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### Cardiac research, therapy unite

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## Vic will be the first state to have a public hospital dedicated to treating heart patients. ...

Channel 7, Sydney, Early News, Jodie Speers

18 Dec 2017 5:07 AM

Duration: 1 min 48 secs • ASR AUD 74,096 • National • Australia • Metro - Radio & TV • ID: X00072951406

Vic will be the first state to have a public hospital dedicated to treating heart patients. Taxpayers will fund the hospital after the Vic Government failed to get Federal funding. Joe Shea, parent, says the Victorian Heart Hospital will be great for heart condition sufferers. Daniel Andrews, Victorian Premier, says the \$320m they invested to the hospital is worth it. Monash Health and Monash University will also contribute to the hospital and the existing MonashHeart service will relocate to the facility. Andrew Stripp, CEO, Monash Health, says this move will allow them to improve their service. Jill Hennessy, Vic Minister for Health, says this facility will help improve healthcare for heart patients. Mary Wooldridge, Vic Shadow Minister for Health, agrees that extra cardiac services are needed but says this project is a massive blowout. The hospital is due to open in 2022.

### Audience

37,000 All, 18,000 MALE 16+, 16,000 FEMALE 16+

### Interviewees

Daniel Andrews, Victorian Premier|Jill Hennessy, Vic Minister for Health|Joe Shea, parent|Mary Wooldridge, Vic Shadow Minister for Health

### Vision

Monash Health, Monash University

### Also broadcast from the following 42 stations

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## Stevenson says that both papers contain the two biggest stories from the weekend, one ...

3AW, Melbourne, Breakfast, Kate Stevenson and Justin Smith

18 Dec 2017 6:07 AM

Duration: 7 mins 27 secs • ASR AUD 8,845 • VIC • Australia • Metro - Radio & TV • ID: X00072951432

Stevenson says that both papers contain the two biggest stories from the weekend, one of which is the balcony collapse in Doncaster which killed two women. She says that according to the Engineering Australia Victorian president, this is a concern with more and more deaths being attached to houses. She says that there are no ongoing compliance checks from councils and it's up to residents to judge whether the structures are safe. Smith says that on the front page of Herald Sun, The Age and The Australian is a picture of Robert Doyle, Melbourne Lord Mayor. He reads that a young councillor has claimed that Doyle groped her and sexually harassed her. Stevenson says that there are a couple of stories in the Herald Sun which discusses preserving brain power. She explains that there's regulated cannabis use, which is being looked into by Monash University. She says that University of Melbourne researchers have found that older women with adequate Vit D levels have better attention, cognitive flexibility and working memory. Smith reads from the Herald Sun that there'll be an extra 700 jobs and four new sites for Bertocchi across the state. Stevenson mentions that they'll be renovating the Gumbuya Park into Gumbuya World. Smith reads from The Australian about the hospital worker living in Sydney allegedly acting as an agent for North Korea. Stevenson says that according to The Australian, people are still buying Christmas presents from bricks and mortar shopping centres.

### Audience

106,000 All, 49,000 MALE 16+, 57,000 FEMALE 16+



## Victoria will become the first Australian state to build a public hospital dedicated solely to ...

Channel 7, Melbourne, Seven News (Weekend), Jennifer Keyte

17 Dec 2017 6:22 PM

Duration: 1 min 52 secs • ASR AUD 53,286 • VIC • Australia • Metro - Radio & TV • ID: X00072949815

Victoria will become the first Australian state to build a public hospital dedicated solely to treating heart patients. Taxpayers will shoulder the bill after the government failed to attract Federal funding. Joe Shea, father, says the hospital will be phenomenal for his family and many families. Daniel Andrews, Premier, says it is the right investment to make to save lives and to change lives. Monash Health and Monash University will also contribute money. The existing Monash Heart Service will relocate to the new facility. Andrew Stripp, CEO, Monash Health, says the move will allow them to grow their service and modernise it. Jill Hennessy, Health Minister, says they can provide medical research from bench side to bedside. Mary Wooldridge, Shadow Health Minister, says extra cardiac services are needed but the project is a massive blow-out and a cost to taxpayers.

