

# Media Release

**The Hon Martin Pakula MP**

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Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events

Minister for Racing



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## BACCHUS MARSH 1000+ STEPS SET TO SOAR

Bacchus Marsh's popular 1000+ Steps will become even better with an accessible trail, new sculptures and upgrades amenities, thanks to a \$2.1 million investment from the Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Martin Pakula today announced support from the *Victorian Budget 2022/23* will go towards delivering the third stage of the *Bald Hill Activation Plan*, providing better access to the Bald Hill Summit.

The project will deliver an accessible trail around the Bald Hill Summit, connecting it to the 1000+ Steps and a lookout, which boasts panoramic views over Moorabool and Melbourne.

Visitors will be able to view six new sculptures on their walk up to the summit, as well as enjoy upgraded amenities including an accessible toilet, shelter, tables and seating to provide a world-class visitor experience.

The upgrade will support 11 jobs and will attract more than 146,000 additional visitors to Bacchus Marsh once it's up and running. The project is due to be complete by mid-2024.

The new summit experience will complement the previous two stages of works at the 1000+ Steps and Telford Park all abilities trail.

Phase one of the redevelopment, which included the 1000+ Steps, rest stops, a lookout, and road crossings, is now open to the public and was funded by the *Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Fund*.

### **Quote attributable to Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Martin Pakula**

*"We're investing in upgrading tourism infrastructure right across the state and this project will encourage more people to visit the Moorabool region."*

### **Quote attributable to Minister for Regional Development Mary-Anne Thomas**

*"The Bacchus Marsh 1000+ Steps is a fantastic destination and these upgrades will capitalise on the natural beauty of the Moorabool region."*

### **Quote attributable to Member for Melton Steve McGhie**

*"This project will support local jobs, provide a boost for local businesses and drive more visitors to the area."*

### **Quote attributable to Member for Buninyong Michaela Settle**

*"This investment at Bald Hill will be great for locals and a boost to tourism."*