

2021–22 Victorian State Budget

Disability, Ageing and Carers

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Providing support where it is needed most

The 2021–22 Victorian State Budget is investing an additional \$82.5 million in the Disability, Ageing and Carers portfolio, in addition to providing \$2.8 billion towards the NDIS.

This provide assistance for Victorians with a disability, services for older Victorians and critical supports for our communities.

It takes total new investment in the portfolio to **\$1.4 billion** since 2015–16 Budget, with a **\$7.6 billion** contribution to the NDIS over the same period.

This investment tackles loneliness and isolation in vulnerable and older communities and make sure all Victorians can recover from the challenges of 2020.

It ensures vulnerable and older Victorians can participate in social recreation and activities.

It drives essential social, economic participation and recovery and wellbeing.



More inclusive communities

The Victorian Government will provide \$2.8 billion for the NDIS, as well as \$33 million over 4 years to support actions under the State Disability Plan, advance disability inclusion and support statutory bodies.

This builds on \$1.9 billion in the 2020/21 Budget to support Victorians with a disability.

- ▶ **\$2.8 billion** towards Victorians receiving NDIS supports
- ▶ **\$21 million** to support statutory bodies, including the Disability Services Commissioner and the Victorian Disability Worker Regulation Scheme
- ▶ **\$6.1 million** to continue health service support and inclusiveness for Victorians with disabilities through Disability Liaison Officers
- ▶ **\$2.5 million** to deliver new fully accessible public toilets known as *Changing Places*
- ▶ **\$1.7 million** to strengthen disability advocacy and help people navigate the NDIS
- ▶ **\$1.4 million** for accessible government communications relating to emergency management planning and response



Supporting older Victorians

The Victorian Government is investing in more support for older Victorians, including **\$93.8 Million** in funding for the State's publicly delivered aged care services.

- ▶ **\$57.1 Million** to expand and rebuild 50 bed Glenview public sector aged care facility in Rutherglen
- ▶ **\$7.9 Million** for detailed planning and design for redevelopment of Camperdown and Cohuna public sector aged care facilities
- ▶ **\$28.8 Million** to sustain supplementary funding to provide high quality care and nurse to patient ratios in public sector aged care
- ▶ **\$1 Million** to continue Elder Abuse Prevention Networks and abuse identification and response capacity in health services
- ▶ **\$400,000** Additional funding to continue expanded Seniors Festival to reach into aged care and people at home via radio and online.

Supporting community participation and financial wellbeing

The Victorian Government is providing \$21.8 million to fund a range of community initiatives to support Victorians at risk of social and financial disadvantage

This includes:

- ▶ **\$14.6 million** to support the continuation of Good Money Hubs and expansion of services through enhanced digital and phone-based services
- ▶ **\$1.7 million** for the Justice Connect Not-For-Profit Law program
- ▶ **\$1 million** for 12 months to continue the Australian Red Cross phone line that provides emotional support to people feeling lonely or disconnected.