

DRUG REHABILITATION PLAN

New action to help save Victorian lives

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Drug Rehabilitation Plan

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We owe it to the families.

The young child whose mum or dad never returns home.

The parent whose son or daughter is lost forever.

The first responder, bravely protecting our community, who is met with violence.

The community, the workplace, the family – never the same.

These are the tragedies of addiction.

The lives forever changed by a health epidemic in our homes and our streets and our towns.

When we were elected, we immediately took action. We needed a new focus, and a new approach. We established the Ice Action Taskforce and launched the *Ice Action Plan*.

Through the *Ice Action Plan* we have invested \$180 million to save lives, help families, support workers, reduce supply and make our communities safer and stronger.

The facts are clear. The number of Victorians losing their lives to overdose as a result of illegal drug use has almost doubled since 2012.

More Victorians now lose their lives because of drug overdoses than on our roads.

And while we've focused our efforts on tackling ice, another front has re-emerged: heroin deaths are at their highest since 2000.



Things have to change.

Our *Drug Rehabilitation Plan* invests an extra \$87 million and builds on the work of the *Ice Action Plan* to save lives, to treat users, to keep our streets safe, and to crack down on dealers.

We'll expand treatment, boost training, and invest in 100 more rehab beds – doubling the number of rehab beds in Victoria since we came to government.

We will crack down on unsafe private providers who prey on desperate families, and we'll target dealers who put these drugs on our streets.

We'll also take a safety-first, medical approach to preventing heroin overdose, with a trial of a medically supervised injecting room in Richmond.

There is no silver bullet here – no single measure to end this crisis.

But together, these measures will save lives.

And that's the most important thing of all.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Andrews'. The signature is stylized and fluid, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

**The Hon. Daniel Andrews MP
Premier of Victoria**

MORE REHAB BEDS, BETTER TREATMENT, SAFER STREETS

An extra \$87 million will be invested to:

- open 100 additional residential rehabilitation beds to treat up to 400 extra people each year
- trial a new 28 day rapid withdrawal and rehabilitation model to stabilise an extra 100 complex clients a year and reduce hospital readmissions
- provide more practical support and brokerage for people and families trying to urgently locate drug treatment services
- introduce a trial of a medically supervised injecting room at North Richmond Community Health to save lives
- deliver workforce training initiatives to boost the number of alcohol and other drug workers
- crack down on private drug and alcohol treatment providers that provide poor quality, unsafe private drug and alcohol treatment
- further target drug traffickers and dealers, to help take drugs off our streets.

We will also begin consultation on options to provide compulsory treatment for people 18 years and over, who have complex needs such as addiction and mental illness and who pose a violence risk to others. This will occur in tandem with consultation underway to consider a spectrum of alcohol and drug treatment options for young offenders.

ACTION IS NEEDED

There are now more Victorians dying from drug overdoses than on our roads.

While the ice epidemic across Australia continues, another front has re-emerged.

The number of heroin associated overdose deaths is the highest in almost 20 years.

In 2012, 111 Victorians died of a heroin overdose, and this has escalated to **190 deaths in 2016**, with heroin being a factor in **74 per cent of overdose deaths** involving illegal drugs. The 190 heroin overdose deaths in 2016 are comparable to the **2012-2016 five year Victorian road toll average of 210 deaths**. Both are unacceptable numbers that need drastic investment.

The facts are, more must be done to reduce the number of deaths from heroin. We must do more to ensure that we do not return to the heroin scourge of the 1990s. These people aren't just statistics. They are sons, daughters, sisters and brothers and the families who are left behind.

