

PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA VIC BUDGET 2010-11 SUMMARY

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VICTORIAN HEALTH BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Record Health Budget

Record \$4 billion Health Budget boost includes:

- \$2.3 billion hospital and health service building program (infrastructure); and
- \$1.7 billion boost to health services (including \$19.9M over 4 years for extra public dental visits & training clinics at Melton & Mildura; \$3.2M over 2 years for baby whooping cough vaccinations; and \$10.2M over 4 years for diabetes self management & needle and syringe programs).

Cancer Treatment & Research:

\$1.2 billion investment in cancer treatment & research as part of a plan to increase cancer survival rates, including:

- \$13M towards the construction of the new Ballarat Regional Integrated Care Centre; and
- \$40M for Stage 2 of the Olivia Newton-John Cancer and Wellness Centre.

Youth Mental Health

Major youth mental health package as part of broader mental health reform strategy includes:

- \$4.9M over 4 years to introduce & expand rural youth mental health teams; and
- \$3.6M over 4 years to establish youth suicide community support programs to identify & target young Victorians at risk of self harm (focus on gay, lesbian & young Indigenous people;

- \$3.5M over 4 years to create 2 community-based youth crisis response teams;
- \$2.5M over 4 years for specialist mental health training for teachers & early childhood professionals;
- \$2.7M over 4 years to strengthen & enhance expert mental health triage & assessment services for adults & youth;
- \$4.9M to create 2 new teams focusing on older Victorians with severe mental illness – in-home help to prevent hospitalisation;
- \$36.6M over 4 years for reforms as part of the *Mental Health Act 2010*;
- \$14.2M for the 22-bed Austin Community Care Unit, providing clinical care and rehabilitation; and
- \$20.8M over 4 years for expanded & additional alcohol & drug services.

Disability Services (in addition to Health Budget measures)

\$70.2M in the 2010 Budget for measures including:

- \$14.2M over 4 years for 20 new accommodation places for those with high & complex needs;
- \$7.9M over 4 years for 100 additional Individual Support Packages;
- \$8.3M over 4 years to expand the Aids & Equipment Program for an extra 957 people;
- \$10.3M over 4 years for families & carers, including an extra 15 high & complex needs respite places; and
- \$7.5M over 4 years to enhance autism programs, including in-home & respite care.

Further detail on the 2010-11 Victorian Budget can be found at:

<http://www.budget.vic.gov.au/>