

# PAEC presentation - Health

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# Funding overview

The 2022-23 Victorian State Budget provides a \$12 billion investment to strengthen and reform a health care system that provided high quality care through an unprecedented global challenge in six key areas;

- Covid catch up elective surgery plan
- Workforce
- Care closer to home
- Maintaining COVID services
- Regional Victoria
- Infrastructure



# Pandemic Repair Plan

**A record new surgical capacity 25% above pre-pandemic levels by 2024 via a \$1.5 billion investment.**

- Frankston Private Hospital becomes a public surgery centre delivering up to 9,000 surgeries per year
- \$475 million to expand same-day, twilight and after-hours public surgeries and theatre improvements
- \$548 for private hospital surgeries for public patients to deliver 51,300 extra non-urgent surgeries by June 2024.
- New Rapid Access Hubs
- \$80 million to upskill more than 1,000 nurses, theatre and sterilisation technicians, training of 400 perioperative nurses and recruit a further 2,000 highly skilled healthcare workers from overseas.



# A capable, supported workforce

**Victorian health care workers have carried us through a global pandemic, now we're investing \$75.6 million in their capacity and wellbeing including;**

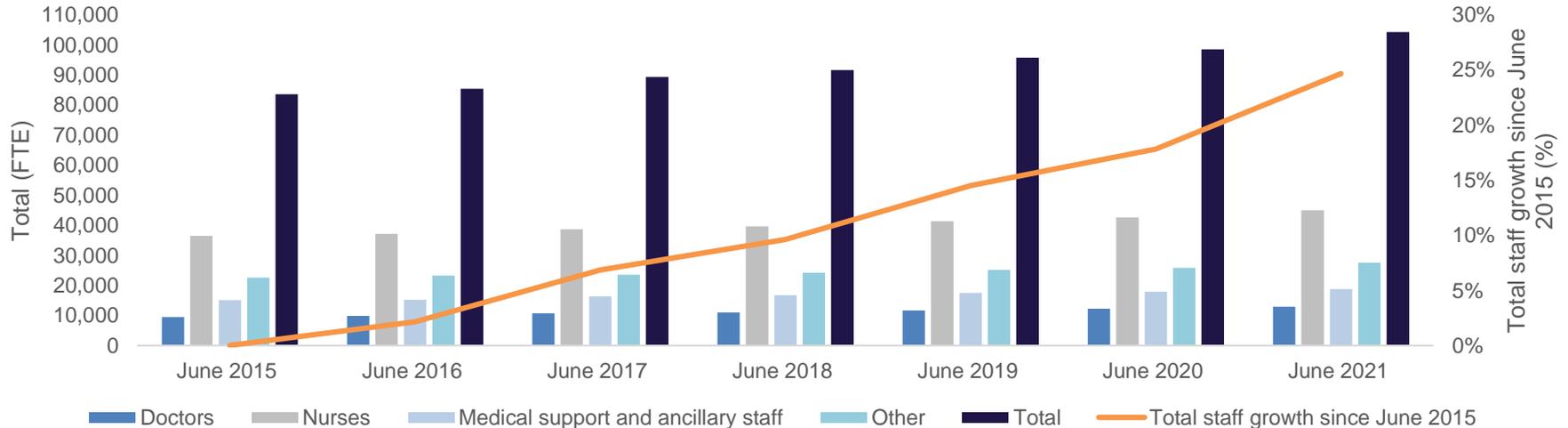
- \$59 million to recruit and fast track registered nurses and midwives
- \$4.7 million to up-skill allied health workers
- \$1.5 million to support Aboriginal cadetships
- \$4.8 million to support health and wellbeing
- \$5.6 million for Enrolled Nurse Transition to Practice positions



# A growing workforce

**Since 2015, the number of doctors, nurses and other staff in Victoria's public hospitals has grown by 25 per cent.**

Growth continued during the COVID-19 pandemic with approximately 10 per cent growth in the workforce between 2019 and 2021.



# Care closer to home and at home

## A \$698 million package to expand the *Better at Home* program will:

- Increase capacity to 358 virtual beds
- Give an additional 15,000 Victorians access to home-based care each year, excluding telehealth
- Invest \$3.6 million to help patients with a disability safely transition into community-based accommodation.
- Invest \$2.1 million for a pilot Aboriginal virtual specialist clinic.