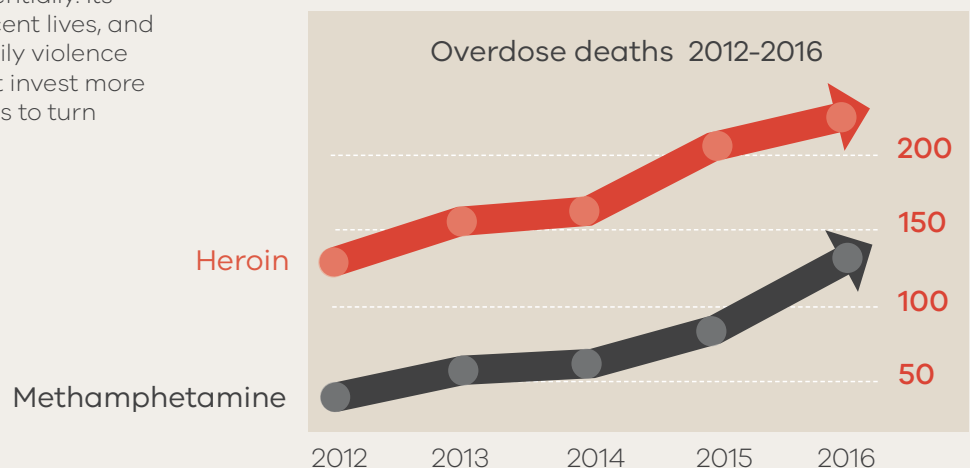
Overdose deaths due to ice are growing exponentially. Its taking young, innocent lives, and contributing to family violence and crime. We must invest more in treatment options to turn this around.

Overdose deaths where ice was a contributing drug have risen by 60 per cent from 2015 to 2016. Use has been associated with drug-induced psychosis, violence and aggression. As drug users shift to more potent forms of methamphetamine, the harms of the drug have increased, the helplines are consistently busy and there is a rise in drug and alcohol treatment episodes, hospital stays, and deaths.

Pharmaceutical drugs play a role in approximately 80 per cent of Victorian overdose deaths each year. This has stayed relatively consistent over the last seven years. Common prescription drugs are often the cause of these overdoses, with benzodiazepines such as diazepam the drugs most frequently contributing to overdose.

The Victorian Government is committed to stepping up the fight against ice, heroin and other problematic drug use in Victoria.

IN 2016 **HEROIN**
WAS A FACTOR IN
74 PER CENT
OF OVERDOSE DEATHS



RESPONDING IN REGIONAL AND RURAL COMMUNITIES

The effects of addiction are felt in every corner of our state.

Many regional communities have felt this devastation more acutely – particularly when it comes to ice – which is why we've targeted regional treatment and rehabilitation.

Treatment services are being expanded across the state, giving more Victorians access to the support they need, closer to their loved ones and support networks.

Over 50 per cent of additional residential rehabilitation beds are being delivered in rural and regional Victoria.

New therapeutic day rehabilitation programs are now available in seven regional locations, including Mildura, Warrnambool, Bendigo, Geelong, Shepparton, Moe and Ballarat. To 30 June 2017, over 1,200 people have engaged in therapeutic day rehabilitation across the State. New residential rehabilitation beds will open in Bendigo in the coming months.

Recognising the impact of illicit drugs throughout regional Victoria, \$9.7 million has been provided to acquire land in Gippsland, Hume and Barwon to build new residential drug rehabilitation facilities.

Development of a new 20-bed residential rehabilitation facility in Ballarat will also start in early 2018, with this new service to commence from October 2018.

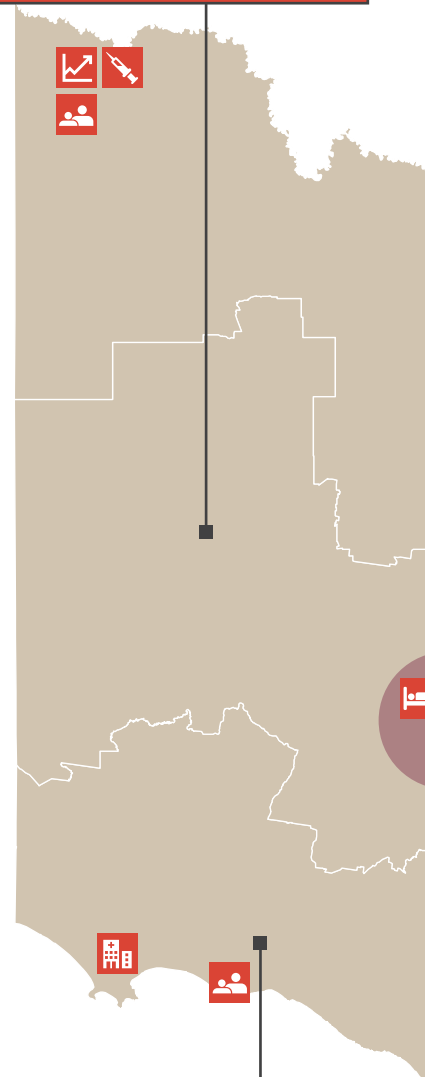
New state-of-the-art Victoria Police forensic hubs are being established in two regional locations, including the Latrobe Valley, to fast-track investigations into ice and stop the trafficking of this harmful drug in country towns.

