

TREASURER TOM KOUTSANTONIS

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New \$9.2 million emergency extended care unit at Modbury Hospital

More than \$9 million will be spent on a new, extended care facility at Modbury Hospital.

The specialist eight bed Emergency Extended Care Unit (EECU) will be built next to the hospital's Emergency Department.

It will enable clinicians to continue observing and evaluating emergency patients who require further care, reducing transfers as well as the time patients spend in hospital, leading to better health outcomes for residents in the north east.

It is anticipated 30 full-time equivalent jobs will be supported during the life of the project, which is expected to begin in 2018.

Background

Since 2002, the State Government has invested more than \$62 million in Modbury Hospital to improve services and infrastructure for residents in the north east.

Most recently, \$32 million was allocated for a new state-of-the-art Rehabilitation Centre, including hydrotherapy pool, rehabilitation gymnasium and therapy garden, enabling stroke, orthopaedic and amputee patients to receive recovery services closer to home.

That funding included an upgrade of Level 3 of the hospital, increasing the number of rehabilitation beds to 52 and providing more support services to assist recovery.

Quotes attributable to Premier Jay Weatherill

We're committing \$9.2 million to improve and expand facilities at Modbury Hospital for patients in the north east.

This is in addition to the more than \$62 million already invested modernising and upgrading services at the hospital since 2002.

The Emergency Extended Care Unit adds to the world-class facilities already available for residents in the north eastern suburbs.

Quotes attributable to Health Minister Jack Snelling

We know that Modbury Hospital provides crucial health services for the local community, including those patients who require access to the most advanced specialised rehabilitation services in the State.

Investing in a new Emergency Extended Care Unit means residents in Adelaide's north east will have access to even better facilities, providing additional emergency care services on their doorstep.

The new EECU will complement the opening of the new Royal Adelaide Hospital, ensuring all South Australians have access to the modern, world class health care that they deserve.

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