

Media Release

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MORE WAYS TO GET INTO NATURE AT POINT COOK

The Allan Labor Government has developed new and improved facilities at Point Cook Coastal Park for communities in Melbourne's west to enjoy.

Minister for Environment Steve Dimopoulos announced the \$968,800 project had been completed – delivering barbeques, picnic tables and a playground to the park.

New shelters, drinking fountains and outdoor showers are also available to visitors, while toilet upgrades are expected to be finished in the coming weeks.

The project was funded through the Labor Government's \$21 million *Urban Parks Active Wellbeing Program*, which is delivering improvements at 21 parks across Melbourne, spanning from Point Cook to the Mornington Peninsula.

The upgrades at Point Cook Coastal Park will allow more people to connect with nature in an urban setting – whether it be through relaxing at one of the park's picnic spots, exploring the beach at low tide or watching vintage aeroplanes operating from the Point Cook RAAF Base.

Nearby, the program is also building a missing link in the Bay Trail at Point Cook, which will replace a current 3.8km detour with a 400-metre trail for walkers, runners and cyclists travelling from Williamstown to Point Cook Coastal Park.

The new section of trail is nearing the final stages of construction, and is expected to be finished by late 2023.

For more information about the Urban Parks Active Wellbeing Program, visit parks.vic.gov.au/projects.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Environment Steve Dimopoulos

"We're making our urban parks more accessible, so that more people can enjoy getting into nature."

"The Urban Parks Active Wellbeing Program is creating jobs and supporting healthy, resilient communities."

"By extending the Bay Trail between Sanctuary Lakes Boulevard and Skoda Court, we're providing a faster, safer journey for Melburnians to travel from Williamstown to Point Cook Coastal Park."