

Media Release

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WORKS START ON PORTLAND'S FORESHORE REDEVELOPMENT

Works have started on the transformation of Portland's foreshore into a more vibrant and accessible space for locals and tourists to enjoy, thanks to support from the Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Regional Development Mary-Anne Thomas today visited the foreshore, where she joined Glenelg Shire Council Mayor Cr Anita Rank to turn the sod on the start of the Portland Foreshore Redevelopment project.

The Labor Government is investing \$3 million from the \$2.7 billion *Building Works* fund, established to stimulate jobs and investment across the state in response to the economic impacts of coronavirus.

The project includes construction of new accessible boardwalks, pathways and community spaces. Works will also include foreshore erosion protection, and lighting for community safety. The project is expected to be finished by late 2021.

The Building Works package is designed to provide immediate benefit to communities across the state, with more than half the projects in rural and regional Victoria – from our smallest town to our most famous natural wonders.

The shovel-ready projects will create jobs now and provide lasting benefits in response to the economic challenges brought about by coronavirus, drought and bushfires. For more information visit rdv.vic.gov.au/resources/coronavirus/building-works.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Regional Development Mary-Anne Thomas

"We know just how challenging the past year has been for small regional communities that thrive on visitors coming to the region – that's why we're backing projects like this one that create jobs and make these communities even better places to live, work and visit."

"Once complete, the foreshore will be a wonderful place for the community to enjoy and for tourists to come visit."

Quote attributable to Glenelg Shire Council Mayor Cr Anita Rank

"This redevelopment will make Portland's foreshore a better, safer and more accessible place for our community to connect and enjoy recreational activities."