

2023-24 Victorian State Budget Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

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Transformation of mental health and wellbeing in Victoria

Since the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System final report was handed down, landmark progress has been made:

- A new **Mental Health and Wellbeing Act**
- **2,100 new jobs**
- The first **six Mental Health and Wellbeing Locals** opened
- The **new Balit Durn Durn Centre** opened
- Re-development of **Thomas Embling Hospital** commenced
- **179 public mental health beds** have been built or upgraded



Close to
\$6 billion
over the last three
State Budgets

2023-24 Victorian State Budget Overview

\$776 million

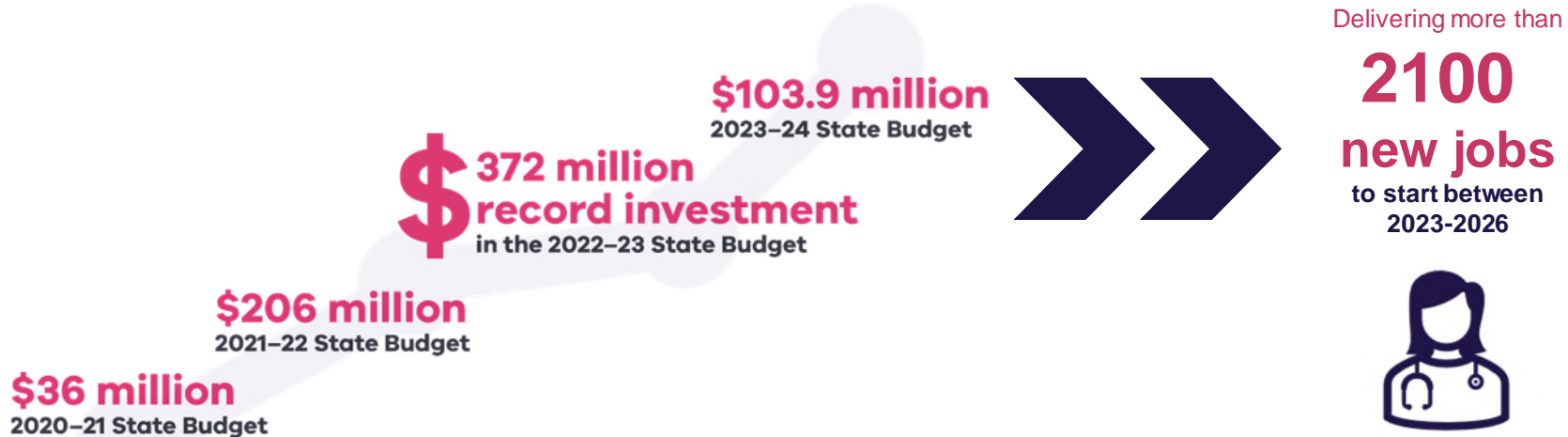
in mental health and AOD

- **\$521.1 million** in mental health
- **\$255.1 million** in AOD services
- Building on record investment of **\$6 billion** over the past three budgets
- Focused on implementing the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System and delivering essential AOD services to meet growing demand

Work underway
on more than
90%
of Royal Commission
recommendations

Building a strong and sustainable mental health and wellbeing workforce

We're delivering key priorities of Victoria's Mental Health and Wellbeing Workforce Strategy 2021-2024.



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Mental Health and Wellbeing Locals



By the end of 2026, 50 Mental Health and Wellbeing Locals for adults and older adults will be open across Victoria.

\$ 77 million investment
in the 2023–24 State Budget

Funding will deliver the **next three** services in:

- Northcote
- Leongatha
- Narre Warren

It also supports planning for the remaining 20 Local Services.



