

The Budget in focus

Some of the key parts of this year's State Budget.

ROADS AND TRAINS:

- The first stage of the East-West Link project is the Eastern Section, a 6 kilometre link from the Eastern Freeway in Clifton Hill to CityLink in Parkville.
- \$280 million to restore and upgrade key sections of Victoria's road network.
- \$52 million to progress the removal of key railway level crossings.
- \$179 million for eight new trains.
- Upgrades to the Frankston and Dandenong lines.

HEALTH:

- \$421 million over four years to deliver more elective surgery sooner.
- Brand new hospitals (including Monash Childrens) and expansion of key hospitals.
- \$238 million over four years to boost health professional numbers.
- \$772 million over four years to treat more patients.
- \$78 million to build and improve hospitals and health services in rural and regional areas.

EDUCATION:

- \$203 million for school capital works.
- \$200 million for the TAFE Structural Adjustment Fund.
- \$7 million to build and upgrade kindergarten and children's services.
- Additional \$38 million for the Program for Students with Disabilities and \$31 million for the Early Childhood Intervention Service.

COMMUNITY SAFETY:

- More than \$5.1 billion for police and emergency services, corrections and the courts.
- \$78 million for facilities to support Protective Services Officers (PSOs)
- \$61 million to replace or upgrade 142 rural fire stations.

BOOSTING OUR REGIONS:

- \$150 million boost for transport infrastructure.
- Access to high quality health services in rural and regional areas through key health projects, including \$636 million new Bendigo Hospital.

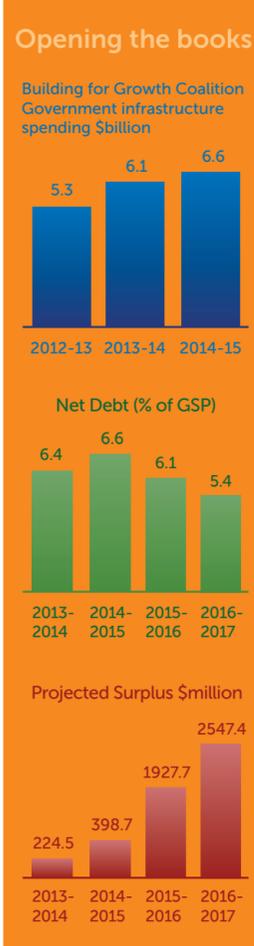
- \$19 million to promote Victoria's earth resources sector.
- \$16 million for the Macalister Irrigation District.
- \$4.7 million to protect Victoria's meat, dairy and animal fibre and skins industries against outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease.

ECONOMY:

- Delivering an estimated operating surplus of \$225 million in 2013-14.
- Attracting investment and jobs by ensuring Victoria is a low-cost and competitive place to do business.
- Providing better government services at a lower cost.

JOBS:

- Port of Melbourne project, delivering an estimated 3000 jobs.
- Investing in infrastructure for the new East Werribee Employment Precinct.
- Creating construction jobs by boosting the First Home Owner Grant to \$10,000 for new homes
- Stage 1 of East West Link to create 3200 jobs.



Keeping you informed

Our information stall at the Burwood Festival on Sunday the 5th of May was well attended. Many residents were keen to speak to me about local or state-wide issues and I was most appreciative of their feedback.

There are a number of ways that I can keep you informed about State Government programs and local issues. Please sign up to my monthly e-Newsletter via my website for updates, and you can also join me on Facebook and Twitter.



Green Light For Through Road

The new set of traffic lights at the intersection of Through and Riversdale Roads will bring about a safer and easier flow of traffic at an otherwise busy intersection.

The vibrant shopping strip will greatly benefit from this vital piece of infrastructure.

Where's Wattsy? Out and About Sites and Dates:



Tuesday, 16th of July 2013 - 7:00pm

Boroondara Citizenship Ceremony - Parkview Room, Camberwell Library, 340 Camberwell Rd, Camberwell.

Saturday, 27th of July 2013, 12.00pm – 1:00pm

Wattle Park Shopping Centre, Corner Riversdale and Elgar Roads, Box Hill South.

Thursday, 1st of August 2013, 2.30pm – 3:30pm

Interview with Iain Messer on 3WBC Community Radio 94.1 FM.

