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Investing back into Yarriambiack

- **The new aerodrome patient transfer station opens today at Warracknabeal Airport**
- **The Coalition Government invested \$100,000 in the transfer station**
- **The opening also celebrates the completion of nine other federally funded projects**

Today's opening of a new patient transfer facility at Warracknabeal Airport will improve emergency health services in the regional Victorian town and surrounding area.

Federal Member for Mallee Andrew Broad, who attended today's event, said the new patient facility will transfer people safely and comfortably to an air ambulance.

"I'm proud of the Coalition Government's investment in Yarriambiack and Warracknabeal in particular. This new patient facility is suitable for all weather conditions and will offer the level of comfort that both patients and staff deserve," Mr Broad said.

Minister for Regional Development, Territories and Local Government John McVeigh said the new facility will provide much better facilities for Ambulance Victoria staff who are on the frontline of medical care.

"In addition to hygienic restrooms with disability amenities, the facility has been designed to provide easy access for vehicles, stretchers and wheelchairs," Dr McVeigh said.

Mayor of Yarriambiack Shire Graeme Massey said the new facility will also accommodate emergency helicopter transport, which means helicopters will no longer need to land on the local sports oval in Warracknabeal.

"With comfortable and private waiting and meeting rooms, we are confident transfers will now be a much more pleasant experience," Cr Massey said.

The Coalition Government has invested \$1.5 million in 17 projects across Yarriambiack Shire to date through the Drought Communities Programme.

10 of these projects are now complete including the Hopetoun Memorial Hall Restoration, the installation of solar panels at the Brim Sports and Social Club and the Minyip Township Facilities upgrade where the tennis courts and a multi-purpose shed received a facelift.

"These projects supported more than 70 jobs which means people are spending more and driving jobs within their local community, which is an important part of what our grants aim to achieve," Dr McVeigh said.

The Warracknabeal Aerodrome Transfer Station Upgrade Project was jointly funded by the Coalition Government investing \$100,000, the Victorian Government \$26,000, Yarriambiack Shire \$38,236 and community donations \$14,655.

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