Under the Transforming Health plan, the State Government is investing $170.5 million to improve and upgrade facilities at Flinders Medical Centre, including:

> A new rehabilitation centre, with 55 rehabilitation beds, new gyms and a hydrotherapy pool so rehabilitation can start sooner

> Southern Adelaide Palliative Services will relocate to Level 5 of the new rehabilitation building, offering access to shared spaces and a large rooftop garden

> More car parking, with a new 1240 space multi-deck car park (690 more spaces than currently exist) to make it easier to visit loved ones

> A dedicated orthogeriatric service

> A new centre for the Older Persons’ Mental Health Service

To find out more, visit
www.transforminghealth.sa.gov.au
Building on our investment
Since 2002, $193 million has been invested in the Flinders Medical Centre to undertake projects that improve facilities for residents in Southern Adelaide, including:

> construction of a new south wing building, including a Birthing and Assessment Suite and a Maternity and Gynaecology Unit. The building is also the first health facility in Australia to achieve an “As Built” 5 star rating from the Green Building Council of Australia

> construction of a new Emergency Department, completely redeveloped to provide an additional 21 treatment cubicles, including an ocean-themed paediatrics emergency area, time critical bays and an ambulance deck canopy

> expansion of the Intensive and Critical Care Unit by eight beds, taking the total number of beds to 32

> a new 30-bed Acute Medical Unit located adjacent to the Emergency Department

> a new purpose built 20-bed Cardiac Care Unit

> a redeveloped and expanded operating theatre suite, including ten new state-of-the-art operating theatres, plus two additional shell theatres for future expansion and a new Day of Surgery Admissions Unit

> new MRI/CT imaging facility

> refurbished paediatric inpatient ward

> significant upgrade to the site engineering infrastructure and refurbishment of Central Sterilising Services Department facilities

> construction of a decked car park and completion of the Margaret Tobin Centre.

The planned $17.5 million Neonatal Unit Redevelopment project will continue. This will deliver the best care to unwell babies.

We now want to build on this investment to ensure our healthcare system provides consistent, quality care first time, every time.

Fast emergency care, 24-hours a day, 7 days a week
Flinders Medical Centre will offer a major Emergency Department, with senior doctors and nurses on-site around the clock to respond to life-threatening emergencies and trauma. The Emergency Department will also be equipped with 24-hour diagnostic and imaging services where appropriate, a 24-hour on-call service for acute coronary syndrome cases and an on-site stroke service operating 8am – 8pm, 7 days a week. This means that the right specialised teams and equipment will be available whenever major emergencies occur – day or night, weekday or weekend. In an emergency you should always call triple zero (000).

Improved stroke care
For stroke patients, fast treatment at a specialised stroke unit can be the difference between life and death, or the difference between long-term disability and none. That is why Flinders Medical Centre will continue to provide stroke care on-site 7 days a week, 8am to 8pm for local patients and all eligible patients needing reperfusion (restoring blood flow to the brain).
Comprehensive surgical services

Flinders Medical Centre will be a hub for complex and specialised surgeries in the South. Complex surgeries from Noarlunga Hospital and the Repatriation General Hospital as well as a statewide cardiothoracic service, which will focus on complex cardiac surgical cases, will be based at Flinders Medical Centre. 24-hour trauma surgery will also be available at Flinders Medical Centre so you can receive the best care, straight away.

Day surgery and other procedures will continue at Flinders Medical Centre and Noarlunga Hospital for people living in the South.

Babies and children’s care

Under statewide governance, Flinders Medical Centre will provide emergency and elective surgical care to children in Southern Adelaide.

The Neonatal unit at Flinders Medical Centre will be upgraded with a $17.5 million redevelopment. Level 6 Neonatal services will continue at Flinders Medical Centre.

More rehabilitation services for the South

Rehabilitation is most successful when it starts as soon as you are ready. That’s why we are integrating rehabilitation into our hospitals and want to expand in a new rehabilitation building at Flinders Medical Centre, with 55 rehabilitation beds and new gyms and pool. These services will support acute rehabilitation for patients in dedicated stroke and orthogeriatric units. Allied health services will be available 7 days a week, as appropriate, to support patient recovery and timely discharge from hospital.

These changes will not happen immediately

You will be kept up to date with any changes at Flinders Medical Centre before they happen.
Quicker mental health treatment

Local mental health services will continue to be provided at Flinders Medical Centre. There will be more direct admissions to beds and less time in emergency departments.

We are investing in the healthcare of South Australians

Under Transforming Health we will:

- Invest more than $250 million to improve the State’s health infrastructure.
- Care for our Veterans with up to $15 million for a new Centre for Excellence for the treatment of Post-Traumatic Stress and deliver more services closer to home.
- Invest significantly to increase ambulance officers and get more ambulances on the streets.
- Deliver better mental health services with more direct admission to beds and less time in emergency departments.
- Create specialist centres for elective surgery, stroke, spinal and brain injury, heart disease, and lung disease.

Improved services for the elderly

Hospitals are particularly hazardous for older people. The longer someone remains in hospital, the higher the risk of their condition deteriorating, infection, falls and more fractures. That is why we are going to establish a single statewide model of care for orthogeriatric services, including a dedicated orthogeriatric unit at Flinders Medical Centre, to ensure elderly patients are treated quickly and get home sooner. We also want to build a new purpose-built psychogeriatric ward, to look after older people with specific mental health needs.

Palliative care services

A Clinical Working Party has recommended Flinders Medical Centre as the new location for Southern Adelaide Palliative Services.

The service will be located on Level 5 of the new rehabilitation building and will have 15 single rooms, all with individual bathrooms, providing greater privacy and the comfort and dignity that patients and their families deserve.

The new fit-for-purpose facility will feature access to shared spaces and a large rooftop garden with panoramic views, ensuring a therapeutic and comforting environment for both patients and their loved ones.