Local solutions are pivotal to tackling the use and impact of ice. The *Ice Action Plan* provides \$500,000 to support Community Ice Action Groups. Thirty-eight funding grants have been provided to local ice action groups in regional and rural communities to prevent and reduce ice-related harms. The grants are supporting local solutions such as workshops, forums, local campaigns, training and engagement with young people.

OUR REGIONAL RESPONSE

GRAMPIANS REGION

- New family drug support services
- New Therapeutic Day Rehabilitation
- Targeted treatment services to help reunite parents with their children
- Expanded services for people in treatment who are at a higher risk of overdose
- Adult non-residential treatment growth funding
- Additional services for young people
- 20 treatment beds



GREAT SOUTH COAST REGION

- New family drug support services
- New Therapeutic Day Rehabilitation
- Expanded services for people in treatment who are at a higher risk of overdose
- Additional services for young people
- Targeted treatment services to help reunite parents with their children

RESPONSE, 2015-16 TO 2021-22

LODDON MALLEE REGION


- New family drug support services
- New Therapeutic Day Rehabilitation
- More treatment places for forensic clients
- Expanded services for people in treatment who are at a higher risk of overdose
- Additional services for young people
- Targeted treatment services to help reunite parents with their children
- Eight additional residential drug rehabilitation beds in Bendigo
- 10 treatment beds

GOULBURN VALLEY REGION

- New family drug support services
- New Therapeutic Day Rehabilitation
- Expanded services for people in treatment who are at a higher risk of overdose
- Adult non-residential treatment growth funding
- Additional services for young people
- Targeted treatment services to help reunite parents with their children

 COMMUNITY ICE ACTION GRANTS

 FACILITY RENEWAL GRANTS

 NEEDLE AND SYRINGE PROGRAM EXPANSION

 RESIDENTIAL WITHDRAWAL GROWTH FUNDING

 NEW RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION FACILITY – CONSTRUCTION

 NEW RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION FACILITY – LAND AND PLANNING

HUME REGION

- New family drug support services
- Expanded services for people in treatment who are at a higher risk of overdose
- Adult non-residential treatment growth funding
- Additional services for young people
- Targeted treatment services to help reunite parents with their children
- 20 treatment beds (planning and development)

GIPPSLAND REGION

- New family drug support services
- New Therapeutic Day Rehabilitation
- Additional services for young people
- More treatment places for forensic clients
- Expanded services for people in treatment who are at a higher risk of overdose
- Targeted treatment services to help reunite parents with their children
- 20 treatment beds (planning and development)

BARWON REGION

- New family drug support services
- New Therapeutic Day Rehabilitation
- Expanded services for people in treatment who are at a higher risk of overdose
- Targeted treatment services to help reunite parents with their children
- 20 treatment beds (planning and development)



COMMUNITY ICE ACTION GROUP AFL CENTRAL VICTORIA

In 2016, AFL Central Victoria received a Community Ice Action Grant to educate young football and netball players in their communities about the dangers of illicit drugs, with an emphasis on ice.

Across 2016 and 2017, the program ran 15 sessions at football and netball clubs across the AFL Central Victoria region, with more than 1,000 players, parents and club administrators attending. The program involved presentations from a member of Victoria Police, a local health expert working in the drug and alcohol field, and someone with local experience to drive positive connections and behaviours.

The expert health worker gave education and referral advice to people affected by problematic substance use. By openly discussing substance misuse, the program aimed to equip clubs to lead conversations about the issue and develop strategies and policies to respond and build positive club culture.

Some of the clubs visited were Pyramid Hill, Mitiamo, Newbridge and St Arnaud, as well as a number of Bendigo-based clubs including Bendigo Pioneers (TAC Cup Club) and the Bendigo Umpires Association.

