

Media Release

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MORE UPGRADED CAMPGROUNDS ACROSS VICTORIA IN TIME FOR EASTER

The Andrews Labor Government is making it easier and more accessible for Victorians to explore their own backyard this Easter, upgrading more than 46 campgrounds and caravan parks across the state.

Minister for Environment Ingrid Stitt today announced the projects funded as part of a \$6.6 million Camping and Caravan Grants program – forming part of a broader \$106.6 million Labor Government investment in *Victoria's Great Outdoors* which supports caravan parks and campgrounds to improve and upgrade their visitor facilities.

A further 17 projects are still underway, with all upgrades set to enhance the visitor experience and provide more affordable and family-friendly accommodation options at the best destinations across coastal and regional Victoria.

Recently completed projects include a \$140,000 new kiosk and accessible amenity block at Point Leo Foreshore Park and Reserve – making this popular beach and camping destination more accessible for all visitors.

In Gippsland, the Mallacoota Foreshore Holiday Park used a \$28,563 grant to deliver a new camp kitchen and picnic area, providing visitors with a spot to relax and enjoy a meal with beautiful coastal views.

Mongans Bridge Caravan Park, near Mount Beauty, recently celebrated the opening of their newly refurbished amenity block thanks to a \$200,000 grant. Upgrades included installing an accessible toilet and shower facility to make the site accessible for all-abilities visitors to the park.

Harrietville Caravan Park also received a \$200,000 grant, using it to make significant upgrades to their amenity block, laundry facilities and on-site drainage.

In the north and north west, Stawell Grampians Gate Caravan Park received a \$170,000 grant to upgrade their outdated amenity block, while Lake Charm Foreshore Caravan Park used a \$140,000 grant to deliver new ensuite amenities for cabin sites and refurbished existing amenities.

Victoria's Great Outdoors Camping and Caravan Grants support local councils and committees of management to provide quality and affordable visitor accommodation across Victoria.

These grants have been boosting regional Victorian economies and tourism by employing local businesses and supporting campgrounds and caravan parks to welcome more visitors.

More information can be found at exploreoutdoors.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Environment Ingrid Stitt

"These grants are critical in helping the operators of caravan parks and campgrounds encourage visitors to regional communities – creating jobs and boosting local economies."

"It's been great to see so many Victorians enjoy our great outdoors over the summer months, and we will continue to support camping opportunities for everyone in some of our state's most special places."

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