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Victorian historical care leaver Redress Scheme

The Victorian Government has today announced Hardship Payments for people who were physically, psychologically or emotionally abused or neglected as children in institutions in Victoria before 1990, and who are now terminally or critically ill.

‘This is an important part of a long-awaited redress scheme for Victorians who spent a period of time as a child in a children’s home, orphanage, asylum, foster placement, training school or any other form of residential out-of-home facility in Victoria before 1990’, said Caroline Carroll, Chair of AFA.

‘Forgotten Australians are all ageing and have waited a long time for redress in Victoria. Access to these payments for those who are terminally or critically ill is another part of a lifelong journey for recognition and healing’, she added.

AFA recognises that for some, no amount of financial assistance can make up for a lost childhood. ‘We see these payments and the long-awaited Redress Scheme in Victoria as being another step in the unfinished business governments and past providers have with us’ said AFA’s Deputy Chair Gordon ‘Hilly’ Hill.

Ms Carroll thanked former Premier, Daniel Andrews, as well as Premier Jacinta Allen for committing to the Victorian Redress Scheme, but called on the current Premier to ensure that the details of the Redress Scheme are finalised and operational early in 2024.

‘I want to reiterate the need for the Victorian Redress Scheme and the importance of co-designing the process and functioning of the scheme with those of us with lived experience. AFA will continue to engage with government to make sure the Victorian Scheme can learn from schemes in other States and the National Redress Scheme to make sure Victorian Forgotten Australians can access equitable, fair and trauma-informed redress and support’.

For more information about the Victorian Historical care leaver redress hardship payments, see

<https://services.dffh.vic.gov.au/victorian-historical-care-leaver-redress-hardship-payments>

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