SAVING LIVES

Too many Victorians are losing their lives to drug addiction.

As demand for treatment services has grown, many families have been waiting too long for the medical help they need.

That's why we're investing in 100 more drug rehab beds. In total, once all new beds are fully operational, the Andrews Labor Government will have doubled the number of rehab beds since coming to government.

This will mean more people can access the treatment they need to recover and turn their lives around.

We're also delivering more treatment options, better treatment facilities and extra support for drug and alcohol workers.

100 more drug treatment beds

A further \$53.2 million is being invested to ensure that more people can get the help they need sooner.

Along with funding from the 2017/18 State Budget, this additional investment will see 100 new drug residential rehabilitation beds open by March 2018, to treat up to 400 extra people each year.

New rapid withdrawal and rehabilitation service

To give people the best chance of a full recovery after a drug residential rehabilitation stay, \$11.7 million is being provided to trial a new eight-bed rapid withdrawal and rehabilitation service in Melbourne.

This new service, which will be available to people from across the state, will support up to 100 people each year to engage in drug treatment, reducing the likelihood of relapse.

Medically supervised injecting room – preventing overdoses

Heroin deaths are at their highest point in almost 20 years. This health emergency is concentrated around North Richmond in the City of Yarra.

Local families, first responders, medical experts, and the people who witness this devastation on their streets every day have told us something needs to be done. We have listened.

We will introduce legislation for a trial of a medically supervised injecting room, to be operated by medical practitioners at North Richmond Community Health. Establishment of the medically supervised injecting room will be done in consultation with Victoria Police to minimise drug harm while supporting community safety. Clients will also be appropriately referred to other support services.

As demand for treatment services has grown, many families have been waiting too long for the medical help they need.

The evidence is clear, the medically supervised injecting centre in Kings Cross, Sydney has decreased overdose deaths by managing 6,089 overdoses without a single death. The centre has also reduced the number of dirty needles in public places by almost half and led to an 80 per cent reduction in ambulance callouts. Independent evaluations have also found that there is no evidence of the centre increasing local crime or drug use.

Community safety will continue to be a paramount consideration in Richmond. In addition to the enhanced Victoria Police response to drugs we have rolled out, **safety is being prioritised throughout the area through the use of additional CCTV and lighting**, to deter and respond to crime.

Compulsory treatment for people with complex needs and violent behaviours

Legislation exists to treat people with alcohol or other drug problems involuntarily, in limited situations. However, not all people with complex needs, who sometimes pose a risk to others, and who refuse treatment, are captured by current laws.

The Government will commence consultation with experts on options to provide compulsory treatment for people 18 years and over, who have complex needs such as addiction and mental illness and who pose a risk to others.

Naloxone

Across the state we are subsidising the cost of Naloxone, a life-saving medication that can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose. We have expanded training and distribution of this drug to peers, families, first responders and communities as a key element of our response to overdose. This effort is supported by a new proactive overdose outreach service delivered through peers and health workers personally following up drug users that have survived an overdose.

More support for the drug and alcohol workforce

Drug and alcohol workers play a critical role in a person's journey to recovery from addiction. To grow the drug and alcohol nursing workforce and ensure they are equipped with the right support to enable them to provide the best treatment and care, an additional \$450,000 is being invested in an extra 20 scholarships, and extra training.

Real time prescription monitoring

For many years more people have overdosed on pharmaceutical medicines than illicit drugs. It is a major public health challenge. Through an investment of almost \$30 million, and the introduction of new laws, we are rolling out a mandatory IT system that doctors and pharmacists can access before prescribing or supplying certain high-risk medicines. Training is also being provided to ensure doctors and pharmacists are prepared to support and refer patients in need.

Helping families

Families are often the informal care and support system for people using drugs. The stress and stigma associated with their loved one's drug use can be significant, and the behavioural changes that can develop as a result can be very distressing.

For families with loved ones struggling with addiction, getting access to treatment can be a time of great stress. Knowing where to turn for help and support can reduce the harm and strain for many families.

More practical support to find help through a new brokerage service

This next phase of investment delivers \$3.3 million for a new advice service to provide more practical support and brokerage for families trying to urgently locate treatment services for their loved ones. With just one phone call, families will be able to reach out for advice on treatment options so their family member can access the support they need sooner.

