

Announcement

6 July 2021

Victorian government announces 62 new Haven homes during Haven Geelong visit

Premier Daniel Andrews and Minister for Housing Richard Wynne have announced a \$21.1 million commitment to build 62 supported independent living homes with the Haven Foundation across regional Victoria, as part of the nation-leading Big Housing Build.

These residences provide secure, supported quality housing to adults with significant mental ill-health.

Speaking during a tour of the newly opened Haven Geelong residence, Premier Andrews announced the 62 new Haven places will be built in four priority regional areas – Seymour, Ballarat West, Drouin and North Bendigo.

This is in addition to the 100 supported independent living places already announced, with 84 under construction in Pakenham, Mooroopna, Epping and Laverton - and the just completed 16 unit residence in Geelong.

The homes are being delivered in partnership with the Haven Foundation, which is contributing almost \$1.2 million towards the new homes.

The Premier and the Minister were taken on a tour of the beautifully designed new Haven Geelong development, where Mind is providing service management and psychosocial support services.

Rebecca, one of the residents showed them her unit, which she has made uniquely her own, decorating it to reflect her own style.

Rebecca was also interviewed by media attending the Premier's announcement and described how much she is enjoying living at Haven. "It has only been a short while but it already feels like we are a family," Rebecca said.

For more information please contact Mind Communications Manager Max McLean at max.mclean@mindaustralia.org.au or on 0497 333 545.