

Media release

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New Haven Frankston units opened for people with mental ill-health

A residential development providing permanent housing and care for up to 20 people with mental ill-health was officially opened in Frankston today by the Victorian Treasurer the Hon Tim Pallas MP.

The 20-unit residence was developed by the Haven Foundation, a community housing organisation established to provide housing for socially and financially disadvantaged individuals living with mental illness.

The model provides fully self-contained single bedroom apartments, with around the clock support for residents delivered by Mind Australia, one of the country's leading community mental health service providers.

The development was made possible by \$3.747 million funding from the Victorian Government.

Haven Frankston will give people with enduring mental ill-health the opportunity to access housing which provides normality and stability and offers a sense of permanency in housing and daily living support.

The residences maximise involvement of families and carers in the governance of each facility and day to day operations.

“Partnerships like this are vital if we are to fulfil our responsibility to tackle challenging social problems and providing better opportunities for vulnerable Victorians, ensuring they get the dignity and respect they deserve,” said the Treasurer at today's opening.

“We welcome the important proactive work this government has undertaken in the mental health space – and are pleased to be partnering with them on this project, which will bring relief for people that need it most,” said Professor Allan Fels AO, the Chairman of The Haven Foundation.

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