Supports in Aboriginal communities

Recognising the impact of drugs has a disproportionate effect on Aboriginal communities, through the 2017/18 budget we invested \$14.1 million to employ 34 Aboriginal health workers to provide specialist treatment for Aboriginal Victorians facing alcohol and drug addiction. This is in addition to the expansion of Aboriginal Metropolitan Ice Partnerships, providing locally appropriate assertive outreach, support and clinical intervention for community members impacted by or addicted to ice.

MARCO'S STORY

'I came to Odyssey House when I was angry and aggressive towards the world, and now I'm not. The world isn't out to get me anymore.' – Marco

Marco's problems started early on with his parents' separation, when he started using drugs at the age of 12. At 15, he was already working long hours and having a few drinks every day at the end of each shift and a few 'party' drugs on the weekend. Marco says everything was 'just normal' until he had complications from an operation and had to undergo further surgery.

The long recovery from his surgery led to a gradual addiction to the medication he had been given as a result of the operation.

Marco began drinking heavily and coupled with his medication, this led to panic attacks and major anxiety. It was around this time his girlfriend died from a drug overdose and he lost his driving licence because of his drinking.

Marco's life was spiralling out of control and he didn't know what else to do, so he turned to drugs.

Marco came to Odyssey House Victoria and stayed in the residential rehabilitation program for six months. He says that at this stage he hadn't fully accepted that he needed help and left the program not believing that he really needed to change. He still blamed other people for what had happened to him.

Going back out into the wider community enabled Marco to pick up where he had left off. His drug taking and his risk taking increased. He started to inject himself.

His life was falling apart. His Mum had taken out an intervention order against him, he had lost his job and couldn't function on a day-to-day basis because of his drug and alcohol use. Eventually he realised that he was the one who needed to change his behaviour. After 10 months he reapplied to go back to Odyssey House. This time, he was ready.

After a further 18 months, Marco completed the Odyssey House Residential Program and received further support from Odyssey House while living in the community. He is now living with some of his peers (who went through the program alongside him), working full time and is excited about the future.

He says: 'This place [Odyssey House] has given me the tools to deal with anything.'

Marco wants to help people who have addictions after Odyssey House helped him. 'I don't want to just plod along,' he says. 'It's now about the long term, not just the day-to-day like before.'

* Names have been changed to protect identities.

PETER'S STORY

Peter, a 52 year old male, was referred to the Drug Court in March 2017 after pleading guilty to a number of offences including burglary, theft and property offences for which he had been sentenced to one year and eight months imprisonment. This was one further sentence of many, with a history with the justice system dating back 38 years, commencing when Peter was just 14 years old.

Peter was introduced to illicit substance use at 11 years of age by a member of his extended family. His drugs of choice included ice, heroin and cannabis and he was diagnosed with anxiety, depression and bipolar disorder. At the time of referral to the Drug Court, Peter reported he was feeling isolated and hopeless and despite wanting a better life for himself and his family, he did not know where to start and he didn't have a support network to make the positive changes he needed to make. His lawyer referred him to the Drug Court after trying all available options when he was facing another period of incarceration.

In March 2017, Peter was granted a Drug Treatment Order where he had a curfew, supervised drugs screening, weekly counselling and appointments with a case manager, and he had to attend weekly court reviews with the Drug Court Magistrate.

The Drug Court team worked with Peter to get him a place to live, and the therapy and support he needed to start turning his life around – to not only decrease his drug use for the first time in 15 years, but also put a stop to his offending.

Peter tried to turn his life around many times but found it hard to keep going until he got the support he needed from the Drug Court.

Peter has a newfound hope for the future and hopes to learn to read and get a job.

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PROTECTING VICTORIANS

Through the Community Safety Statement and Ice Action Plan investments, we have made our streets safer, our health services more secure, and our justice system stronger.

Victoria Police has been working locally and internationally to reduce the supply of ice and other drugs, targeting online drug markets, organised criminal networks and clandestine laboratories.

But we must do more to keep Victorians safe from drugs. In addition to health measures that will save lives, we'll make our hospitals safer, crack down on dodgy private providers, and further target dangerous drug traffickers.

