



# Media release

**The Hon Dr Denis Napthine MP**

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## **\$4.6 million investment in Carrum Downs sport and CFA station**

- **A new Carrum Downs CFA station to be built under a re-elected Napthine Government**
- **Project will also see major upgrades of Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve**
- **Victorian Coalition Government building a better, healthier and safer Victoria**

Premier Denis Napthine today announced a re-elected Coalition Government will invest \$4.6 million in Carrum Downs to relocate and build a new local CFA station as well as undertake major enhancements to the Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve.

“The Victorian Coalition Government is building a better and safer Victoria and ensuring Carrum Downs is better protected from the threat of fires and other emergencies,” Dr Napthine said.

“The Coalition Government has already invested \$2.825 million to fund the purchase of a new CFA station site from the City of Frankston on the corner of Wedge and Dandenong-Frankston Roads adjacent to the recreation reserve.

“This investment will fund the construction of a new station, which will strengthen emergency response capabilities in Carrum Downs and also provide the brigade with the capacity to extend their service coverage to Dandenong South.”

A re-elected Napthine Government will contribute an additional \$675,000, on top of the State Budget allocation of \$2.825 million, to deliver a modern \$3.5 million CFA station that caters for future growth.

Member for Carrum Donna Bauer welcomed the announcement, and said the brigade has been serving the local community for more than 70 years.

“This is a significant investment for Carrum Downs, and for the hardworking and dedicated volunteer firefighters who protect our local community, responding to around 450 callouts each year,” Ms Bauer said.

“It will ensure our local brigade is better equipped to respond to emergencies now and well into the future.

“Volunteers are the backbone of Victoria’s emergency response and it is absolutely vital that we continue to invest in our fire services to ensure safer communities for Victorians.”

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A range of community and sporting groups will also benefit from a \$1.1 million upgrade of the Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve under a re-elected Napthine Government, including \$83,148 from a recent *Community Facilities Funding Program* grant round to upgrade the oval's lighting.

"The Skye Football Netball Club, the Carrum Downs Cricket Club, the Carrum Downs Tennis Club and other sporting and community groups will get access to an upgraded oval along with stage one of a new pavilion that will house social and changing room facilities," Dr Napthine said.

"The current grant funding for new lighting at the recreation reserve will allow the facilities to be better utilised at night by more teams and participants.

"In addition there will be upgraded pedestrian paths and the development of a new family recreation and playground area that will benefit the entire community."

Ms Bauer said that this funding injection would be the catalyst for growth in sports participation in and around Carrum Downs.

"Local sporting clubs do amazing work for our community, and these new facilities will ensure that the clubs can offer an opportunity to more children and adults to play the sport they love," Ms Bauer said.

"It's also great to see a family playground area being developed as part of the complex. It means the Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve will become a precinct where a child can get active from the day they start crawling right through to playing in organised sport.

"I want to thank the City of Frankston for progressing the CFA relocation project and recreation reserve upgrade with me as a priority.

"By working together we are able to get a big win for emergency services and a another big win for local sport.

"It will clearly be a busy and exciting time in Carrum Downs under a re-elected Napthine Government," Ms Bauer said.