

## 2021–22 Victorian State Budget Summary

The Victorian Government will provide a record \$3.8 billion over four years, building on the \$868.6 committed in 2020–21 budget, to kick start reform of the mental health system.

This is the first investment in a 10-year blueprint to implement all the recommendations from the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System.

This historic commitment will be supported through ring-fenced funding from the introduction of a payroll tax surcharge beginning from 1 January 2022. The Mental Health and Wellbeing Levy will apply a 0.5% surcharge rate on the Victorian share of wages for relevant businesses above the relevant threshold, raising in excess of \$800m per annum.

### Mental Health and Wellbeing Levy – expected revenue

\$Million	Timeframe	Description	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24	2024–25
<b>\$2,914.5</b>	Over 4 years	To commence the Mental Health and Wellbeing Levy from 2020–21	–	386.7	804.7	841.4	881.7

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<b>Community-based services</b>								
<b>\$263.7</b>	Over 4 years from 2020–21	To establish the first 20 new local adult and older adult mental health and wellbeing services, including an integrated alcohol and other drug services trial in selected sites	Recommendation 3(2)(a) Recommendation 5 Recommendation 35	–	5.9	36.3	78.1	143.4
<b>\$954.3</b>	Over 4 years from 2020–21	To establish 22 reformed adult and older adult area mental health and wellbeing services, including integrated alcohol and other drug services pilots and a specialist behaviour response team	Recommendation 3(2)(b) Recommendation 5 Recommendation 35 Recommendation 37(b)	–	144.4	225.2	295.5	289.2
<b>\$195.8</b>	Over 4 years from 2020–21	To establish 13 reformed infant and child area mental health and wellbeing services  To establish 3 infant, child and family hubs  To provide online parenting programs and group-based parenting sessions  To expand community perinatal mental health teams in adult and older adult area mental health and wellbeing services	Recommendation 3(2)(c) Recommendation 18 Recommendation 19	–	22.5	49.8	61.0	62.5

<b>\$266.0</b>	Over 4 years from 2020–21	To expand mental health treatment, care and support for young people through youth area mental health and wellbeing services, including integrated alcohol and other drug treatments	Recommendation 3(2)(c) Recommendation 20 Recommendation 35	–	40.0	63.5	78.5	84.0
<b>\$10.8</b>	Over 2 years from 2020–21	To redesign and expand statewide mental health services  To implement a service capability framework for mental health and wellbeing services  To continue existing support for mental health consultation and liaison services	Recommendation 3(2)(d) Recommendation 3(5) Recommendation 14	–	7.6	3.2	–	–
<b>\$13.3</b>	Over 2 years from 2020–21	To run two digital service trials and support delivery of Live 4 Life and Be Well programs in rural and regional areas  To incentivise mental health workers in rural and regional areas	Recommendation 39 Recommendation 40	–	2.9	1.9	4.2	4.3
<b>\$42.3</b>	Over 4 years from 2020–21	To establish state-wide specialist services and addiction medicine specialist hubs for people living with mental illness and substance use or addiction	Recommendation 36	–	4.6	10.0	12.5	15.2

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		To support the capability and capacity of the mental health and addiction workforce						
<b>\$7.5</b>	Over 2 years from 2020–21	To commence work establishing Ambulance Victoria as the lead responder to mental health related triple zero calls	Recommendation 10	–	3.7	3.8	–	–

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### Lived experience at the centre

<b>\$18.5</b>	Over 4 years from 2020–21	To establish a new non-government agency, residential service and website, and expand the capacity of the Victorian Mental Illness Awareness Council, to create a mental health and wellbeing system with lived experience at the core	Recommendation 6(4) Recommendation 11 Recommendation 29	–	10.2	5.8	1.3	1.2
<b>\$1.7</b>	Over 2 years from 2020–21	To design a new statewide trauma service to better support people with lived experience of trauma	Recommendation 23	–	0.9	0.8	–	–
<b>\$47.5</b>	Over 5 years from 2019–20	To develop and deliver a new <i>Mental Health and Wellbeing Act</i>  To provide an opt-out non-legal advocacy service for people subject to, or at risk of, compulsory treatment orders	Recommendation 42 Recommendation 56	1.2	4.9	12.4	14.0	15.0
<b>\$92.7</b>	Over 4 years from 2020–21	To establish eight family- and carer-led centres  To expand funding for carer and family supports and programs  To co-design and expand supports for young carers	Recommendation 31 Recommendation 32	–	5.9	25.9	29.5	31.4

### Suicide prevention and response

<b>\$173.4</b>	Over 4 years from 2020–21	To expand suicide prevention and response services, including state-wide implementation of the HOPE program and establishment of a new intensive program  To establish a Suicide Prevention and Response Office	Recommendation 26 Recommendation 27(3)	–	46.6	44.8	41.2	40.8
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### Reformed bed-based service provision

