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Minister opens new hospital unit

Victorian Health Minister Daniel Andrews officially opened Latrobe Regional Hospital's new short-stay unit today.

The Tambo Unit is now fully-operational and is designed for patients who require a longer stay in the Emergency Department, but do not need further admission into a Unit.

With six beds and two Hospital in the Home chairs, the Tambo Unit will relieve pressure currently being experienced by the Hospital's Emergency Department.

The \$460,000 project was funded by the Victorian Government and involved the extension and refurbishment of the Hospital's former Dialysis Unit.

Latrobe Regional Hospital's Director of Emergency, Dr Gary Campaign said while the Tambo Unit was not a quick-fix for the increased presentations being experienced by the Emergency Department, it would certainly have an impact on bed availability and improve patient flow.

He said the Hospital was working with the Department of Human Services on long-term solutions for accommodating the growing numbers of Emergency Department presentations as the population of Gippsland increases.

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