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## **New Emergency Department, 92 new beds & three new wards opened at Frankston Hospital**

Peninsula Health's landmark \$81 million expansion at Frankston Hospital, officially opened today by Minister for Health the Hon Jill Hennessy, will inject a major health boost to one of the busiest Emergency Departments in Victoria.

Community representatives and volunteers such as the Hospital's beloved Pink Ladies joined the Minister and Peninsula Health Chair Nancy Hogan to mark the occasion.

"The opening of this new building marks an important milestone in Frankston Hospital's proud 74 year history. The last five years have seen more than \$150 million invested in capital works for critical care, emergency medicine, and general medical services," Ms Hogan said.

Known as Frankston Stage 3, the new Building A comprises a new Emergency Department, a Coronary Care Unit and two general wards. Peninsula Health Chief Executive Officer Ms Sue Williams said the new four-storey addition to the hospital was delivered on time and under budget.

"This significant development to Frankston Hospital is designed to address the acute health needs across the fast-growing Mornington Peninsula region. Not only are the facilities and equipment amongst the best available, the quality of care from a patient's perspective remains at the heart of this project," Ms Williams explained.

"The new Emergency Department, headed by Dr Shyaman Menon, is more than double the size of the previous one, which saw more than 65,000 presentations annually," Ms Williams said.

The Emergency Department comprises 49 general treatment cubicles as well as specialist treatment rooms and consultation areas.

It will open to patients at 7am on Thursday 19 February.

Above the new Emergency Department level are a further three storeys each housing a new ward.

"The new wards are designed with patient care and dignity in mind. Each ward comprises either single or double rooms with ensuites, have lots of natural light and communal areas for loved ones.

Four general lifts in the foyer provide general access to the wards and a separate lift will transfer Emergency patients straight to surgery or the Intensive Care Unit," Ms Williams said.

Hospital staff and patients will be transferred to the new areas this week.

Changes to access for Emergency Department admissions and car parking changes will be widely advertised.

**To find out more about the project visit [www.peninsulahealth.org.au](http://www.peninsulahealth.org.au)**

**Background:** Peninsula Health provides public healthcare services to residents of the Mornington Peninsula.

Our hospitals and emergency departments are located at Frankston and Rosebud, and we provide a wide range of community health, dental, rehabilitation, mental health, palliative care and aged care services from campuses at Frankston, Hastings, Mornington, Mount Eliza and Rosebud.

**Person centred care is at the heart of everything we do, guided by our values of Service, Integrity, Compassion, Respect and Excellence.**

Frankston Hospital is the major provider of acute secondary and tertiary hospital services on the Mornington Peninsula. It provides general and specialty medical and surgical services, mental health, maternity and paediatric services.

It is located at 2 Hastings Road, Frankston.

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