### Audience

398,000 All, 212,000 MALE 16+, 178,000 FEMALE 16+

### Interviewees

Andrew Stripp, CEO, Monash Health|Daniel Andrews, Premier|Jill Hennessy, Health Minister|Mary Wooldridge, Shadow Health Minister

### Vision

Monash University

### Also broadcast from the following 8 stations

Prime7 Albury (Albury), Prime7 Ballarat (Ballarat), Prime7 Bendigo (Bendigo), Prime7 Gippsland (Sale), Prime7 Mildura (Mildura), Prime7 Shepparton (Shepparton), Prime7 Swan Hill (Swan Hill), Prime7 Warrnambool (Warrnambool)



## Australia's first dedicated heart hospital will be built in Monash University's Clayton ...

Channel 9, Melbourne, Channel Nine News (Sunday), Alicia Loxley

17 Dec 2017 6:15 PM

Duration: 1 min 35 secs • ASR AUD 29,758 • VIC • Australia • Metro - Radio & TV • ID: X00072949761

Australia's first dedicated heart hospital will be built in Monash University's Clayton Campus after the State government committed almost \$500m to fund the facility but revealed a dramatic price hike. At the 195 beds, 2,000 cardiac surgeries will be performed every year, along with more than 13,000 other procedures and more than 100,000 consultations. An on-site research hub will allow patients access to cutting-edge therapies and clinical trials.

### Audience

328,000 All, 145,000 MALE 16+, 180,000 FEMALE 16+

### Interviewees

Daniel Andrews, Victorian Premier|Jill Hennessy, Health Minister|Joe Shea, Father |Mary Wooldridge, Shadow Health Minister

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## A new heart hospital will be built in Victoria with the State Government increasing its ...

3AW, Melbourne, 12:00 News (Weekend), Newsreader

17 Dec 2017 12:02 PM

Duration: 1 min 7 secs • ASR AUD 2,450 • VIC • Australia • Metro - Radio & TV • ID: X00072948945

A new heart hospital will be built in Victoria with the State Government increasing its contribution to \$470m to ensure the project goes ahead. The hospital will be built at Monash University's Clayton Grounds. Health Minister Jill Hennessy says the Government will contribute the \$470m. Opposition Health spokesperson Mary Wooldridge says the project is in the wrong place and will end up costing tax payers. She states Daniel Andrews failed to find any support.

### Audience

95,000 All, 42,000 MALE 16+, 50,000 FEMALE 16+

### Interviewees

Jill Hennessy, Victorian Health Minister|Mary Wooldridge, Opposition Health Spokesperson

### Also broadcast from the following 11 stations

3BA FM (Ballarat), 3CS (Colac), 3SH (Swan Hill), 3WM (Horsham), 3YB (Warrnambool), Coast FM (Warrnambool), Mixx FM Hamilton (Hamilton), Mixx FM Horsham (Horsham), SEN (Melbourne), Talking Lifestyle (Melbourne), TR FM (Traralgon)



## Victoria is set to have the country's first dedicated heart hospital operating by mid 2020. ...

ABC Radio Melbourne, Melbourne, 10:00 News (Weekend), Newsreader

17 Dec 2017 10:02 AM

Duration: 0 min 33 secs • ASR AUD 3,967 • VIC • Australia • Metro - Radio & TV • ID: X00072948565

Victoria is set to have the country's first dedicated heart hospital operating by mid 2020. The State Government announced it will provide \$470m funding for the Victorian Heart Hospital which will be based at Monash University's Clayton Grounds. Health Minister Jill Hennessy says the hospital will be dedicated to treating patients with heart disease.

### Audience

65,000 All, 24,000 MALE 16+, 41,000 FEMALE 16+

### Interviewees

Jill Hennessy, Victorian Health Minister

### Also broadcast from the following 9 stations

ABC Ballarat (Ballarat), ABC Central Victoria (Bendigo), ABC Gippsland (Sale), ABC Goulburn Murray (Wodonga), ABC Mildura - Swan Hill (Mildura), ABC Shepparton (Shepparton), ABC South Western Victoria (Warrnambool), ABC Western Victoria (Horsham), Radio National (Melbourne)



## Vic will get a new heart hospital where the State Government significantly increased its ...

3AW, Melbourne, 09:00 News (Weekend), Newsreader

17 Dec 2017 9:01 AM

Duration: 0 min 36 secs • ASR AUD 1,760 • VIC • Australia • Metro - Radio & TV • ID: X00072948265

Vic will get a new heart hospital where the State Government significantly increased its funding contribution. The hospital will be built at Monash University's Clayton Grounds. Health Minister Jill Hennessy says the Government will contribute \$470m to the project.

