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## **MEDIA RELEASE: Tandem applauds Government commitment to deliver 50 Mental Health and Wellbeing Locals**

Tandem applauds the State Government's [commitment today](#) to open all 50 of the Mental Health and Wellbeing Locals recommended by the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System.

Today's announcement includes 27 services already open or underway, and funding to open three and begin planning for another 20 Mental Health and Wellbeing Locals. It also lists the locations for all 50 services.

Tandem CEO, Marie Piu, welcomes the commitment to provide all Victorians with the mental health support they need, as soon as they need it, close to home.

"Tandem recognises the critical need for ongoing investment to ensure those living with mental health challenges and their family, carers and supporters have access to the services desperately required - regardless of their postcode!"

"We know that ensuring free and welcoming services locally is essential to provide real-time help, support and treatment for all of us, when and where we need it," Marie says.

Mental Health and Wellbeing Locals will become a new 'front door' to the reformed mental health and well-being system. These services will offer support to those experiencing mental health challenges or psychological distress – as well as their family, carers and supporters - without the need for a referral from a GP, or the pressure of a clinical hospital emergency department.

Tandem is proud to be the trusted voice of family, carers and supporters in mental health in Victoria. As the Victorian peak body with a sole focus on the needs and interests of mental health carers, Tandem's role is to provide leadership, coordination and knowledge for the organisations and individuals who are working to improve outcomes for Victorian people living with mental health challenges.

Joining Tandem is free. Visit [tandemcarers.org.au](https://tandemcarers.org.au)

Call the Tandem Support and Referral Line for free from 9am to 5pm on **1800 314 325** for advice, advocacy, information or support accessing the NDIS or Victorian Mental Health and Wellbeing System.

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