

Media Release

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MIDDLE BRIGHTON PIER REOPENS IN TIME FOR SUMMER

The Andrews Labor Government has completed works to repair and strengthen the Middle Brighton Pier, with the local attraction reopened to the community in time for summer.

The completion of the pier follows an extensive 10-month works program to strengthen a 340-metre section between the foreshore and marina entrance and replace deteriorated concrete deck panels.

Funded through the Government's \$24 million Piers and Jetties economic stimulus package, the repairs make the pier safe for everyone to use again, including pedestrians, swimmers, boaters, sailors, and anglers. In addition to these repairs, maintenance dredging within the harbour to remove a build-up of sand is also complete to prepare for the peak boating season.

Investigations into longer-term options for the pier and breakwater are in an early stage, led by a reference group to advise on the project, including members of Parks Victoria, Bayside City Council, and the Department of Transport.

Other works funded by the Government's economic stimulus package include nearby St Kilda Pier where construction will soon begin on a \$53 million upgrade that will feature a 450-metre extension from the shore to the breakwater and a new, safer penguin viewing platform.

A spectacular curved design, the finished pier will showcase a wider and more accessible walkway, tiered seating, additional toilets, and a new community space near the kiosk.

Across the bay, Altona Pier is also receiving an upgrade with the new design chosen by locals to feature a modern, angled head that will provide large functional community space, shade for hot summer days, and better access for walking, fishing, or swimming at Altona Beach.

In regional Victoria, the package is also funding works at Portarlington Pier, that will support local jobs and preserve the structure for the community and visitors. Access to the Portarlington ferry will be improved with a new covered walkway to separate pedestrians from commercial vehicle access.

Further information about pier upgrade projects is available at parks.vic.gov.au/projects.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Ports and Freight Melissa Horne

"We have been working hard to get this much-loved pier upgraded in time for summer, and we are thrilled to Melburnians can once again enjoy walking, swimming, boating and fishing at Middle Brighton."

"Our piers and jetties are the heart and soul of many suburbs and towns around the bay, and our investment into these facilities is ensuring Victorians can enjoy them for years to come."

Quotes attributable to Member for Southern Metropolitan Region Nina Taylor

"The Middle Brighton Harbour Precinct is an iconic Melbourne area – our priority investment has allowed for critical repair and strengthening to this pier."

"We look forward to seeing locals and visitors once again flocking to Middle Brighton Pier to enjoy the wonderful sightseeing, boating, fishing experiences this facility has to offer."

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