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Improving aged care services in Beaufort

Beaufort and Skipton Health Service is set to benefit from a statewide program to upgrade aged care facilities.

Member for Western Victoria, Jaala Pulford, today announced the Beaufort Nursing Home is one of 38 facilities to receive funding from the Government's \$10 million Significant Facility Refurbishment Initiative.

Funding was provided for a number of priority areas including improvements to common areas, bedroom or bathroom refurbishments that improve resident privacy and independence, and upgrades to outdoor activity areas to make them more accessible.

Beaufort and Skipton Health Service will receive \$150,000 towards a project to provide dementia-friendly upgrades and additions to improve the quality of life of residents.

The project at the Beaufort Nursing Home includes improvements to common areas, 5 shared bathrooms, a new ramp for indoor/outdoor access, extension to the existing dining and sitting area and upgrades to hotel services.

Ms Pulford said the upgrade will improve the comfort and safety of residents and staff.

"The Beaufort Nursing Home plays a key role in providing care for our vulnerable senior citizens in their local community and this funding will help make sure their home is up to scratch," Ms Pulford said.

"We're providing extra resources to aged care facilities right across Victoria to help them make necessary upgrades which will make a real difference to the quality of life for residents, now and into the future," she said.

Additionally, the Andrews Government has announced funding of \$1.1 million which will see up to a thousand public sector health and aged care nurses receive specialist training to improve the treatment and care of our elderly Victorians.

The training will help nurses better identify and manage a range of physical and mental health issues commonly experienced by older people.

The training will be led by the Australian Nurses and Midwifery Federation in partnership with La Trobe University and will begin in September.

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