

Media Release

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STRENGTHENING WORKSHOPS PIER

The Allan Labor Government's plan to upgrade and re-open the historic Workshops Pier in Williamstown is another step closer, with tenders now open for repair works to strengthen the pier.

The Labor Government has invested \$46 million to rebuild piers and jetties across the state, including the repairs to the much-loved Workshop Pier.

Workshops Pier will undergo significant upgrades to strengthen its foundations and allow it to accommodate tall ships and commercial vessels again after being closed in 2021 for public safety.

The pier, which was built in 1942, is a local landmark in Williamstown's historic maritime precinct and the reopening will support the vision of the recently released Williamstown Local Port Area Plan.

This project complements last year's upgrade of nearby Gem Pier, also located in the Williamstown maritime precinct, where new fenders have been installed to provide safe berthing for commercial vessels and ferries, ensuring it remains an accessible destination for operators.

Victoria's local ports contribute more than \$900 million a year to local and regional economies through tourism, marine activities, and industries.

The lead construction partner for the Workshops Pier project is expected to be appointed this spring.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Ports and Freight Melissa Horne

"We're making this Williamstown landmark safe and accessible, so residents and tourists can again enjoy this iconic part of our maritime history."

"Across Victoria, we are continuing the revitalisation of our important piers and jetties - ensuring they can be enjoyed by communities, boaters, anglers and tourists for generations to come."