

Media Release

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IMPROVING ACCESSIBILITY AND EXPERIENCE AT 21 URBAN PARKS

Melbourne families will soon be enjoying improved accessibility and a better visitor experience at their favourite parks, with the Andrews Labor Government delivering new and upgraded facilities at 21 popular locations across the city.

Minister for Environment Ingrid Stitt today announced that works have started at Point Gellibrand Coastal Heritage Park to deliver important repairs to the bluestone seawall. These repairs will ensure the seawall and promenade are preserved for the community to enjoy for years to come.

The works are being delivered as part of the Victorian Labor Government's \$21 million *Urban Parks Active Wellbeing Program*. The improvements will provide more opportunities for communities to get active outdoors, spend time with friends and family and connect with nature.

The program will deliver improvements such as new picnic shelters and tables, upgraded playground equipment, barbecues, signage, refurbished and upgraded toilets, wider and more accessible pathways, and car park and trail repairs.

A missing link in the Bay Trail at Point Cook will also be constructed to provide a faster, safer, off-road journey for pedestrians and cyclists travelling from Williamstown to Point Cook Coastal Park.

These works follow the completion of stage 1 upgrades at Braeside Park, Cardinia Reservoir Park and Greenvale Reservoir Park, and the delivery of new picnic tables made from recycled plastic to 17 parks in early 2022.

The program is being rolled out in stages and is expected to be completed in late 2023.

The Labor Government is investing millions of dollars into parks and reserves managed by Parks Victoria, helping to stimulate the economy, improve visitor experiences and support the health of natural and cultural landscapes.

For more information about these projects visit parks.vic.gov.au/projects.

Quote attributable to Minister for Environment Ingrid Stitt

"This investment is another great example of how our government is delivering improvements that will support the health and wellbeing of Victorians and provide communities with more opportunities to make the most of our beautiful green spaces."

Quote attributable to Member for Williamstown Melissa Horne

"We know Point Gellibrand is a much-loved spot for locals and its history means a lot to the community. These repair works will help ensure the seawall is preserved and enjoyed well into the future."

Quote attributable to Member for Point Cook Mathew Hilakari

"We're investing in our wonderful parks and reserves around Point Cook so that the local community can keep healthy, stay connected and enjoy the benefits of time in nature."