

2022-23 Victorian State Budget: overview and analysis

Priority	Measure
Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Victoria 2022-23 State Budget delivers major investment in mental health reform and broad investment in the social determinants • \$1.3 billion has been committed for mental health and suicide prevention, building on \$3.8 billion in the 2021-22 Budget • These funds respond to the Royal Commission including major capital, service, workforce and system investments • Funds have been allocated towards a number of priority cohorts including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, LGBTIQ+ communities and children and young people • These are all welcome investments however more is needed to address other priority cohorts including, including males • Significant investments have been made in a range of social determinants including employment, domestic and family violence and homelessness as well as new initiatives to address social isolation and disaster responses • Further investments will be needed to grow and sustain the peer workforce and to build community capability for suicide prevention • As the Victorian Government develops a new Suicide Prevention Response Strategy, as recommended by the Royal Commission, further investment and reform will be required to turn the trend towards zero suicides in Victoria
Suicide prevention and mental health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$21 million suicide prevention package including aftercare services and an 18 month trial of a statewide peer call-back service • \$372 million to grow the clinical mental health workforce, including training for existing clinicians • \$218 million to operationalise 82 new beds in Victoria’s mental health system and other priority initiatives • \$196 million for expansion of mental health facilities in regional Victoria including at Goulburn Valley Health in Shepparton • \$124 million for the next stage of redevelopment of the Thomas Embling Hospital including the bed replacement program • \$65 million for electronic mental health and wellbeing record, information exchange platform, and an online portal • \$62 million for upgrade works across intensive care areas of Victoria's mental health facilities • \$54 million to deliver treatment, care and support for people with a co-occurring mental illness and substance use or addiction • \$29 million for implementation of new mental health and wellbeing legislation and review of compulsory treatment criteria • \$20 million to support broader approaches to eating disorder care and support including a statewide strategy • \$10 million for the Mental Health and Alcohol and Other Drug Facilities Renewal Fund • \$12 million in mental health and wellbeing support for regional families of children in acute care including group sessions • \$5 million to help plan the Victorian Collaborative Centre for Mental Health and Wellbeing to establish best practice
Priority cohorts	<p>First Peoples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$151 million to progress treaty negotiations and self-determination • \$5.8 million to school programs that support learning and understanding of self-determination for Aboriginal communities • \$3.9 million to support returning water to Traditional Owners for cultural, spiritual and economic use

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2.8 million for delivery of a Certificate IV in Teaching a First Nation’s Language to help increase the number of teachers <p>LGBTIQ+ communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$15 million to support LGBTIQ+ Victorians with legal services, specialist health programs and pride events <p>Children and young people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$85 million to meet demand for residential care and continue the Care Hub program for young people out-of-home • \$7.2 million for culturally-safe services for Aboriginal children in care and the Aboriginal Children Families Innovation and Learning Fund
<p>Social determinants</p>	<p>Employment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$246 million Sick Pay Guarantee pilot for 150,000 Victorians in insecure work to access up to five days’ sick pay every year • \$5 million will be dedicated to the establishment of a support service for workers in the gig economy • \$86 million to introduce an expanded offering of vocational and applied learning pathways and certificates in secondary schools • \$69 million to expand state-wide the Head Start school-based apprenticeship and traineeship model • \$12 million to continue and expand the Apprenticeship Support Officers program <p>Social welfare and cost of living</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$250 million for the Power Saving Bonus, a one-off payment of \$250 for all Victorian households using Victorian Energy Compare <p>Housing and homelessness:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make available \$1 billion in low interest loans and government guarantees to create up to 6,000 more social and affordable houses • \$75 million to provide tailored homelessness support, and delivery model for prevention, early intervention and sustainable housing • \$9.4 million to continue critical homelessness programs around Victoria <p>Domestic and Family Violence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$241 million to support victim survivors of DFV, including two new family violence refuges and six new crisis accommodation properties <p>Disasters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$714,000 to continue recovery social support services for communities affected by the June 2021 flood and storm event. • \$17 million to build a safe, healthier and more resilient marine and coastal environment and resilience of coastal communities • \$1.8 million for initiatives that help young people at risk of disengagement including early intervention and case management • \$3.7 million to support students to be cyber safe and secure learners <p>Social Isolation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$9.1 million for Social Inclusion Action groups in 10 LGAs to build on the success of local community mental health groups