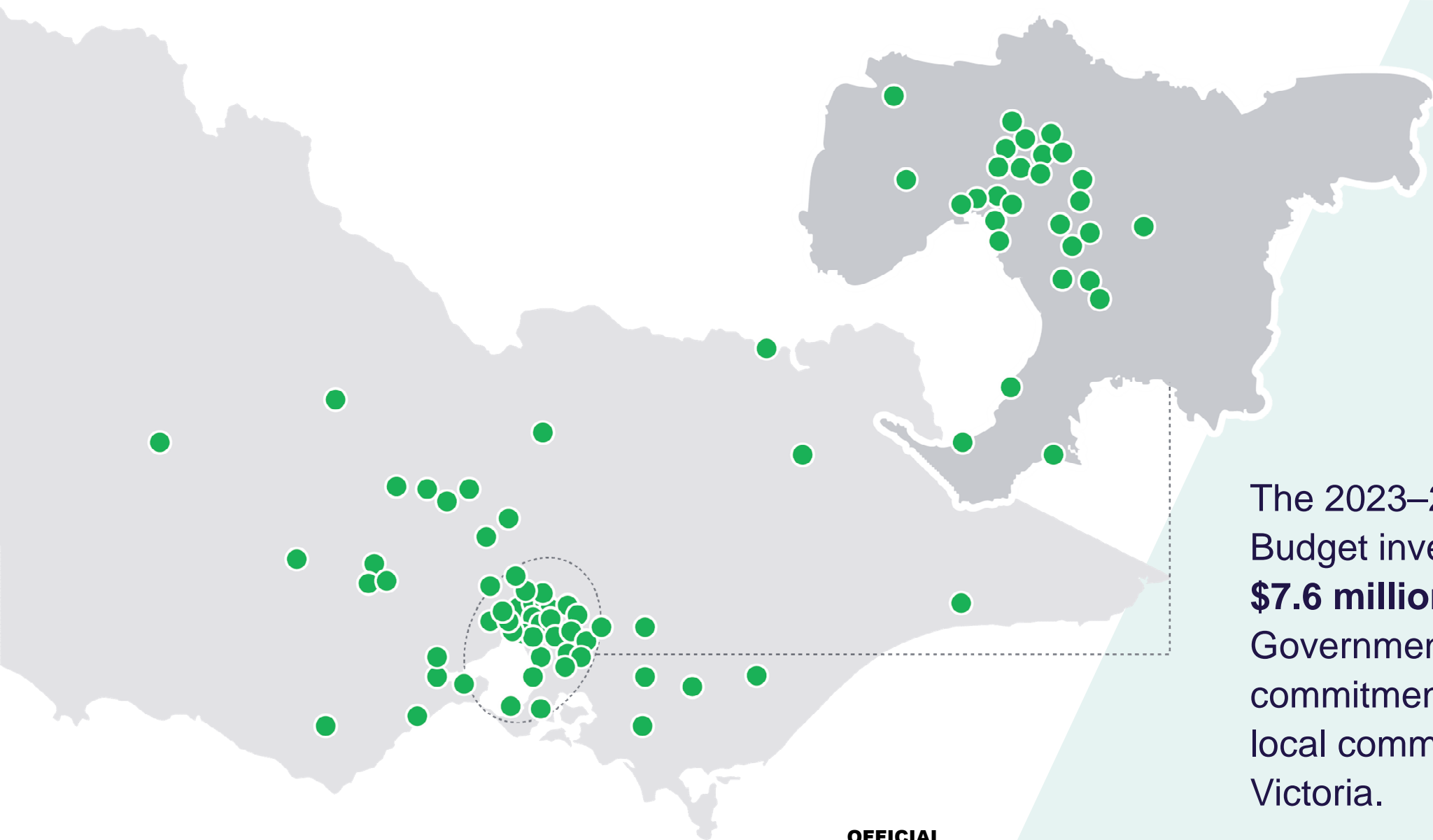


2023/24 Victorian State Budget

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Delivering for local communities



