



Media release

The Hon David Davis MP

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Minister opens Melton Dental Health Service

Minister for Health David Davis has officially opened the \$4.9 million 12-chair Melton Dental Health Service.

Visiting the facility today, Mr Davis said the new services would boost access to vital dental services in Melton and provide training opportunities for dentists.

“This clinic has been built to provide badly needed public dental services for the people of Melton and surrounding areas – and also to support the Latrobe University Dental School in Bendigo,” Mr Davis said.

“Ten of the twelve chairs are available for student education and dental training. There are four qualified dentists in the clinic, two of whom supervise the treatment provided by dental students and dental hygienists.”

Mr Davis said other staff included a prosthetist, a dental technician and an apprentice dental technician.

“I am pleased to say that the service, which is managed by Djerriwarrh Health Service, is fully staffed and more than 1200 patients a month are receiving treatment,” Mr Davis said.

“This is an outstanding achievement for a service that has been open for only a few short months.”

Mr Davis said the Victorian Government provided \$4.9 million in capital funding for the project and it was delivered on time and on budget by the Department of Health, in close collaboration with Djerriwarrh Health Service, Latrobe University and Dental Health Services Victoria.

“The dental service was designed to be a fully integrated service component of Melton Health with the most up-to-date dental equipment, patient information management and communication systems available,” Mr Davis said.

“The clinic is spacious and light and provides every amenity required, including a laboratory and student areas.

“I am very pleased that the opening of this new 12 chair dental clinic will ensure that Melton residents will no longer have to travel as far as St Albans, Wyndham or Footscray for public dental treatment,” Mr Davis said.

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