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MORE CAMPERS SET TO VISIT BUNYIP STATE PARK

The Allan Labor Government is creating more opportunities for people to camp across the state, with Bunyip State Park the latest spot to receive an upgrade.

Minister for Environment Steve Dimopoulos announced Dyers Camping and Picnic Area had received tent-only camping spaces for up to 40 visitors, thanks to a \$100,000 investment.

Surrounded by towering manna gums and beside a creek, the flat grassy area has new fire pits and tables for campers to enjoy.

The works have also upgraded the campground's toilet facilities and improved signage across the campsite.

Near Gembrook, the site is surrounded by nature and home to many native animals - with circuit walking trails of various lengths passing the camping area.

Also within Bunyip State Park, Nash Creek Camping Ground will soon receive upgrades – including new fire pits, tables, landscaping and creating additional campsites so it can cater for tents, motorhomes and caravans.

These campgrounds are free and can be enjoyed any time, with no bookings needed. Campers need to bring their own drinking water and firewood. Dogs and other domestic animals are not permitted within Bunyip State Park.

Both campground projects are part of the Labor Government's Victoria's Great Outdoors program - a \$106.6 million investment to improve campgrounds, walking trails, 4WD tracks and visitor facilities across the state's parks and state forests.

The program has so far delivered 31 new campgrounds and upgraded 57, with more upgrades still to come. People will also be able to enjoy more than 30 kilometres of improved walking trails and 125 kilometres of upgraded four-wheel driving track throughout Victoria.

To find out more about the program, please visit exploreoutdoors.vic.gov.au/investing-in-nature/victorias-great-outdoors-program.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Environment Steve Dimopoulos

"Bunyip State Park offers people a chance to feel completely immersed in nature while still being close to Melbourne."

"Projects delivered through Victoria's Great Outdoors create jobs and help to provide a boost to regional tourism - while encouraging more people to enjoy the Victoria's natural landscapes."

Quote attributable to Member for Eastern Victoria Harriet Shing

"This upgrade will encourage more people to get outdoors and enjoy the beautiful Bunyip State Park."