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Delivering the right care, in the right place, at the right time

Highlights include:

\$ 21.8 million
for 11 community organisations to deliver services and programs that their local communities need

\$ 10.2 million
to expand perinatal mental health services

\$ 5.5 million
to support statewide mental health and wellbeing services including Eating Disorders Victoria, PANDA and ARCVic



\$ 2 million
to establish the Statewide Mental Health Trauma Service

Expanding acute and emergency care

\$156.6 million
for 96 mental health beds

More than **8000 Victorians** will get the care they need each year

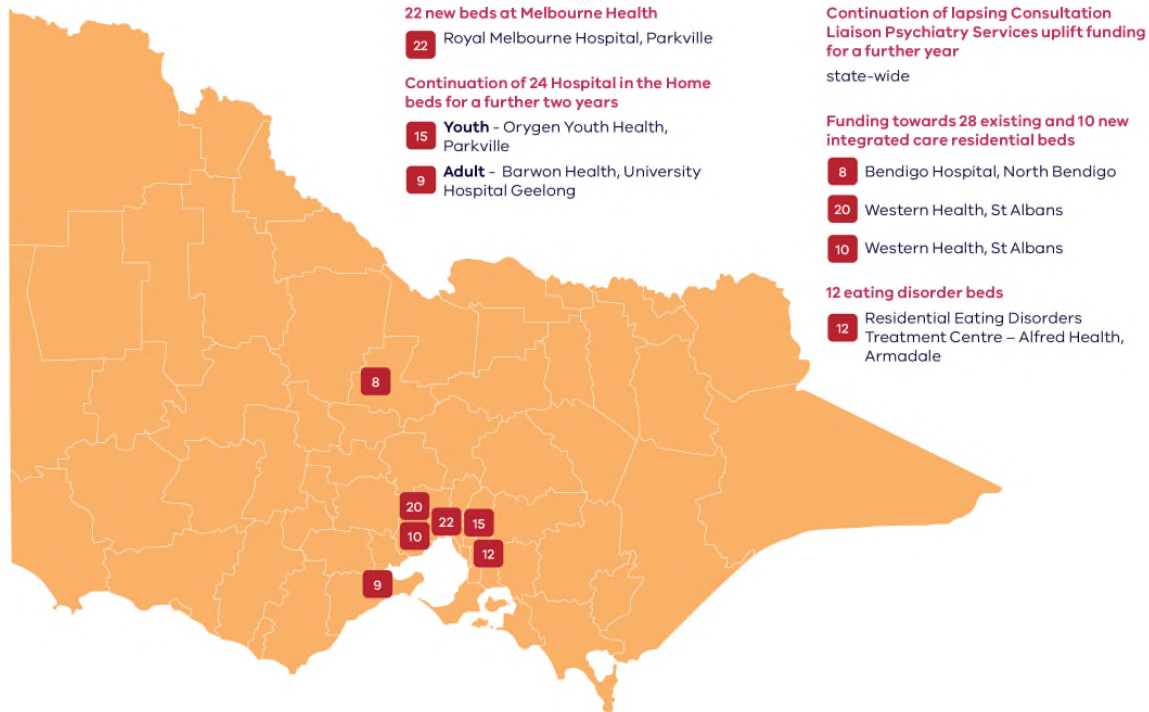
22 new beds at Melbourne Health

24 Hospital in the Home beds

28 existing and **10 new** integrated care residential beds

12 eating disorders beds

Continuation of Consultation Liaison Psychiatry Services for a further year.



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Preventing and responding to suicide

\$ 17.7 million
to support suicide prevention initiatives,
including follow-up support for people affected
by suicide, their families and loved ones.



Implementing the Mental Health and Wellbeing Act

2022 marked a historic milestone with the passing of the new *Mental Health and Wellbeing Act*. The new Act will take effect from 1 September 2023.

\$47.8 million will support the implementation and continuation of important components of the new Mental Health and Wellbeing Act, including:

- Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission
- Victorian Collaborative Centre for Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Interim Regional Bodies
- Office of the Chief Psychiatrist
- Mental Health Tribunal.



Supporting people with substance use or addiction issues

\$255.1 million

will support people experiencing substance use or addiction issues through initiatives such as:

- Naloxone and pharmacotherapy expansion
- The Medically Supervised Injecting Room
- 145 residential rehabilitation, withdrawal and treatment beds for adults and young people
- A health-led response to supporting people who are intoxicated in public.



Final reflections



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