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NEW TRAIL IN YALLOCK-BULLUK SET TO STUN VISITORS

The Andrews Labor Government is set to pave an iconic trail in the new Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park - stretching between San Remo and Inverloch on Bunurong Country.

Minister for Environment, Ingrid Stitt today announced details of the \$8.33 million project which will extend the George Bass Coastal Walk creating a 32-kilometre journey along the park's rugged coastline, beaches and dunes.

With construction expected to begin in 2024, it will deliver three new lookouts for visitors to witness spectacular views at popular coastal sites of Punchbowl, The Arch and Eagles Nest.

Trail links will be added to connect the existing network so people can walk all the way from The Punchbowl in San Remo to Cape Paterson, while car parking, signage and visitor information will also be upgraded.

The Labor Government is working in partnership with Parks Victoria, Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation and Bass Coast Shire Council to create the trail.

Traditional Owners, stakeholders and hundreds of community members have been active in shaping the design for Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park as well as the route and facilities for the new trail.

The new trail is being funded through the *Victoria's Great Outdoors* program, helping more people from all walks of life, get out and explore the state, while enjoying the health benefits of spending time in nature.

The \$106.6 million program also established the new Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park in 2021 by combining existing parks and reserves along a 40-kilometre stretch of coastline between San Remo and Inverloch.

To find out more about the project go to parks.vic.gov.au/projects.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Environment Ingrid Stitt

"The trail will allow more people to enjoy this stunning coastal area through improved access, upgrades, new facilities and better links between coastal towns."

"Linking existing trails to create a new long-distance walk will create even more reasons for people to visit this spectacular region."

"The Victoria's Great Outdoors program is not only providing more ways for people to enjoy nature, but it will also support local economies and boost regional tourism."

Quote attributable to Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale

"Once delivered, this trail promises to be one of the most scenic trails in Victoria - I can't wait for visitors to explore and marvel at our beautiful coastlines."