO rapid HIV testing and sexual health testing program



Building better hospitals

The centerpiece of the Andrews Labor Government's 2019-20 Budget is an investment of **\$1.8 billion in hospital upgrades and health facilities** which delivers on or kicks off on key election commitments including investments in metropolitan Melbourne, including:

- **\$1.5 billion** total investment to build a new state-of-the-art Footscray Hospital
- **\$6 million** for planning works to redevelop the Frankston Hospital
- **\$31.4 million** to deliver a major expansion to the Royal Children's Hospital
- **\$5.9 million** for planning works for five new children's emergency departments
- **\$4.6 million** for planning for the next stage of the Angliss Hospital expansion
- **\$2.3 million** for planning for the new Melton Hospital
- **\$2 million** for planning works for ten new community hospitals
- **\$60 million** for the replacement of critical infrastructure



Delivering for Regional Victoria

Additional commitments for Regional Victoria in the 2019-20 Budget include:

- **\$100 million** for the Regional Health Infrastructure Fund to improve the quality and amenity of infrastructure in regional and rural health services
- **\$136.2 million** to provide more specialist care closer to home for regional Victorians
- **\$59.5 million** for a new rehabilitation hospital in Bendigo
- **\$7 million** for planning works to upgrade the Latrobe Valley Hospital
- **\$2.4 million** for world class care for Wangaratta patients
- **\$2.6 million** for the Victorian Patient Transport Assistance Scheme
- **\$4.0 million** to provide funding for the National Centre for Farmer Health



Investing in Medical Research

In addition to hospital funding to support growing demand, additional funding has also been allocated to key initiatives in the 2019-20 Budget. These include:

- **\$116.5 million** to continue Victoria's role in cutting-edge medical research, including funding for new cancer therapies. This includes:
 - the establishment of a Gamma Knife Service (Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre)
 - the establishment of the Australian Drug Discovery Centre (Walter and Eliza Hall Institute for Medical Research (Parkville))
 - the Australian Clinical Trials Network 'TrialHub' (Alfred Hospital site)
 - the Aikenhead Centre for Medical Discovery (St Vincent's Hospital)

An Aboriginal research accord will also be developed to embed culturally sensitive practices in medical research.

The Murdoch Children's Research Institute will also receive funding to support the Generation Victoria 'Gen V' initiative.