Safer hospitals

Through a \$40 million *Health Service Violence Prevention Fund*, more than 60 health services are receiving funding to make their facilities safer – including installing alarms, CCTV, behavioural assessment rooms and access control doors.

Cracking down on poor quality, unsafe private providers

Vulnerable families will be better protected from poor quality, unsafe private drug and alcohol treatment providers, with the Victorian Health Complaints Commissioner having additional supports to step up monitoring and investigations into several private drug and alcohol treatment providers. The Victorian Government will continue to look for ways to strengthen oversight of private providers, and will keep urging the Commonwealth to introduce minimum standards for these services.

Getting ice off our streets

So far this year, the Victoria Police Clandestine Laboratory Squad has attended 135 illicit drug laboratories. This work has resulted in the seizure of 11 kilograms of methamphetamine, 903 kilograms of methamphetamine with an estimated street value of \$898 million, and 300 kilograms of pseudoephedrine.

Given the large quantities of drugs which enter Victoria through maritime channels, the Victoria Police Trident Taskforce has conducted significant operations to disrupt and deter the supply of illicit drugs through maritime channels.



The Joint Organised Crime Taskforce has conducted a number of major operations during the year. This included an investigation that led to the seizure of 275 kilograms of methamphetamine that had been imported through the Melbourne Ports. Another operation prevented the importation of 186 kilograms of cocaine from entering Victoria. The continuation of national joint taskforces has resulted in the seizure of several hundred illegally imported firearms as well as the seizure of methamphetamine totalling 1,660 kilograms.

Tougher sentencing for drug trafficking

We have reduced the commercial and large commercial trafficking quantities to ensure harsher sentences can be laid against ice dealers. This reform was based on a recommendation from the Court of Appeal, which recognised the significant harm ice causes in our communities.

These reforms reduce the large commercial quantity of ice from 750 grams to 500 grams when pure, from 1 kilogram to 750 grams when mixed, and commercial quantities from 100 grams to 50 grams when pure, and 500 grams to 250 grams when mixed.

We will now introduce similarly tough laws to increase sentences for commercial heroin trafficking.

We will work with key stakeholders, including Victoria Police, to finalise the exact quantities before legislation is introduced.

We are also developing reforms to target the role of organised crime in commercial drug trafficking.

These new laws will be developed over coming months to target the organised criminals who put our kids at risk every day.

ACHIEVEMENTS THROUGH VICTORIA'S ICE ACTION PLAN

Whole of Government – Ice Action Plan Initiatives

Initiatives	Key Components	Achievements
STAGE 1 – Victorian Budget 2015/16 - \$45.5 million		
Expand drug treatment services with a focus on rural rehabilitation	\$18 million to expand services particularly in rural and regional Victoria, and establish innovative models of non-residential rehabilitation	New innovative therapeutic day rehabilitation treatment services have been introduced to provide up to 500 treatment courses each year across nine services, including seven services in regional Victoria (Mildura, Warrnambool, Bendigo, Geelong, Shepparton, Moe and Ballarat)
New drug and booze buses	\$15 million for 10 new drug and booze buses to improve road safety, and additional random roadside drug tests	Victoria Police completed 100,000 roadside drug screening tests in 2016-17
Support for families and communities	\$4.7 million for training and family support services, including an innovative family support program delivered statewide and available to over 1,000 Victorians each year	The 1800 Ice helpline has received over 4,000 calls since it commenced in 2015 Around 1,500 people are participating in the Breakthrough: Ice Education for Families program each year. Through this program, families in need are getting help to recognise when there is a problem and what to do
Cracking down on clandestine drug labs	\$4.5 million to expand Victoria Police's Forensic Drug Branch to increase drug profiling and intelligence capability	The project has achieved a 40 per cent improvement in capacity, including greater analysis capacity and decreased turnaround times

