

# 2022–23 Victorian State Budget

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# The Disability, Ageing and Carers portfolio

**We drive investment, reform and partnerships and deliver vital services and programs for a thriving and inclusive Victoria, where everyone can reach their full potential:**

- › Backing our new flagship State Disability Plan to make Victoria more inclusive and accessible for people with disability
- › Supporting an effective and sustainable National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)
- › Maintaining critical State services for Victorians with disability
- › Supporting communities to connect and providing help to those who need it most.
- › Modernising our public sector residential aged care services to provide contemporary, fit for purpose facilities that meet resident needs and community expectations
- › Supporting connectedness and social recovery and addressing elder abuse and family violence for older Victorians



# Our portfolio achievements the last 12 months

- › A nation-leading disability inclusion reform agenda including the new state disability plan, *Inclusive Victoria*, to drive better outcomes for 1.1 million Victorians with disability
- › Contributing approximately \$2.8 billion in 2021-22 to the NDIS with approximately 138,000 active participants in the scheme
- › Tailored COVID-19 supports for people with disability
- › Strengthening communities:
  - » Food Relief Taskforce
  - » Victorian Volunteer Strategy.
- › Supporting public sector residential aged care workforce and residents throughout the pandemic through the COVID-19 vaccination program
- › Supporting social recovery and providing greater protections for older Victorians and carers

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# Vital services, inclusive communities – Disability

## Investing \$162 million through the 2022-23 State Budget

- › **\$116.6 million** over two years:
  - » strengthening Victoria’s interface with the NDIS
  - » Supporting NDIS-ineligible Victorians with disability.
- › **\$30.1 million** over four years to enable **State Trustees** to fully comply with the *Guardian and Administration Act 2019*
- › **\$15.1 million** State Disability Plan:
  - » additional 30 Changing Places sites across Victoria
  - » new universal design grants scheme
  - » Disability advocacy & Disability Liaison Officers program
  - » ‘Change your Reactions’ autism campaign.
- › **\$0.2 million** TEI towards new four-bed secure residential treatment unit and four-bed specialist women’s facility



# Aged Care

- › **\$146.0 million** for five new Public Sector Residential Aged Care Service (PSRACS) facilities in rural Victoria
- › **\$29.9 million** for **Future provision of public sector residential aged care** including vulnerable aged persons, those with mental health issues, and nurse to patient ratios in public sector residential aged care
- › **\$800,000** to design and plan a new 60 bed PSRACS facility



# Supporting older Victorians and carers

- › **\$3.0 million to support social recovery for older Victorians and carers, including:**
  - › \$400,000 for the reimagined Victorian Seniors Festival
  - › \$2.3 million for the Carers Pathway to Employment program
  - › \$300,000 for the Commissioner for Senior Victorians to conduct a review into digital connectedness.
- › **\$2.9 million to address family violence for older Victorians (elder abuse), including:**
  - › \$620,000 to continue funding for elder abuse initiatives in bushfire-affected communities
  - › \$2.23 million to continue the Integrated model of care trial for responding to suspected elder abuse and Elder Abuse Prevention Networks.



# Investing in social recovery from the pandemic

- › **\$16.3 million to support the community to thrive:**
  - › **\$12.2 million** to continue the 2018 funding boost to Neighbourhood Houses
  - › **\$1.8 million** to: continue funding for five regional hubs and add a further hub (Shepparton); continue the Food Relief Taskforce; and fund Foodbank to transport chilled food products to regional Victoria
  - › **\$1.25 million** to deliver pop-up food relief markets across metropolitan Melbourne, targeted at people experiencing vulnerability
  - › **\$990,000** for additional community support provided by Sikh Volunteers Australia and Uniting Prahran



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