

Media Release

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STUNNING WALKS WILL PROVIDE BOOST TO BASS COAST

Victorians will be able to take a stunning 32-kilometre coastal walk thanks to an Andrews Labor Government plan to improve visitor experiences and boost regional tourism at one of the state's newest parks – Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park.

Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio released the *Access and Infrastructure Plan* today, which will increase opportunities for people to enjoy the spectacular area through improved access, upgrades, new facilities and better links between coastal towns.

Under the plan a 32-kilometre trail between San Remo and Cape Paterson will be created that will extend and incorporate existing tracks, clearings and trails, including the seven-kilometre George Bass Coastal Walk.

The long-distance walk will increase visits to the area and encourage people to stay longer and explore further, boosting tourism and supporting the regional economy.

Combining existing parks and reserves along a 40-kilometre stretch of coastline between San Remo and Inverloch, Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park was established last year as part of the Government's \$105.6 million Victoria's Great Outdoors investment.

The park 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 plan was developed with the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation and in consultation with the community. It provides for walks of different lengths and difficulties. It also details supporting trail and park infrastructure such as rest stops, lookouts, and car park upgrades.

Work is scheduled to begin on priority sections of the trail and other facilities in 2022. For more information on the plan go to engage.vic.gov.au/yallock-bulluk.

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

"We are delivering on our 2018 promise to create this beautiful park with the design shaped through consultation with Traditional Owners, stakeholders and hundreds of community members."

"The cycling and walking trails in the plan link with local towns to support the regional economy. Visitors and locals will be able to enjoy everything from a single hour loop-walk to a multi-day experience once all elements are completed."

Quotes attributable to Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale

"People told us that they want a trail that respects the natural environment, protects cultural heritage, and showcases this exquisite coastline – the final plan will deliver this."

"The environmental sensitivity of the section between Cape Paterson and Inverloch means more detailed work needs to be done on this section."