



Media Release

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Boost for Home and Community Care services

Frail, older people and people with a disability across the Mornington Peninsula, Koo Wee Rup, Bass Coast and Phillip Island will receive extra support to stay in their own homes thanks to \$358,341 in funding from the Australian and Victorian governments.

This funding will help expand existing services or create new ones in identified priority areas of need across the state to enable Victorians to stay in their own homes for longer.

It is part of a \$668 million investment in the Home and Community Care program across the state this financial year between the Australian and Victorian governments.

The Home and Community Care program is a vital service that provides support for our most vulnerable residents.

Older Australians deserve to have the support they need to lead active, healthy lives and to continue to stay in their own homes where possible.

The Home and Community Care program provides critical services that help older people and people with a disability stay independent for longer by providing care where people prefer to receive it – in their own homes and communities.

This includes nursing and allied health care, personal care, domestic assistance, meals and social support, as well as respite services for carers, without which many people wouldn't be able to remain living independently.

It is essential that our seniors and community members with a disability are kept safe and healthy while still remaining connected to their communities with as much independence as possible.

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