

Media Release

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UPGRADE COMPLETE ON POPULAR GEM PIER

The Andrews Labor Government has upgraded a popular pier in Williamstown to ensure it can continue to be enjoyed for years to come.

Minister for Ports and Freight and Member for Williamstown Melissa Horne today announced works to improve Gem Pier are now complete.

Gem Pier stands as one of the most highly utilised piers in Port Phillip, with scenic views of the port and surrounding Melbourne cityscape

The works included installing new fenders along Gem Pier to provide safe access for berthing vessels and commercial ferries and ensure it remains an accessible destination for boaters.

A number of areas on the low landing also received new timber decking and timber capping.

The Labor Government is investing in Victoria's much-loved piers and jetties, with a \$47 million package of works in the *Victorian Budget 2023/24* to rebuild the Dromana and St Leonards piers and Warneet jetties – and deliver essential repairs to Workshops Pier in Williamstown.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Ports and Freight and Member for Williamstown Melissa Horne

"Gem Pier is a popular destination for locals, boaters, commercial ferries in Williamstown – so this upgrade will ensure the pier can continue to be enjoyed well into the future."

"It's great to see works now complete, improving safety and restoring access on the pier so it can remain an accessible destination for boaters."