

Media Release

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DELIVERING BETTER ACCESS TO VICTORIA'S BEACHES

Families visiting Blairgowrie beach this summer will enjoy better access with new stairs providing safe access all the way down to the foreshore thanks to the Allan Labor Government.

Minister for Environment Steve Dimopoulos today announced the completed rebuild of the Seviles carpark stairs that provide visitors to Blairgowrie beach with safe, easy access.

Designed and delivered by the Whitecliffs to Camerons Bight Foreshore Reserve Committee of Management, the renewal works were made possible by funding of \$50,000 from the Labor Government's Coastal Public Access and Risk grants program.

While the staircase had been closed earlier this year due to safety concerns, the renewal project has delivered a safer and more durable structure, restoring important pedestrian access between the foreshore and Point Nepean Road for the Blairgowrie community.

The Coastal Public Access and Risk Grants Program has seen \$1.4 million go to land managers to improve coastal access and safety at Victorian beaches.

The Mornington Peninsula Shire Council also received \$150,000 to renew the Birdrock Beach access stairs at Mount Martha.

Locally, restoration work and repairs will take place at sites on Port Phillip Bay and Western Port such as Black Rock, Tooradin, Dromana and Flinders.

For more information on the Coastal Public Access and Risk grants program visit, marineandcoasts.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Environment Steve Dimopoulos

"This renewal has been a real team effort, and we're thrilled to see Seviles Stairs reopened in time for the busy season."

"We're proud to support projects like this that make Victoria's coast more accessible and enjoyable for locals and visitors alike."

Quote attributable to Member for Eastern Victoria Tom McIntosh

"We are backing local communities by providing safe, easy access to Victorian beaches so we can all enjoy the best Victoria has to offer this summer."

Quotes attributable to Whitecliffs to Camerons Bight Foreshore Reserve Committee of Management Chair, Gary McPike

"The renewal of Seviles Stairs reflects the Committee's ongoing collaboration with the State Government to maintain and improve safe public access along our coast."

"We're pleased to see this important connection reinstated for the benefit of locals and visitors to the Blairgowrie foreshore."

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