

42 new homes for vulnerable families in Melbourne's inner north

- **Shovel-ready social housing project receives funding from the Victorian Government**
- **Non-profit Unison will build and manage the new property**

The Victorian Government partners with leading social and affordable housing developer and provider, Unison Housing, to build 42 new homes for vulnerable families in the City of Banyule.

The \$18.3 million project will increase the supply of social housing in Melbourne's inner north with the fast-tracked delivery of 42 modern and spacious apartments, spread across six levels.

The contemporary design of the building will add visual appeal along Bell Street and seamless integration into the community.

Ideally located within a rapidly growing precinct, the mostly 2-bedroom apartments will provide safe and secure homes for families who are on the highest priority category or on the register of interest of the Victorian Housing Register.

Unison will develop, manage and maintain the new building. Unison's Place Management team will work collaboratively with local services to ensure that residents are linked with support to facilitate a sustainable tenancy.

In addition to helping the community's most vulnerable members, the project will also create more than 160 jobs in construction and dozens of ongoing jobs in housing and community services.

The Bell Street project is part of the Victorian Government's \$5.3 billion Big Housing Build which will provide more social and affordable housing for people in need across metropolitan and regional Victoria. As a not-for-profit organisation, Unison reinvests operating surplus back into our services, our properties and our communities, and importantly the development of much-needed affordable housing.

The builder has been appointed and works is ready to start at the end of November 2021, with completion estimated for mid-2023.

Quotes attributable to James King, CEO of Unison Housing

“Having a safe, stable and affordable place to call home is more than just having a roof over someone's head. For many, it's an opportunity for a new start to life. It is a place where people can be comfortable, live with dignity, stay well, raise their family, make memories and connect with their community.”



“Unison has a proven track record in planning, delivery and operation of social and affordable housing projects across Victoria in partnership with government, public and private partners. We are committed to building and managing housing that is well designed, affordable, accessible and secure.”

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About Unison

Unison is a not-for-profit organisation that works to reduce disadvantage and social exclusion by creating communities that thrive. We develop, own and manage social, transitional and affordable housing; and we deliver homelessness services in Melbourne’s West to over 3,000 households a year. Find out more unison.org.au

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