

# 2025-26 Victorian State Budget Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

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# Keeping Victorians healthy and safe

## 2025-26 State Budget:

- **\$34.6 million** to support our nation-leading PSRACS services
- **\$22 million** to maintain Home and Community Care Program for Younger People
- **\$2.7 million** will boost the Victorian Aids and Equipment Program so eligible Victorians can remain independent at home
- **\$7.6 million** to strengthen medication practices in residential aged care homes
- **\$7.5 million** for minor capital renewal in PSRACS



# Delivering quality aged care services



**\$139.6 million** new Aged Care facility in Kingston opening in 2025



Lowest number of hospital bed days used by people awaiting residential aged care at 4,305 days (Vic). Compared with 150,496 (NSW), 36,209 (Qld) and 58,549 (SA)\*



All 164 Public sector residential aged care services are accredited



We are continuing to provide almost 1.5 million bed days in 2024-25



Victorian PSRACS have an average staffing star rating of 4.56/5 compared to the national sector average of 3.14\*\*

\*Victoria has alternative care pathways for older people waiting for residential aged care to be supported outside the acute hospital system. These alternative care pathways impact on the data reporting the number of hospital patient days by those eligible and waiting for residential aged care.

\*\* as at March 2025

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# Supporting seniors to thrive



The 2023-24 State Budget provided \$6 million over four years to continue initiatives to address elder abuse including the state-wide elder abuse help line.



Delivery of the *Ageing Well Action Plan 2022-2026* is driving efforts to support senior Victorians to participate and engage in community, stay active and healthy and connected to family and friends.



The lived experience of senior Victorians will continue to inform these efforts. The Senior Victorians Advisory Committee held its first meeting in March 2025.



The 2025-26 Budget delivers free weekend public transport for Seniors Card holders from 1 January 2026.

# Delivering Seniors Card and Festival programs

- There are over **1.4 million** Victorian Seniors Card members with around 1,500 new card holders joining the program each week<sup>1</sup>
- 2024 Seniors Festival delivered **3,750** free and low-cost events across the state to **154,271** attendees<sup>2</sup>
- **15** older Victorians were recognised through the 2024 Victorian Senior of the Year Awards<sup>3</sup>



*Premier Allan, Prof. Manjula Datta O'Connor recipient of the 2024 Premier's Senior of the Year Award, and Lieutenant-Governor Professor James Angus AO*

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Thousands of free and low-cost events all over Victoria

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# Thank you.



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