### Audience

144,000 All, 60,000 MALE 16+, 78,000 FEMALE 16+

### Interviewees

Jill Hennessy, Victorian Health Minister

### Also broadcast from the following 11 stations

3BA FM (Ballarat), 3CS (Colac), 3SH (Swan Hill), 3WM (Horsham), 3YB (Warrnambool), Coast FM (Warrnambool), Mixx FM Hamilton (Hamilton), Mixx FM Horsham (Horsham), SEN (Melbourne), Talking Lifestyle (Melbourne), TR FM (Traralgon)



## A new heart hospital will be built in Vic with the State Government increasing its ...

3AW, Melbourne, 08:00 News (Weekend), Newsreader

17 Dec 2017 8:00 AM

Duration: 0 min 33 secs • ASR AUD 1,572 • VIC • Australia • Metro - Radio & TV • ID: X00072948211

A new heart hospital will be built in Vic with the State Government increasing its contribution to \$470m to ensure the project goes ahead. The hospital will be built at Monash University's Clayton Grounds. Health Minister Jill Hennessy says building the hospital will bring together the world's best experts.

### Audience

152,000 All, 62,000 MALE 16+, 85,000 FEMALE 16+

### Interviewees

Jill Hennessy, Victorian Health Minister

### Also broadcast from the following 10 stations

3BA FM (Ballarat), 3CS (Colac), 3SH (Swan Hill), 3WM (Horsham), 3YB (Warrnambool), Coast FM (Warrnambool), Mixx FM Horsham (Horsham), SEN (Melbourne), Talking Lifestyle (Melbourne), TR FM (Traralgon)



## Big-hearted investment: \$470m funding boost brings Victorian Heart Hospital to life

Herald Sun

17 Dec 2017 6:00 AM

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### Audience

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# Close to all our hearts



**H**ERE'S something to chew over as you contemplate an egg and bacon fry-up with all the extras for breakfast: more Australians die from heart disease than any other cause.

Cardiac problems killed about 19,000 of us last year; on average, that's more than one death every half-hour. Hundreds of thousands more Australians either suffer from or are at risk of developing problems.

The scary statistics help put into context our exclusive story today that the Victorian state government will invest a massive \$470 million to deliver Australia's first dedicated heart hospital.

There is no doubt the ambitious plan to concentrate cardiac clinicians, researchers and patients in a suburban super-centre will save lives.

Based at Monash University Clayton and with close ties to Monash Health, the new hospital will feature an emergency department, specialist surgical and imaging equipment, and hi-tech telehealth services to deliver improved care for regional Victorian or interstate patients. A business case predicts the

medical care delivered at the 195-bed hospital will be so top-class, it will slash a day off the average 10-day hospital stay.

Outpatients will be seen up to 18 weeks sooner than current waiting times, and test results will be quicker.

The hospital will be capable of undertaking 2000 cardiac surgeries each year, plus 13,500 cardiac

catheter procedures and almost 110,000 consultations and outpatient appointments.

The upshot is Victorian patients will likely get better and faster treatment, as well as access to cutting-edge drugs. And researchers will be perfectly placed at the coalface to develop innovative new products or therapies, which could

attract investment from the medical technology and pharmaceutical sectors and, ultimately, benefit patients the world over.

Set to open in 2022, the Victorian Heart Hospital can only strengthen Melbourne's already enviable reputation as a world-class medical hub. It will sit alongside existing medical gems including the Royal Children's Hospital — long regarded globally as a top paediatric hospital — and the more recently opened Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre, which is well on its way to reaching its aspiration of being a global leader.

Benefits from the heart hospital will flow not only to patients and researchers, but also to Victoria's

economy with predictions it will significantly boost employment, including up to 1700 local construction jobs. Medical tourism and visiting experts are also expected to inject money into our state, with one estimate suggesting the hospital could generate as much as \$400 million a year overall in economic activity.