# Maintaining COVID care services

## We'll keep supporting Victorians who test positive for COVID

- \$521.7 million to support hospitals treating COVID-19 patients
- And \$40 million for LPHUs to expand their role, established and tested through the global pandemic, to provide local responses to public health challenges
- \$258 million to support delivery of COVID-19 booster shots to at-risk Victorians
- \$110 million to continue the nation-leading COVID Positive Pathways program and to extend the role of GP respiratory clinics



# More resources for regional Victoria

**\$300 million for the Regional Health Infrastructure fund will improve access to quality care for regional and rural Victorians, in addition to;**

- \$25 million for a new early parenting centre in Shepparton
- \$36 million for a new 30-bed residential rehabilitation and withdrawal centre in Mildura and the Mallee region
- \$11 million for new equipment to perform radiotherapy, providing better care for cancer patients in Ballarat, Traralgon and Geelong
- \$6.5 million investment for robot assisted surgery at Ballarat Hospital.



# Building and upgrading Victoria's hospitals

## Investing \$2.3 billion in infrastructure for our growing communities

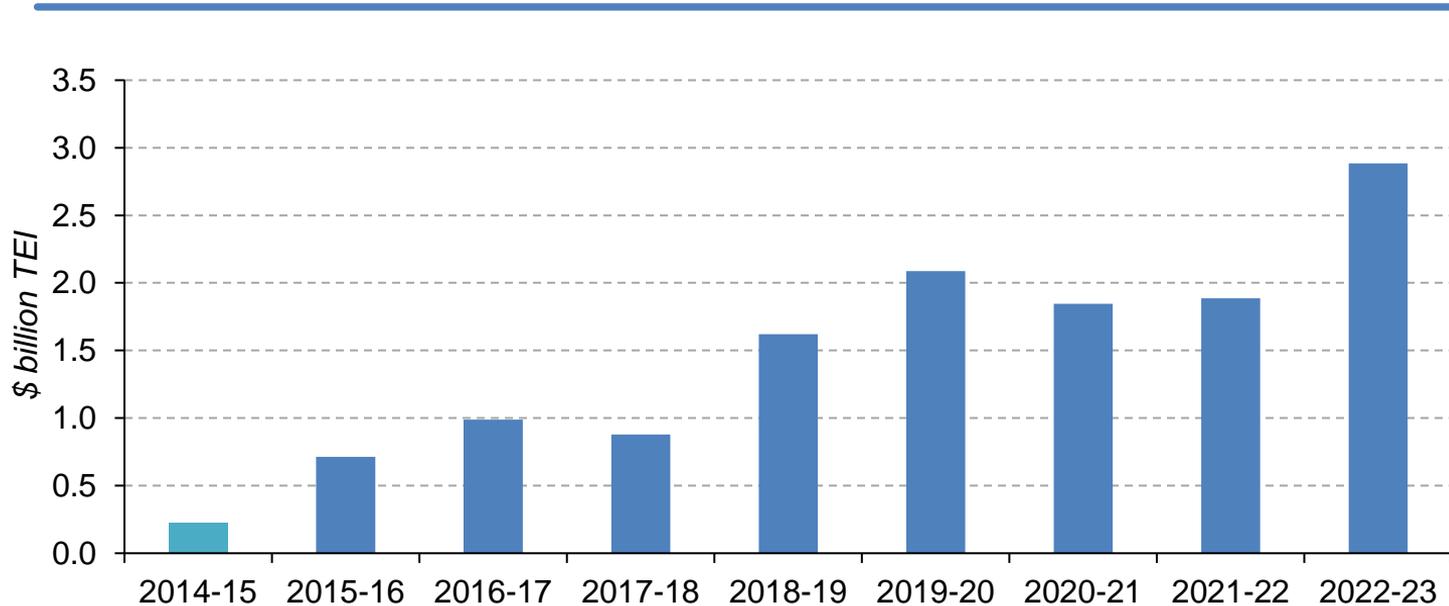
- More than \$900 million for a new tertiary hospital in Melton
- More than \$500 million to deliver the Barwon Women's and Children's Hospital
- \$236 million to double the size of Werribee Mercy Hospital and Casey Hospital emergency departments
- \$80 million for more lifesaving equipment for hospitals and infrastructure upgrades



*Artist impression, Melton Hospital*

# Record investment in new health infrastructure

## NEW HEALTHCARE INFRASTRUCTURE SINCE 2014



Source: Department of Treasury and Finance

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