ACHIEVEMENTS THROUGH VICTORIA'S ICE ACTION PLAN

Whole of Government – Ice Action Plan Initiatives

Key Components

Achievements

STAGE 1 – Victorian Budget 2015/16 - \$45.5 million

Expand investment in Needle and Syringe Programs (NSPs)	\$1.8 million to provide grants to 20 high-need locations to reduce harm to injecting ice users and the wider community	Over 20 sites have received funding grants to expand after-hour access to needle and syringe programs
Expand investment in clinical supervision	\$600,000 for strengthened and extended clinical supervision training for alcohol and other drug treatment and mental health workers	Rollout of training for both mental health and alcohol and other drug providers commenced in January 2017
Community Ice Action Groups	\$500,000 for grants of up to \$10,000 for communities in regional and outer metropolitan areas to develop local strategies to address ice	38 grants have been provided to Community Ice Action Groups across regional Victoria to help them deliver local solutions and education
Training and supervision for workers	\$400,000 for the development of a standard best practice training curriculum for frontline workers	Over 10,000 people have registered for the free online ice training for frontline workers

**Whole of Government –
Ice Action Plan
Initiatives**

Key Components

Achievements

STAGE 2 – Victorian Budget 2016/17 - \$57.6 million

Expansion of the Drug Court of Victoria	\$32 million to expand operations in Melbourne Magistrates' Court to supervise offenders whose drug dependency is linked to their crime	The Melbourne Drug Court opened in March 2017 and is giving a further 170 participants each year the opportunity to address the underlying causes of their addiction
Mental health, alcohol and other drugs facilities renewal	\$10 million to improve selected mental health and alcohol and other drug facilities	29 facilities renewal grants were allocated to alcohol and other drug service providers
Alcohol and drugs residential rehabilitation service	\$6 million to develop a new residential rehabilitation facility in the Grampians region	Construction will commence on a new a 20-bed residential alcohol and drug rehabilitation facility in January 2018
Responding to ice in Aboriginal communities	\$4 million to continue and expand the Aboriginal Metropolitan Ice Partnership	Pilot projects in four metropolitan areas are continuing
Further training and support to better equip frontline workers	\$5.5 million for face-to-face training for up to 9,700 health and human services workers who may have contact with people affected by ice, and a customised training package to meet the needs of vulnerable population groups, including Aboriginal people and LGBTI groups	5,000 face-to-face training places have been offered to frontline workers, and 3,000 paramedics will receive this training by the end of 2017

ACHIEVEMENTS THROUGH VICTORIA'S ICE ACTION PLAN

Initiatives	Key components
STAGE 3 – Victorian Budget 2017/18 - \$78.4 million	
Responding to unavoidable demand for alcohol and other drug services	<p>\$34.8 million for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 new residential rehabilitation beds within existing services • Additional counselling and treatment services for up to 3,800 parents a year to meet requirements of family reunification legislation • 960 extra treatment places for people with mandatory treatment conditions
Expanded treatment support for people at risk of overdose	\$12.4 million to expand support services for people transitioning in and out of treatment services, a critical time when they are at higher risk of harm
Mental health and alcohol and other drug facilities renewal	\$10 million to improve selected mental health and alcohol and other drug facilities
Regional drug residential rehabilitation services	\$9.7 million to support land acquisition for three new residential rehabilitation facilities in the Gippsland, Hume and Barwon regions
Earlier access to alcohol and other drug services	\$6 million to expand existing phone-based and online support and advice services for people using alcohol and other drugs, as well as their families and others seeking information, advice, support and referral
Strengthening alcohol and other drug treatment data systems	\$4.1 million to upgrade the alcohol and other drug treatment data collection system, which will strengthen understanding of client pathways through alcohol and other drug treatment services
Family Drug Treatment Court	\$1.4 million to extend the trial of the Family Drug Treatment Court at Broadmeadows Children's Court

WHAT'S NEXT

Action to reduce the impact of ice and other drugs on families and communities across Victoria will continue.

We will track our progress, evaluate to learn, and keep to our commitments under the *Ice Action Plan* and the *Drug Rehabilitation Plan*.

Through both plans and across Victoria, initiatives will be rolled out in the community, in homes, schools, health services and courts.

Over the next year, more treatment beds will be made available, more police will patrol the streets and more communities will benefit from local action.

We have always known that the solution to the crisis is outside the scope of one government or one community campaign. The Ice Action Taskforce was established to work with the Victorian Government to provide unique and targeted insights to reduce the harm from drugs.

The Government could not have asked for better partners to tackle this challenge.

Together we will continue making change to save Victorian lives.