The hospital will be a vital training

hub, playing an important role in the education of next-generation cardiac care medicine, nursing and allied health professionals who will go on to provide invaluable service to the Victorian health system.

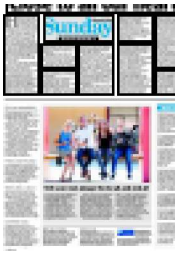
The hospital's design also includes scope for a future \$100 million expansion, though this will hinge on extra investment from private backers or philanthropists.

Notably, Monash University is already contributing up to \$70 million to the project, while Monash Health will tip in about \$11 million. Critics will no doubt point out that in the run-up to the November 2014 state election, the Andrews Government promised only \$150 million of taxpayer money would be required to build the

hospital. Today's revelation that the state government contribution will snowball to \$470 million largely stems from the federal government's refusal to fund the project, and a lack of interest from private backers.

The *Sunday Herald Sun* supports the decision by the Andrews Government to proceed with the heart hospital, just as we have endorsed its funding of other critical infrastructure projects, including major rail and road network improvements.

That said, and especially in light of an alarming Auditor-General's report last week, which highlighted a blowout in the level crossing removal project budget from \$5-6 billion to \$8.3 billion, it is timely to reiterate that the Premier and his team must be far more conscious of every dollar



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outlaid. Labor governments traditionally do not have a great track record at managing finances.

Spending decisions must stand up to extreme scrutiny, particularly given a state election looms in 2018.

Victorians rightly expect the best possible healthcare and infrastructure — and the best possible value for money.



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**EXCLUSIVE**

# \$470M HEART BOOST

The state government will spend \$470 million on a new heart hospital for Melbourne. The Clayton facility will help patients like Charlotte Shea, who was born with a damaged heart.

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# \$470M BRINGS HOSPITAL TO LIFE

## Big-hearted investment

**EXCLUSIVE GRANT McARTHUR**

A REVOLUTIONARY new heart hospital left in limbo because of a funding shortfall will now be built, thanks to a \$470 million state government commitment.

The 195-bed Victorian Heart

Hospital — the first of its kind in Australia — will create a world-leading centre for patients and researchers.

Heart disease is the nation's biggest killer, claiming more than 19,000 lives each year.

The government had pledged \$150 million towards the project in the hope private backers would provide the rest.

But Premier Daniel Andrews will today announce the dramatic increase in the government's stake which allows construction to start.

"The Heart Hospital will be the jewel in the crown in our efforts to combat and treat cardiac diseases. It will save and change thousands of lives," Mr Andrews said.

"Victoria is already home to some of the world's best cardiac doctors, clinicians and researchers — and now we're building them the world-class facilities to match."

The design of the hospital — to be built at Monash





University's Clayton grounds and completed in 2022 — includes scope for a \$100 million expansion.

But full plans will depend on winning the support of private donors and philanthropists. Monash University will contribute up to \$70 million for the Heart Hospital while Monash Health will tip in about \$11 million.

Today's funding announcement — equating to an extra \$320 million in government money — paves the way for a large hospital capable of undertaking 2000 cardiac surgeries each year as well as 13,500 cardiac catheterisation procedures and 108,000 consultations and outpatient appointments.

A Monash University business case shows the hospital will also; **CUT** outpatient waiting times by 18 weeks; **SLASH** a day off the average 10-day hospital stay by improved care and speed up patient tests by hours; **ATTRACT** \$58 million in funding for medical research; and **GENERATE** up to \$400 million a year for Victoria through international students, employment, research funding and potentially medical tourism.

As revealed by the *Herald Sun* this year, the project was facing a black hole after the Federal Government refused to fund the project and plans for private backers were also unsuccessful.

With the project's initial cost also blowing out by up to \$200 million,

the Andrews Government was forced to consider a scaled-back version with fewer patient beds and procedure rooms, and a reduced research capacity.

But by pushing ahead with plans to maintain strong research capabilities within the hospital, Health Minister Jill Hennessy said Victoria's scientists would drive the next generation of cardiac

breakthroughs.

"The Victorian Heart Hospital is a Victorian first — an Australian first — it is truly world-leading stuff," Ms Hennessy said.

"It will not only provide the very best cardiac care for patients with heart disease — it will be home to groundbreaking medical research, training and education."

