

Media Release

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YALLOCK-BULLUK MARINE AND COASTAL PARK READY TO EXPLORE

The new Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park – stretching along 40 kilometres of the beautiful Gippsland Coast – was launched today with a smoking ceremony by Traditional Owners.

Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio joined Traditional Owners to open Victoria's newest park, which honours the Yallock-Bulluk Clan of the Bunurong People, whose Country stretches from Tooradin in the west to the Tarwin River in the east.

The park delivers on an Andrews Labor Government 2018 election commitment under the \$105.6 million *Victoria's Great Outdoors* program, with \$19.6 million funding land acquisitions, planning, design, engagement and upgraded infrastructure – including the extension of the George Bass Coastal Walk.

The new park stretches from San Remo to Inverloch and combines the Bunurong Coastal, Kilcunda-Harmers Haven Coastal, Punchbowl Coastal, Wonthaggi Heathlands Nature Conservation, and parts of the San Remo, Kilcunda and Cape Paterson foreshore reserves, as well as some adjacent areas of Crown land.

Combining the reserves means improved conservation of the local environment and increased recreational opportunities that benefit the local tourism industry and economy.

Importantly, the area also includes Aboriginal cultural heritage sites that will continue to be conserved and protected.

The Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park was established after consultation with local communities including online engagement, drop-in sessions and pop up events.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio

"The Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park will better protect natural and cultural values, improve access and enhance recreational opportunities."

"We're delivering on our election commitment and providing a boost to regional towns by upgrading campgrounds and facilities, creating jobs, supporting local business and attracting more visitors to tourist areas."

Quote attributable Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale

"The Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park showcases a spectacular stretch of the Bass Coast where visitors and locals alike can immerse themselves in nature, learn about the earth's history, be active, involved and enjoy the offerings of our local businesses and surrounds."