Tuesday, 6th of August 2013, 7.00am – 8:30am

Jordanville Train Station, Huntingdale Road, Mt Waverley.



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- 1 Planning and pre-construction works for grade separation of the railway crossing at Burke Road, Glen Iris.
- 2 Building the new 230-bed Monash Children's Hospital, allowing for the treatment of 7000 children each year.
- 3 Managed Motorway Program to upgrade the Monash Freeway between High Street and Warrigal Road.
- 4 Mount Waverley police station to receive funding to operate 24 hours a day.



Building for Growth. Setting up prosperity for all Victorians

The Coalition Government's 2013-14 Budget drives economic growth, creates new jobs, invests in infrastructure and builds for the future of all Victorians.

Through responsible economic management we are able to deliver a budget surplus of \$225 million in difficult financial times. We are now building for growth – constructing new roads, train stations and schools, as well as boosting health services and making our community safer with major upgrades to police and emergency service facilities.

This Budget sets out a plan that will create employment opportunities for Victorians, in turn encouraging further investment in our great state. This massive investment in infrastructure means that Victorians will benefit from initiatives including:

- Extra \$1.8 billion over four years for new hospitals, shorter waiting lists and new health services.
- \$203 million for school capital works.
- \$6.1 billion infrastructure investment program in 2013-14, including starting the East West Link (Stage 1).
- \$1.6 billion for the Port of Melbourne expansion, creating an estimated 3000 jobs.

This Budget is for all Victorians. It builds on current programs, providing financial assistance for low income households and support packages for people living with a disability. We're also keeping our regions strong by investing in more health services and agriculture.

We're building for the future and making sure that our State grows with us.

Graham Watt

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Member for Burwood



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Premier tops out Box Hill Hospital redevelopment

The Victorian Coalition Government's \$447.5 million Box Hill Hospital redevelopment has hit an historic milestone with the new building now at its full height.

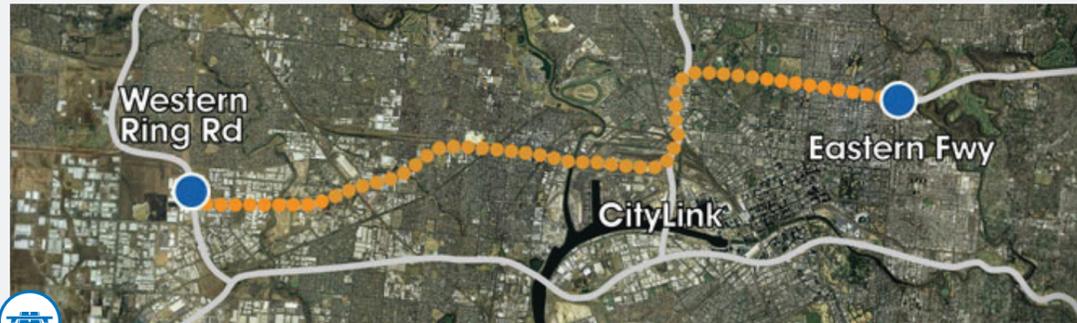
I had the pleasure of joining the Premier, the Hon. Denis Napthine MP, the Minister for Health, the Hon. David Davis MP, and the Member for Forest Hill, Neil Angus MP, to take part in a traditional ceremony to celebrate the final concrete pour that completes the building structure of Box Hill Hospital's new clinical services building.

The Coalition Government is not only delivering this vital piece of infrastructure ahead of time and on budget, but we have also made substantial savings through our sound investment strategy which has allowed us to drastically increase the scope of the project.

The Box Hill Hospital redevelopment now includes an additional floor and a total of 200 additional beds, double the amount in the original project scope. This is a fantastic result for the local community and a great result for Victoria.



A new infrastructure plan that secures our future



Above: indicative route for East West Link.

INFRASTRUCTURE: The \$6-8 billion East West Link (Stage 1) will slash time for commuters, getting you to and from home faster and safer than ever.

The first stage of the project is the Eastern Section, a 6 kilometre link from the Eastern Freeway in Clifton Hill to CityLink in Parkville.

The section will be predominantly in tunnel to minimise social, visual, noise and other environmental impacts.