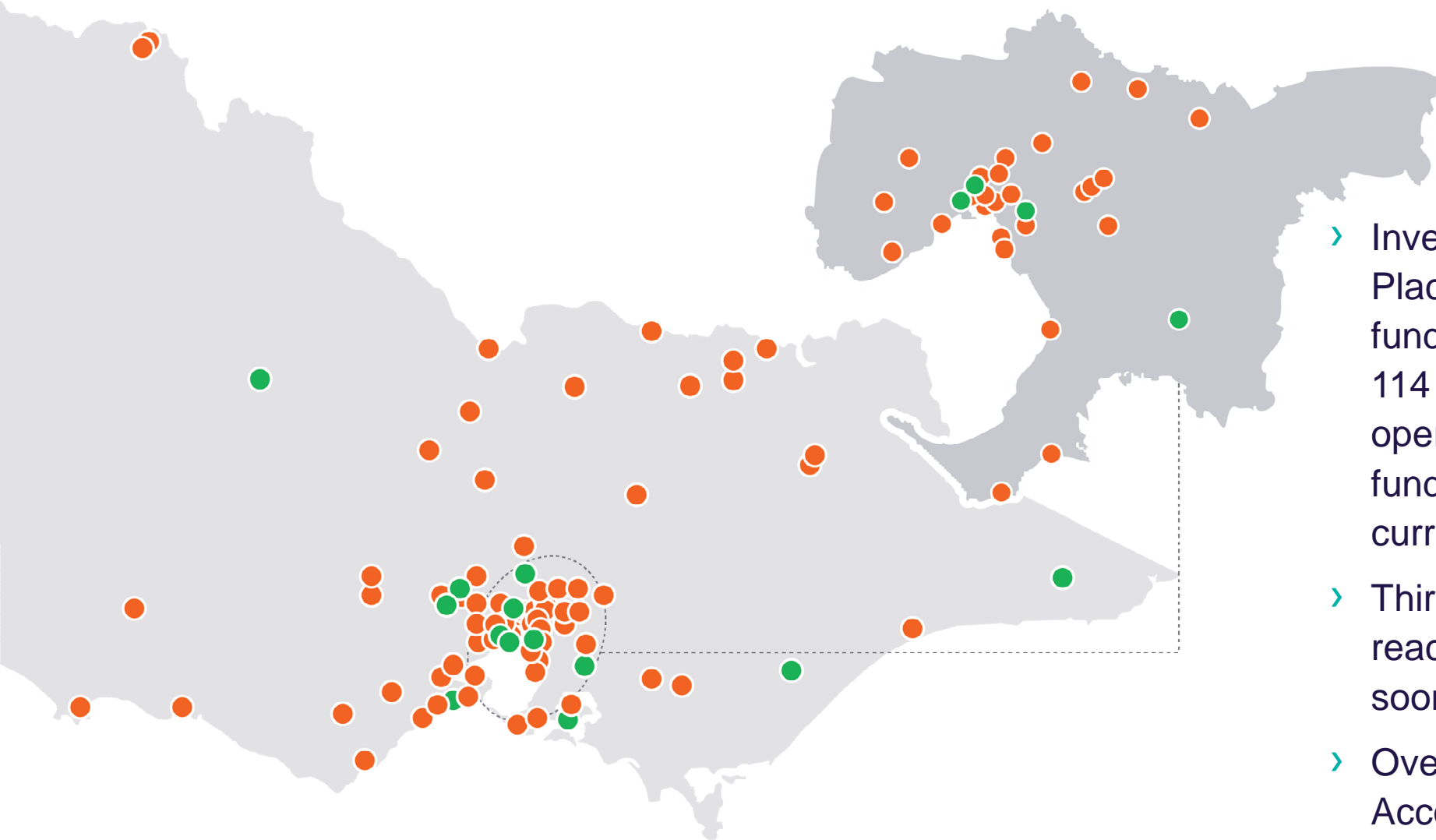
The 2023–24 Victorian State Budget invests almost **\$7.6 million** to deliver the Government’s election commitments to strengthen local communities across Victoria.

Strengthening inclusion and safeguards for Victorians with disability

- › **\$12.4 million** continuing the work of statutory bodies
- › **\$8.3 million** supporting the State Disability Plan
- › **\$7 million** improving forensic disability services through early intervention programs, an Aboriginal self-determination strategy, and data analytics for better service integration
- › Victoria continues to contribute approximately **\$2.9 billion** annually to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).



Advancing disability inclusion through vital facilities, services and education



- › Invested \$13.21 million in Changing Places facilities since 2015. This funding has contributed to 34 of the 114 changing places currently operational. The investment also funds a further 36 places that are currently in design or construction.
- › Third wave of the “Change your reactions” campaign launching soon.
- › Over 450 Specialist Disability Accommodation homes upgraded across Victoria.

Continuing critical supports for older Victorians, carers and aged care

- › **\$42.2 million** to support better aged care services including **\$30.5 million** to maintain Victoria's nurse to resident ratios and support for residents with complex needs and **\$11.7 million** to uplift Residential in Reach capacity
- › **\$38 million** invested in the Additional Support for Carers program, which supplements the recurrently funded Victorian Support for Carers Program
- › **\$3.5 million** for the Seniors Rights Victoria support service
- › **\$2.5 million** towards elder abuse prevention networks for communities across Victoria.



Supporting older Victorians, carers and communities

We are celebrating and supporting Victorians to participate and engage in their local communities.

- › The Seniors Card, Carer Card and Companion card make it more affordable for more than 1.3 million Victorians to get out and about.
- › The annual Seniors Festival engages Victorian seniors online and across the state with almost 2,000 events.
- › The Victorian Support for Carers and Additional Respite for Carers programs jointly support 13,000 carers and provide 260,000 hours of respite.
- › 400 neighbourhood houses combat social isolation and loneliness and help Victorians access the Victorian Sick Pay Guarantee and \$250 Power Saving Bonus.
- › Helped revitalise volunteering through the **\$1 million** Emerging Stronger grant program.



Delivering better aged care services



174 accredited Public Sector Residential Aged Care Service



Residential Aged Care
1,116,426 available bed days
expected to be delivered in 2022/23

Small Rural Services – Aged Care
701,143 available bed days
expected to be delivered in 2022/23



Average rating
of **4 out of 5 stars**
on the Commonwealth
Star rating

Reforming policy and legislation

- › The *Disability and Social Services Regulation Amendment Act 2023* passed in May 2023.
- › *Inclusive Victoria: State Disability Plan 2022–2026* is being implemented and work is underway to refresh the Victorian Autism Plan.
- › Victoria continues engagement with the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability and the Independent Review of the NDIS.
- › The new Social Services Regulator is being established to help keep Victorian social service users safe.



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