

Media Release

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NEW AND OLD COMING TOGETHER AT POINT NEPEAN

There will be more to do and more places to stay at the popular Point Nepean National Park thanks to a \$10.5 million investment by the Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Environment and Climate Action Lily D'Ambrosio today inspected the recently completed new campground at Point Nepean's historic Quarantine Station on Bunurong Country.

The new campground features pre-pitched tents on timber platforms and caters for range of abilities, including those with little experience or limited gear.

This includes all-abilities-accessible sites, showers, toilets and basic kitchen facilities, inside refurbished heritage buildings.

Positioned 20 metres from the beach, the tent pads sit on footings made from 100% recycled materials with a design that means no holes or concrete are needed.

The next stage of the project will see additional tent pads placed at the nearby remnant Moonah woodland.

The campground will open this spring, boosting the visitor experience, fostering conservation, providing unique outdoor activities and supporting local businesses.

The Labor Government is also investing \$6 million towards the restoration of parts of Fort Nepean, allowing visitors to explore a part of Victoria's military history.

Fort Nepean was built in the 1800s to provide protection for Victoria's rich goldfields, it became a critical military defence post and was the site of the first Australian shots fired for both World Wars.

The works at Fort Nepean form part of a \$16.5 million investment to conserve seven iconic historical sites.

The initiative – the largest ever single investment in Parks Victoria's heritage assets - is expected to create around 80 jobs over four years, many in specialist trades.

Parks Victoria is managing both projects, working closely with the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation and the Point Nepean National Park Advisory Group.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Environment and Climate Action Lily D'Ambrosio

"Visitors love exploring our national parks that why we're funding initiatives that will offer new experiences and also conserve Point Nepean's special heritage and natural environment."

"There's a fascinating defence and military history as well as rich cultural indigenous history here – a history best understood by seeing, feeling and exploring the national park."

Quote attributable to Member for Nepean Chris Brayne

"Point Nepean is a popular drawcard for tourism in along the Peninsula and these improvements will mean more options for people of all abilities."

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