Main construction on the first stage is expected to commence in late 2014 with the construction period of 5 years.

LAW & ORDER

The Coalition Government continues to invest in a safer Victoria, committing more than \$5.1 billion for police and emergency services, corrections and the courts.

New regional police stations will be constructed and CFA fire stations will be upgraded. Protective Services will be boosted by an additional \$78 million for facilities to help make our public transport system safer.



FUNDING FOR MONASH CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL:

In this budget the Coalition Government is delivering funding for a new 230-bed Monash Children's hospital in Clayton, allowing for the treatment of 7000 children each year. With the construction of the new Monash Children's hospital, Victoria will have not one, but two, world-class paediatric hospitals to provide the very best of care for the youngest of our community.



MORE POLICE RESOURCES FOR MONASH:

As part of the Coalition Government's increased focus in protecting our community, Mt Waverley police station has been allocated funding to operate 24 hours a day. This commitment will provide better protection for the community and additional police officers in the community. This is part of the largest single increase in police numbers in Victorian history.



INVESTING IN ROADS:

The Managed Motorway Program includes a \$21 million upgrade to the Monash Freeway between High Street and Warrigal Road. A fully managed motorway system will improve traffic flow and congestion management. Installation of variable speed limits and message signs, combined with lane control signs will improve the operation of this vital Melbourne road, while keeping motorists informed about travel conditions.



10.5 MILLION REASONS TO STUDY AT ASHWOOD COLLEGE:

The \$10.5 million redevelopment of Ashwood College is gathering pace. Recently I met with Principal Kerrie Croft and the builders, to receive an update and tour the site. It was good to see some of the great work being done at the school, with business as usual for the students. Construction of the new school should be completed around the middle of next year.



ASHBURTON PRIMARY SCHOOL:

The \$6 million redevelopment at Ashburton Primary School is expected to be completed later this year. Works have already begun on the main building. I would like to express my appreciation for the patience shown by the students, parents and teachers during what has been a major reconstruction of Ashburton Primary.

\$203 million for school capital works



EDUCATION: The Coalition Government is investing in Victoria's education system by directing almost \$11.6 billion toward providing quality education for all Victorians.

Kindergartens and children's services will receive grants totalling \$7 million to build and upgrade facilities.

We have committed \$203 million

for school capital works and an additional \$38 million will support students with disabilities.

Our training system provides Victorians with skills that lead to secure, sustainable jobs. The \$200 million TAFE Structural Adjustment Fund will support TAFE initiatives that promote innovation, collaboration, structural reform and business transformation.

This Budget will drive economic growth, generate jobs, invest in infrastructure and build for the future of all Victorians.

Denis Napthine
Premier



New trains and upgraded transport services.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: The Coalition Government is investing \$52 million to progress the removal of seven railway level crossings. We're also boosting train network capacity by investing \$179 million in eight new trains, upgrading and building new stations around the network and improving services on the Frankston and Dandenong lines.

INFRASTRUCTURE: The Coalition Government is investing in Victoria's vital infrastructure. We have committed to the vital East West Link project, and \$280 million to upgrade key sections of Victoria's road network. We are also undertaking a \$1.6 billion expansion of the Port of Melbourne and committing \$33 million for infrastructure to support the new East Werribee Employment Precinct.

HOSPITALS: We're investing in Victoria's hospitals by building the new Bendigo and Monash Children's Hospitals and the Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre. We're also redeveloping Box Hill, Werribee Mercy and Northern Hospitals. \$772 million over four years will help treat more patients and \$421 million over four years will go toward performing more elective surgeries sooner.

Old favourite returns to Wattle Park

Wattle Park is once again home to two of Melbourne's much-loved W-Class heritage trams.

In late March I had the privilege of hosting the Minister for Environment and Climate Change, the Hon. Ryan Smith MP at Wattle Park for the announcement. The new tram arrived after careful re-conditioning by the Bendigo Tramways Trust for its new outdoor home. It is a replacement for the tram burnt by vandals in December 2011.

Kids of all ages, from four to 40, are rapt that the tram has been returned to the park.

The donated number 861 'W-Class' tram was first used during the Second World War. It's good to know that it will be used again after being in storage at the Preston Tram Workshop for many years.

