



UPGRADING OUR BACCHUS MARSH HOSPITAL

BACCHUS MARSH MELTON

The Andrews Government has provided \$10.6 million to expand and refurbish maternity and surgical services at Bacchus Marsh Hospital in a major boost to patient care, access and safety.

Bacchus Marsh Hospital will share in the first round of the new \$200 million Regional Health Infrastructure Fund.

The revamp will include:

- \$9 million for a state-of-the-art expansion of the operating theatres, including the construction of two extra operating theatres and refurbishing the existing theatre with the latest technology and equipment.
- New recovery areas, ancillary areas as well as patient and staff change rooms.
- \$1.6 million to renovate and expand the Bacchus Marsh maternity unit, increasing the number of post-delivery beds from 11 to 15.
- A new three-bay nursery to improve access, care and comfort for mothers and babies after birth.

Recent changes include: a new Director of Obstetrics and Consultant Director of Medical Services, a new 24-hour on-call specialist paediatric service, medical equipment upgrades and more education and training for staff.

Don Nardella will chair a new Community Advisory Committee for local people to have their voices heard and to ensure the health needs of the community are met. This guarantees the future of our important and valued hospital while giving the staff and doctors better facilities, with patients' comfort and safety being paramount.