<b>\$370.0</b>	Over 5 years from 2019–20	To increase access to acute care services, including through 53 new beds, a 35-bed women's mental health unit and continued support for Hospital in the Home	Recommendation 11	1.2	87.9	104.1	87.6	89.2
<b>\$349.6</b>	Over 5 years from 2019–20	To expand Thomas Embling Hospital through delivery of an additional 82 beds and further refurbishment	Recommendation 38	6.4	28.6	128.0	178.6	8.0
<b>\$141.0</b>	Over 4 years from 2020–21	To deliver five new 10-bed and upgrade three existing youth prevention and recovery care units	Recommendation 21	–	2.0	65.0	52.0	21.0
<b>\$10.9</b>	Over 3 years from 2020–21	To deliver an additional five acute mental health beds in Warrnambool	Recommendation 11	–	4.1	6.2	0.6	–

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**Catering for diverse communities**

<b>\$116.2</b>	Over 4 years from 2020–21	To support Aboriginal social and emotional wellbeing through expansion in teams and services provided through Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations	Recommendation 33	–	22.9	28.8	32.2	32.3
<b>\$21.3</b>	Over 4 years from 2020–21	To expand mental health support, primary medical care and peer supports for transgender and gender diverse young people		–	5.5	5.1	5.3	5.4
<b>\$26.2</b>	Over 4 years from 2020–21	To co-design a diverse communities' mental health and wellbeing framework, with funding supports for community organisation and peak body engagement  To expand the Rainbow Door Program, continue the Healthy Equal Youth project, and continue programs for asylum seekers and refugees	Recommendation 34	–	6.1	6.4	6.2	7.5

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**Workforce development and supporting system infrastructure**

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<b>\$206.3</b>	Over 4 years from 2020–21	To commence building the pipeline of workers, including lived experience, nursing and psychiatry workforces, through new training programs, ongoing education and career pathways, graduate positions and funded rotations	Recommendation 57	–	55.1	68.3	41.2	41.7
<b>\$2.5</b>	In 2020–21	To design a new approach to information management to facilitate better information sharing for consumers	Recommendation 62	–	2.5	–	–	–
<b>\$18.6</b>	Over 4 years from 2020–21	To facilitate translational research through the establishment of the Collaborative Centre for Mental Health and Wellbeing	Recommendation 63	–	3.8	4.9	5.0	4.9

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### Supportive communities and surrounding systems

<b>\$32.1</b>	Over 4 years from 2020–21	To establish a new mental health and wellbeing promotion office within the Department of Health  To develop a mentally healthy workplaces framework  To establish social prescribing trials for three years	Recommendation 2  Recommendation 16  Recommendation 15(4)	–	6.2	8.5	8.5	8.9
<b>\$217.8</b>	Over 4 years from 2020–21	To establish a School Mental Health Fund of mental health and wellbeing initiatives, first rolled out in regional and rural government schools  To expand the Mental Health in Primary Schools pilot	Recommendation 17	–	9.5	47.4	71.7	89.2
<b>\$40.4</b>	Over 4 years from 2020–21	To provide accommodation and wellbeing supports for 2,500 Victorians	Recommendation 25	–	3.4	6.8	14.6	15.6
<b>\$5.4</b>	Over 4 years from 2020–21	Asset investment to support accommodation and wellbeing supports for 2,500 Victorians	Recommendation 25	–	2.2	1.6	1.0	0.6
<b>\$30.7</b>	Over 4 years from 2020–21	To expand mental health support services in the justice system	Recommendation 37	–	5.1	8.9	8.2	8.5

## Governance

<b>\$71.2</b>	Over 4 years from 2020–21	To establish the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission  To facilitate the Mental Health and Wellbeing Division of the Department of Health to assume functions from Mental Health Reform Victoria, led by a Chief Officer  To develop a Mental Health and Wellbeing Outcomes Framework  To develop a new performance monitoring and accountability framework	Recommendation 44 Recommendation 45 Recommendation 1 Recommendation 49	–	17.9	18.2	17.3	17.8
<b>\$34.8</b>	Over 4 years from 2020–21	To establish eight new interim regional bodies and associated regional multi-agency panels	Recommendation 4	–	5.2	12.3	11.4	5.9
<b>\$24.1</b>	Over 4 years from 2020–21	To establish a mental health improvement unit within Safer Care Victoria to Improving the quality and safety of services and promoting consumer rights	Recommendation 52 Recommendation 54(4)	–	4.6	6.8	6.3	6.4
<b>\$20.0</b>	Over 2 years from 2020–21	To undertake service and capital planning to redesign and expand Victoria's mental health and wellbeing infrastructure	Recommendation 47(2)	–	10.0	10.0	–	–
<b>\$8.5</b>	Over 4 years from 2020–21	To increase funding for regulators and complaints handling bodies		–	5.6	0.9	1.0	1.0