

Media Release

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NEW TWELVE APOSTLES LOOKOUT TO DELIVER STUNNING EXPERIENCE

Visitors to the Twelve Apostles will soon enjoy a stunning new experience of the coastal landscape thanks to a new lookout funded by the Victorian Government.

Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio announced a \$9.2 million upgrade to the lookout to cater for increased visitor numbers.

The new lookout will provide a safer and more accessible experience for visitors – supporting the regional economy and helping to future-proof the iconic destination.

The new lookout is situated on Kirrae Wurrung Country. The two “clapsticks” of the structure are the colours of Ngayook (Sulphur Crested Cockatoo) and Ponponpoorramook (Red Tailed Black Cockatoo), which are primary totemic species to the Eastern Maar peoples.

Parks Victoria partnered with Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation on the design, which was also discussed during community consultation in 2018.

The project will be the second delivered as part of the Government's \$16.5 million investment in stage one of the *Shipwreck Coast Master Plan*. The first, a new pedestrian suspension bridge connecting the Port Campbell National Park with Port Campbell, was completed last year.

Stage one projects are expected to support approximately 120 ongoing jobs, add \$12 million to the regional economy and increase the annual visitor spend by \$14 million.

Across the state, the Government's *Visitor Economy Recovery and Reform Plan* is investing \$633 million over four years to strengthen Victoria's tourism offering by developing new experiences, products and infrastructure.

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

“This exciting project on Kirrae Wurrung Country will improve visitor experiences and support new opportunities for jobs and the local economy.”

“This is a special natural and cultural landscape and one which this Government is protecting and improving for future generations.”

Quote attributable to Member for Western Victoria Gayle Tierney

“I'm delighted to see this incredible project, which reflects the resilience and history of the Eastern Maar peoples, get off the ground.”