

# Connecting care for a healthy tomorrow

## Program update

The Boards of Alexandra District Health and Eastern Health have formally recommended a voluntary amalgamation to strengthen access to care closer to home for the Alexandra and district community.

A comprehensive business case has found the voluntary amalgamation would create a more sustainable local health service and support the delivery of more connected care across the rural–metropolitan catchment by strengthening the established partnership that is already benefiting local patients and staff.

The Boards’ recommendation of a voluntarily amalgamation reflects careful consideration of service needs, workforce sustainability, financial analysis, due diligence and feedback from staff, stakeholders, and the community. The recommendation has been provided to the Secretary of the Victorian Department of Health and the Minister for Health for consideration and approval, in line with the *Health Services Act 1988*.



Image: Jane Poxon, CEO, Alexandra District Health; Eugene Arocca, Board Chair, Eastern Health; Kim Flanagan, Board Chair, Alexandra District Health; David Plunkett, CEO, Eastern Health

### Opportunities that are planned to be delivered through a voluntary amalgamation

#### More specialist care, delivered closer to home.

Expanded general medicine, geriatrics and paediatrics clinics delivered locally.



#### More procedures delivered safely in Alexandra.

Including increased low-complexity surgery services.



#### Better access to imaging and diagnostics.

Improved X-ray and diagnostic services to support safer local care.



#### Local dialysis service.

A planned three-chair dialysis service, reducing frequent travel for treatment.



#### Stronger local workforce.

Expanded training, graduate programs and career pathways for Alexandra District Health staff.



#### Clearer, more connected care pathways.

Easier movement between local and metropolitan services when specialist care is needed.



#### Sustainable systems supporting local care.

Shared systems that strengthen long-term viability while keeping services local.



