

# Media Release



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## CRANE SAFETY TRAINING COURSE IN PORT CAMPBELL

The Andrews Labor Government is continuing to boost the economy, by backing a new crane safety training course in Port Campbell.

The Port Campbell Jetty Crane Safety Awareness Course is for locals and visitors to learn how to operate the unique Port Campbell jetty crane – the only one of its kind in Victoria.

Commissioned in 2011, the jetty crane is used by boat operators to safely place their vessels into the water without the need for a boat ramp.

A total of \$6,000 has been invested into the course to ensure more people are equipped with the skills they need to operate the crane and safely launch and retrieve their boats.

Port Campbell is one of Victoria's key local ports - home to an important crayfish and abalone industry, a fishing and boating hub of the Shipwreck Coast and the closest town to the world-famous Twelve Apostles.

As the local port manager for Port Campbell, Parks Victoria has worked with ATS Rail and Construction Training to develop the new and more comprehensive crane safety course.

The investment is the latest in Port Campbell's thriving tourism and fishing economy. More than 2.7 million people visit the Twelve Apostles every year, with the Shipwreck Coast proving a vital economic engine for south-west Victoria.

It also compliments an \$18 million package for rebuilding and maintenance works to be carried out on piers and jetties across Victoria from the *Victorian Budget 2022-23*.

### **Quote attributable to Minister for Ports and Freight Melissa Horne**

*"We know the Port Campbell crane is an important community asset and a point of access for boat operators to the Southern Ocean waters. That's why we're delighted to invest in this important course to ensure people are trained to use it safely, as well as providing a massive boost to the economy."*

### **Quote attributable to Minister for Fishing and Boating Sonya Kilkenny**

*"This course will provide a huge benefit to the fishing and boating industry, ensuring more boat operators can operate the crane to safely launch and retrieve their boats."*

### **Quote attributable to Member for Western Victoria Gayle Tierney**

*"Our investment in this course will ensure many more people will be able to safely use the crane and have a great day out in Port Campbell."*

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