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**Media Release**

**Victorian government to build five new Youth Prevention and Recovery Care services**

Mind welcomes the Victorian government's announcement today of five new Youth Prevention and Recovery Care (YPARC) services to be built across the state.

Premier Dan Andrews and Minister for Health James Merlino today announced the \$141 funding commitment for new 10 bed residential facilities to be built in Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Shepparton, Heidelberg and Traralgon.

Victoria's three existing Youth PARCs in Bendigo, Dandenong and Frankston will also be completely refurbished and modernised. These are managed by Mind Australia, in partnership with clinical health services.

Mind's Service Manager for the existing Youth PARC in Dandenong, Doyle Barrow, also spoke at the press conference, explaining how these short-term residential services work and what a difference this targeted support can make to the long term outcomes of young people struggling with a range of mental health challenges.

The investment in new Youth PARCs was a key recommendation of immediate priority from the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System. Youth PARCs provide early intervention care and are an alternative to hospital admission providing a range of recovery focused supports.

Read the Victorian government media release [here](#)

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