



# Media release

**Geoff Howard MLA, Member for Ballarat East**

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## **HEALTHY EQUIPMENT BOOST FOR KYNETON DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICE**

The residents of the Kyneton area will have even better access to high-quality health services thanks to a funding boost from the State Government of almost \$123,000 for new state-of-the-art equipment.

Geoff Howard, local Member for Ballarat East announced funding for the Kyneton District Health Service of \$107,000 for a state of the art Endoscope processor for sterilising endoscopes and a further \$15,853.00 for a Monitor for patients undergoing anaesthetic.

“The Brumby Government is taking action to revitalise rural health services and deliver the latest specialist equipment for country patients” Geoff Howard said.

“In 2008/09, the Targeted Equipment Program allocated \$9 million to rural health services to replace high-priority, high-cost medical equipment that has passed its use-by date.”

Geoff Howard said that many health services across the Loddon Mallee Region were successful in obtaining a total of \$1,583.585.

“This funding will enable health services to buy essential diagnostic and treatment equipment such as those items secured by Kyneton District Health Service” Geoff Howard said.

Health Minister Daniel Andrews said the Brumby Government funding was providing Victorian hospitals with the most modern and up-to-date equipment now available.

“Targeted equipment funding enables Victorian hospitals to stay at the forefront of new technology to ensure they continue to provide the best possible care to patients,” he said.

Geoff Howard said this funding for Kyneton District Health Service was an excellent example of the Government’s commitment to investing in medical equipment across rural Victoria.

“The Brumby Government is committed to ensuring all Victorians can access quality healthcare no matter where they live,” he said.