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# **Peninsula University Hospital – a new era for healthcare in Frankston and the Mornington Peninsula**

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In a bold step towards cutting-edge, research-driven healthcare, Frankston Hospital will officially change its name to Peninsula University Hospital, recognising its strong links with Monash University.

Helen Cooper, Peninsula Health's Chief Executive, has announced the move during an event at the hospital.

The name change will take effect in early 2026 with the opening of the new clinical services tower, marking the beginning of a new era in healthcare, education, and research for the region.



Image: A render of the new sky sign of Peninsula University Hospital.

This name change is more than symbolic. It reflects a growing and dynamic partnership between Peninsula Health and Monash University, bringing significant benefits to patients, staff, students and the broader community.

The new identity strengthens the hospital's position as a hub for innovation, advanced clinical care, and evidence-based practice.

Monash University Executive Dean of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences, Professor Christina Mitchell AO, welcomed the announcement of Peninsula University Hospital.

"Monash University is thrilled to be a collaborator in Peninsula University Hospital, to provide integrated education and research to support health care in our communities," Professor Mitchell said.

"More than 940 Monash students delivered approximately 307,000 clinical placement hours across allied health, nursing and midwifery and medicine with Peninsula Health in the last year and we partner together in excellent research at the National Centre for Healthy Ageing.

"Peninsula University Hospital represents an opportunity to further embed world-class education and research into the fabric of healthcare in the growing health, education and research precinct centred in Frankston."

Monash University already has a strong presence in the area through its Peninsula campus, which has developed a reputation for excellence in nursing and midwifery, allied health, education and business.

Helen Cooper, Peninsula Health's Chief Executive, said: "Peninsula University Hospital represents the future of healthcare in our region — smarter, more connected, and deeply grounded in research and education.

"We are proud to be working hand-in-hand with Monash University, and our other tertiary partners, to create a health service that not only treats but teaches, learns and leads.

"We are taking a bold step forward — one that brings real-world impact to our patients and our community, while helping shape the future health workforce.

"This is more than a name change — it is a transformation. We are building a hospital that is the cornerstone of our region, grounded in excellence, and powered by partnership."

### **Benefits for patients, staff and students**

- Enhanced patient care through evidence-based practices and faster translation of research into clinical settings
- More career and training pathways for local students through expanded clinical placement programs, new joint professorial roles, and a vibrant academic culture
- Greater capacity and capability in health workforce development and research, contributing to improved outcomes and future-ready healthcare teams
- New investment opportunities in medical research, infrastructure, and technology to support advanced patient care

### **About Peninsula University Hospital**

Frankston Hospital will change its name to Peninsula University Hospital when the new clinical services tower opens in early 2026. It is a part of Peninsula Health, a leading metropolitan health service committed to delivering high-quality, patient-centred care while training the next generation of health professionals. In partnership with Monash University, the hospital integrates clinical services, education, and research to drive innovation and improve health outcomes for the community.



## Peninsula University Hospital

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## From Peninsula University Hospital

"Frankston Hospital is the major provider of acute secondary and tertiary hospital services on the Mornington Peninsula. With 454 beds, it provides general and specialty medical and surgical services, mental health, maternity, and paediatric services. In its role as a major teaching centre, the hospital has affiliations with Monash University and Deakin University and links with other universities in postgraduate studies. During your stay with us it is possible some of your day-to-day care will be undertaken by doctors in-training, under supervision of senior medical staff. Some of your care and treatment may also be undertaken by nursing or allied health students under supervision. Frankston Hospital is managed by Peninsula Health."