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Future

More
Fleurieu
Paramedics



South
Australian
Labor



Acknowledgment of country.

We acknowledge and respect the Traditional Custodians whose ancestral lands we live and work upon and we pay our respects to their Elders past and present. We acknowledge and respect their deep spiritual connection and the relationship that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have to Country. We also pay our respects to the cultural authority of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their nations in South Australia, as well as those across Australia.

A Malinauskas Labor Government will:

BOOST AMBULANCE COVERAGE IN VICTOR HARBOR AND GOOLWA BY RECRUITING 24 MORE PARAMEDICS

COST: \$6.1 million

Labor can make this investment because it is scrapping Steven Marshall's \$662 million inner-city basketball stadium and instead investing the money in health, including in excess of \$100 million in country health.

The additional 24 paramedics on Fleurieu Peninsula is the latest of SA Labor's commitments to boost health and ambulance care in country South Australia.

The \$6.1 million investment will deliver:

- ✔ An extra 24/7 emergency 12-paramedic crew based at Victor Harbor Ambulance Station from 2024.
- ✔ For the first time, Goolwa will also have 24/7 emergency coverage with a new 12-paramedic crew beginning in 2025.

Ambos have been crying out for more resources, and South Australians have shared their tragic stories of lives lost.

One local story involves a local SA Ambulance Service volunteer Jason Mountstephen who, at just 34 years of age, collapsed in Goolwa and went into cardiac arrest.

After his parents called triple-0 they waited 25 minutes for an ambulance at a time crews were reportedly ramped. Crews arrived and attempted to save his life but, 45 minutes later, he sadly passed away.

Jason's sister, Melanie, told The Advertiser in December 2021:

"It was unfortunate the night he passed, local crews were ramped in Adelaide and tasked to other jobs, leaving our town and area vulnerable."

"We are tortured with thoughts such as: if an ambulance with a defibrillator and adrenaline had arrived sooner, would Jason have made it? Would he have had the chance to make it to a hospital instead of my mother and father laying on the floor holding their son for the last time?"

These additional paramedics promised by Labor will fill a large gap in ambulance coverage across South Australia, giving Victor Harbor and Goolwa residents safety and peace of mind.

Labor's investment in the South Australian Ambulance Service comes as ramping reaches an all-time high over the past three years.

One life lost due to ramping or because there's no crew to attend is one life lost too many.

For too long we've heard horrific stories of sections of our state going uncovered while the too few ambulance crews we have are stretched to their absolute limits.

It has got to be our priority to fix this – we cannot accept any more tragedies under these circumstances.



Peter Malinauskas MP
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