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Better healthcare on the way for Healesville and Yarra Ranges communities

It's all systems go for the \$8.8 million Healesville & District Hospital and Yarra Valley Community Health Redevelopment, with a special event to mark the official commencement of works.

The \$8.8 million project will deliver a range of services, including a new renal dialysis unit and new operating theatre complex.

Yarra Ranges Chief of Clinical & Site Operations Lisa Lynch said it was an exciting time for healthcare in the Yarra Ranges.

"This project demonstrates Eastern Health's strong commitment to improving services in the region. With features also including new single and double patient rooms with ensuite bathrooms at the hospital, and a new paediatric gym and consulting area at Yarra Valley Community Health to meet increased demand, I look forward to seeing the works progress in the months ahead."

Eastern Health Executive Director of Corporate Projects & Sustainability Zoltan Kokai thanked the Victorian Labor Government and previous Liberal government for their strong support of the project.

"I'm pleased to announce that CIG has been contracted to build this fantastic new facility. They have successfully worked on other projects including Eastern Health's Prevention and Recovery Centre in Ringwood."

Mr Kokai also thanked the Department of Health and Human Services, Bamford Architects, Lucid Consulting Engineers, Akritidis Group Building Consultants, Johnstaff Projects and the local community, for helping to make the project a reality.

The project is due to be completed in 14 to 18 months.

What's on the drawing board

For Healesville & District Hospital, features will include:

- Single and double rooms only, with ensuite bathrooms provided to all inpatient rooms
- Refurbished palliative care room, with courtyard
- Patient lounge and dining area, with north-facing views
- Enhanced security in and out of hours
- New, enlarged operating theatre complex with access to modern technology and separate theatre and ward entrances
- New renal dialysis unit, commencing with six chairs.

For Yarra Valley Community Health, there will be:

- A new paediatric gym and consulting area to meet increased demand
- An increase in the number of consulting rooms and larger staff workspace
- A new on-site rehabilitation kitchen for cooking programs
- A new rehabilitation gymnasium and physiotherapy space for community programs and inpatients
- Capacity to extend Yarra Valley Community Medical Service (GP clinic) staffing and hours
- Purpose-built consulting rooms.

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