

All you need to know about *Yarrawonga District Health Service*



Improving care

Victoria's public hospitals are doing well and getting better. Over the past five years, the State Government has increased funding to hospitals in country Victoria, which means we are treating more patients than ever before, have increased staff numbers and are investing record amounts of resources in rebuilding our hospitals. All of this adds up to better care for Victorian families.



What does that mean for Yarrawonga?

Towns like Yarrawonga need ready access to treatment and services through excellent networks of rural hospitals and health services. This is why the State Government has increased investment in Yarrawonga's health services, ensuring a healthy system for a healthy region. The following summary outlines the key initiatives provided to the Yarrawonga District Health Service.





Increased investment

Since 2000, funding has increased by over \$1.6 million to \$4.9 million, more than 48 per cent.

Highlights:

Nurse numbers

- Increased by 11 to 63 nurses, more than 22 per cent since 1999-2000

Major building investment of \$10.5 million including:

- Redevelopment of acute and residential aged care facility – \$10.5 million



Major equipment and infrastructure investment of \$587,650 including:

- Emergency generator – \$225,000
- Steriliser – \$90,000
- Emergency care equipment – \$89,000
- Electric beds – \$42,000
- Cooling towers – \$24,000



Yarrawonga District Health Service provides emergency care, medical care, minor surgery, renal dialysis, meals on wheels, birthing services, residential aged care and a range of community health and support services.

The health service also undertakes health promotion in areas such as weight management, quit smoking programs and healthy heart screenings.



Service snapshot 2003–04

- 3,307 patients seen in emergency department
- 2,281 acute inpatients treated
- 87 births
- 8,912 patients attending Community Health Centre
- 3,148 radiological procedures
- 60 operational residential aged care beds

Source: 2003-04 Annual Report; VAED



More information

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