Monash University Pro Vice-Chancellor Sarah Newton said more than 150 research scientists and 64 clinician scientists would be based at the Victorian Heart Hospital.

"This means that patients will have direct and immediate access to cutting-edge therapies and devices as well as clinical trials," she said.

"The VHH, with its research focus, as well as being situated on the university campus with its hi-tech research infrastructure, will also act as an accelerator of the medical technology and pharmaceutical sectors in Victoria."

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## VICTORIAN HEART HOSPITAL

### EACH YEAR IT WILL CATER FOR

- 2000 cardiac surgeries
- 13,500 cardiac catheterisation laboratory procedures

- 108,000 consultations and outpatient appointments

- 48,000 telemedicine consultations across Australia

- Will be Australia's first stand-alone heart hospital

- Will have 195 hospital beds and a 22-bed emergency department

- Is a \$543 million project in

conjunction with Monash University and Monash Health

- Andrews Government to contribute \$470 million

- Expected to generate \$400 million in research funding each year

- Will employ more than 850 clinicians and researchers

- Is due to open in 2022, after generating 1700 construction jobs

- Heart diseases is nation's biggest killer, claiming more than 19,000 Australian lives each year

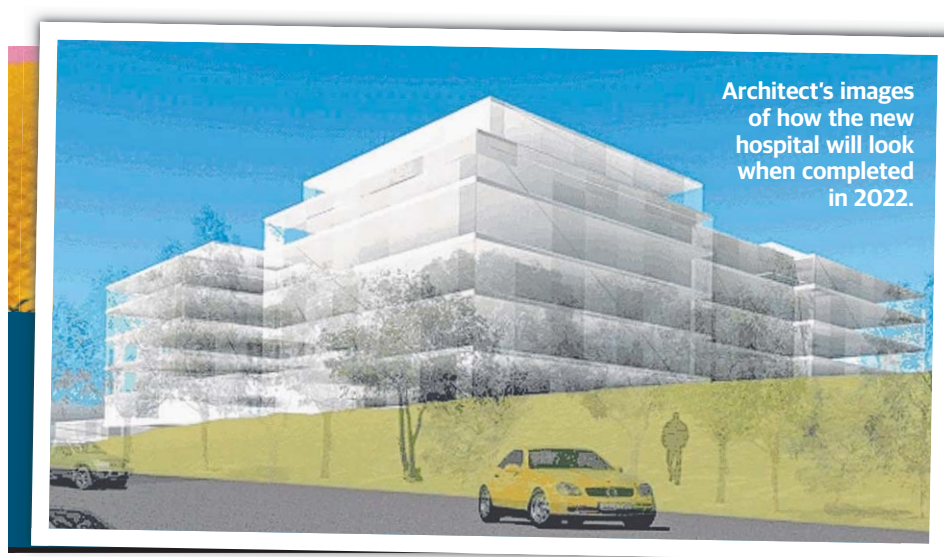


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# Cardiac research, therapy unite

## **GRANT McARTHUR**

RESEARCHERS hope Victoria's new generation heart hospital will lead to the next generation of cures and cardiac treatments.

By combining research labs and clinics in the same centre, the Victorian Heart Hospital is planned to speed up discoveries while also ensuring Melbourne patients have first access to them.

Eight Australian babies are born each day with heart defects and in four out of every five cases experts have been unable to identify which gene has caused their issue.

Monash University researcher Dr Mirana Ramialison said it was vital treatments and research could feed off each other.

"This is the best way to do it because interaction and proximity means better understanding of each patient and what they have, and for the researchers as well to make our discovery more applicable to the patient," she said.

"It is fantastic because it will accelerate the translation of our discovery to the clinic."

In their latest breakthrough Dr Ramialison's team has developed a technology to help surgeons rapidly identify genes acting in specific regions of the heart when a defect is found at birth.

The 3D images allow families to test for the mutated gene in other pregnancies and older family members, potentially saving them from disease and

sudden heart failure.

As surgical advances allowed many children with heart conditions to survive into adulthood, Dr Ramialison said it was important for such breakthroughs to progress so treatments could be developed to combat the newly identified conditions.

"In the longer term, knowing which genes cause which congenital heart diseases means we can develop treatments sooner," she said.