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BOOKINGS OPEN FOR NEW CAMPING EXPERIENCE AT POINT NEPEAN

Victorians can now enjoy Point Nepean National Park at night, with bookings now open for a unique camping experience within the historic Quarantine Precinct.

The low-impact, short-stay campground is the first project to be completed as part of the Andrews Labor Government's \$4.5 million Point Nepean Master Plan.

There are 36 new campsites, all just metres from the beach at the historic Quarantine Precinct – and will feature pre-pitched tents on timber platforms, including all-abilities-accessible sites.

The tent pads sit on footings made from 100 per cent recycled materials, with a design that means no holes or concrete are needed.

To ensure campers have everything they need, the heritage-listed Isolation hospital ward has been carefully refurbished to become a communal amenity building including hot showers, toilets and basic kitchen facilities.

The pre-pitched tents and easy access to cooking facilities and amenities will appeal to a range of travellers, especially those with little camping experience or with limited gear.

Point Nepean National Park is a significant place for Traditional Owners of the land – the Bunurong people – and protects a range of native plants and animals. It has a rich military, defence, immigration and quarantine history, heritage-listed buildings, and a stunning natural landscape.

The new and upgraded visitor infrastructure will protect the national park, help more Victorians experience this special place and better understand its cultural heritage, historical significance and environmental value.

The camping will begin from 21 January - to book, visit parks.vic.gov.au/discovery-tents

Quotes attributable to Minister for the Environment Ingrid Stitt

"This new campground will be a great attraction for locals and tourists while respecting the natural and cultural values of Point Nepean National Park."

"With our spectacular bay in front and the remarkable history and heritage of Point Nepean behind, this experience will connect people with the park and strengthen their support for conserving it."

Quote attributable to Member for Eastern Victoria Tom McIntosh

"This is a truly unique experience that will allow people to camp at one of Victoria's most beautiful and significant national parks."