

# Media Release

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## DELIVERING SAFER ACCESS TO ICONIC VICTORIAN BEACHES

The Allan Labor Government's is making it safer and easier for locals and tourists to access Victoria's beautiful coastlines thanks to continued investment into coastal Crown land management.

Minister for the Environment Steve Dimopoulos today announced the recipients of the \$1.4 million Coastal Public Access and Risk Grants Program for 17 programs across Victoria.

The 2024-25 program will deliver grants up to \$150,000 each to 17 projects that support initiatives to reduce coastal risk and improve beach access.

Projects are being delivered by coastal Crown land managers, including volunteer committees of management and local governments.

The Mornington Peninsula Shire Council will receive \$150,000 to renew the Birdrock Beach access stairs at Mount Martha. This includes refurbishing existing stairs, replacing eroded stairs, and replacing and upgrading retaining walls

The Walkerville Foreshore Committee of Management will use their \$150,000 grant to deliver safer pathways and accessible beach entry, addressing key recommendations in an accessibility audit of the Walkerville Foreshore Reserve

The Borough of Queenscliffe will receive \$51,000 to replace stairs at the Narrows 'Dog' Beach access point, which were damaged in the September 2024 storm event.

Other grant recipients will use funds for access track, stair and ramp replacements, handrail upgrades, signage audits and upgrades and beach access feasibility studies.

Since 2015, the Coastal Public Access and Risk grants program has delivered around \$8.6 million in funding to coastal Crown land managers.

The list of grant recipients is available at [marineandcoasts.vic.gov.au/grants](https://marineandcoasts.vic.gov.au/grants).

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Environment Steve Dimopoulos

*"We're helping our not-for-profit committees of management and local governments get on with important works that keep our beaches safe and accessible for everyone."*

### Quote attributed to Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale

*"These grants are key to ensuring Victorians can safely access our beautiful coastline and continue to enjoy our cherished beaches that we have on offer."*

### Quote attributed to Member Bellarine for Alison Marchant

*"I am looking forward to seeing the important work being completed that will allow Victoria's iconic beaches to continue to be accessible and safe for locals and tourists to enjoy."*

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