

# Media Release

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## MORE COASTAL CAMPING AT POINT NEPEAN FOR NATURE LOVERS

More families will be able to enjoy an overnight stay at Point Nepean National Park with the expansion of the camping facilities now complete and bookings open for spring and summer, thanks to the Allan Labor Government.

Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos today announced 13 new Discovery Tents within the historic Quarantine Station precinct – which was supported by an investment of \$2.5 million through the *Regional Tourism Investment Fund*.

Point Nepean offers visitors a unique and charming camping experience set amongst heritage buildings, and right next to beautiful rugged coastlines and beaches.

Since the campground opened last year, more than 3,500 people have camped there – boosting tourism in the area and giving more people the chance to experience one of Victoria's most fascinating national parks.

The campground now has 46 Discovery Tents available to book, with some of the new campsites carefully placed among the park's famous Moonah trees.

Raised platforms have also been installed for people bringing their own tents, to reduce the impact on the natural environment while also making it easier for people with all levels of camping experience.

Some of the camping spaces are located close to the camp kitchen, barbecues and amenities, providing a comfortable stay for people with diverse needs and abilities.

Further improvements are also planned at the park as part of a broader \$12.4 million investment into Point Nepean by the Labor Government. These include significant heritage conservation works at Fort Nepean, and new interpretive signage and experiences to help visitors learn more about the park's cultural and environmental values.

Point Nepean National Park is a significant place for the Bunurong people and is home to a range of native plants and animals. The Point Nepean Forts and Quarantine Station are recognised as being of national significance for their role in the history of Victoria's early immigration and defence.

For more information about the campground and to book your stay, visit: [www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/point-nepean-national-park/where-to-stay/point-nepean-discovery-tents](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/point-nepean-national-park/where-to-stay/point-nepean-discovery-tents)

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos

*"The expansion of Point Nepean's campground will give more people the chance to experience this beautiful and historic National Park, and it's also a major boost for local tourism."*

*"We're investing in Victoria's spectacular natural landscapes so that more people can experience the fun and benefits of being out in nature."*

### Quote attributable for Member for Eastern Victoria Tom McIntosh

*"This expansion at Point Nepean enhances tourism, creates more jobs, and encourages visitors to experience the unique beauty and history of this iconic park."*

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