

Media Release

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UPGRADING PORTARLINGTON PIER FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

The Andrews Labor Government is improving safety and supporting local jobs through work to upgrade the Portarlington Pier on the Bellarine Peninsula.

Works to improve the pier will begin this week to upgrade the pier and improve safety for commercial operators, pedestrians, recreational boaters and fishers using the facility.

Access to the Portarlington ferry will be improved with the building of a new covered walkway to separate pedestrians from vehicle access for commercial operators which currently share the space.

The Old Portarlington Pier remains closed for the safety of the community safety with priority access given as required. On-site works will pause during the peak summer break and are set to be complete by September 2022.

While these improvement works are underway, Parks Victoria will undertake routine maintenance dredging in Portarlington Harbour, providing improved access for vessels into the harbour.

As part of the work, the old pier, which closed in 2018, will be demolished.

This work has been funded as part of a \$24.4 million investment in the repair and upgrade of piers and jetties across Victoria. These projects were announced as part of the government's \$2.7 billion Building Works economic stimulus initiative.

Other works funded under the package include an upgrade at Portland Trawler Wharf, and repairs to Middle Brighton Pier and the Queenscliff South Pier lifeboat shed.

More information on these projects can be found at transport.vic.gov.au/our-transport-future/our-projects/upgrading-piers-and-jetties

Quotes attributable to Minister for Ports and Freight Melissa Horne

"Our significant work to improve Portarlington Pier will support the local economy - as well as commercial operators, fishers and boaters and the wider community."

"Our Building Works package is investing in local communities, supporting local jobs as our economy recovers."

Quotes attributable to Member for Western Victoria Gayle Tierney

"The improvements will create a state-of-the-art facility that is safer and more accessible for commercial operators, recreational boaters, anglers, the local community and visitors for years to come."