



## FACT SHEET VICTORIA'S GREAT OUTDOORS

A re-elected Andrews Labor Government will help more Victorians enjoy the great outdoors with cheaper camping fees, new camping grounds, 4WD tracks and walking trails.

The \$105.6 million investment will also create a new Bunurong Coastal Park on Victoria's Bass Coast.

### AFFORDABLE CAMPING

Camping is a holiday tradition for many Victorians and an important part of Victoria's tourism industry.

Camping and recreation in Victoria's State and National Parks is worth \$2.1 billion to our economy each year and supports 20,400 jobs around the state.

A re-elected Andrews Labor Government will help support jobs, boost regional tourism and help more Victorians enjoy our great outdoors with cheaper camping fees.

Camp site fees in our State and National Parks will be halved all year round under a re-elected Andrews Labor Government, with a \$12 million investment over four years.

### MORE CAMPING GROUNDS

Visitor numbers to Victorian State Parks are growing.

Last year our State and National Parks saw over 42 million visits – including an estimated 2.2 million overnight stays, and over 230,000 visitors at paid camping and accommodation sites.

While this helps boost our regional economies, it also put pressure on facilities and makes it harder for people to get a camp site.

A re-elected Andrews Labor Government will build at least 30 new camping grounds and upgrade 30 existing camping grounds around the state so there are plenty of places Victorians can enjoy our great outdoors.

From better campsites and toilets, to new walking trails, rock climbing experiences, canoeing and 4WD tracks, this \$44.5 million investment will open up our State and National Parks for more Victorians to enjoy and includes at least \$10 million for land acquisition.

The upgrades will include:

- \$2 million to upgrade the Glenelg River camp ground with new toilets, shower blocks, walking tracks, more camp sites near the river and upgrades to the nearby Princess Margaret Rose Cave
- \$4 million to upgrade Fraser campground at Lake Eildon National Park with new facilities and a focus on outdoor education for young people
- \$2 million to upgrade Greater Bendigo National Park with new toilets, shelters and walking trails, as well as a variety of accommodation options, such as EcoPods

The remaining new camping grounds will be announced and delivered over the next four years.



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### BASS COAST MARINE AND COASTAL PARK

A re-elected Andrews Labor Government will establish the Bunurong Coastal Park by linking the existing Bunurong Marine Park and Bunurong Coastal Reserve, Punchbowl Reserve and Kilcunda-Harmers Haven Coastal Reserve along 40 kilometres of coastline from San Remo to Inverloch.

This will extend the George Bass Coastal Walk, making it possible to walk from San Remo to Inverloch.

This \$19.6 million investment will include at least \$10 million to purchase land and around \$9.6 million to build new campgrounds, paths to access beaches, walking paths and to undertake revegetation works.

The Bass Coast is a stunning and unique part of Victoria – and creating a new Coastal Park stretching from San Remo to Inverloch will open the area up to campers for the first time and allow more Victorians to enjoy its rugged and beautiful coastline.

### BETTER 4WD EXPERIENCES

With over 45,000km of vehicle tracks, Victoria is a great state to explore by four-wheel drive.

A re-elected Andrews Labor Government will invest \$10.5 million to improve 4WD tracks and facilities around the state to make it easier for more Victorians to get outdoors and enjoy four-wheel driving.

This will include \$9.5 million to rejuvenate Victoria's seven iconic 4WD Adventures – Davies Plain Drive, Grampians Drive, Mallee Drive, Otways Drive, River Red Gum Drive, Snowy River Drive and Wonnangatta Drive.

All seven routes will be upgraded with better tracks and new facilities such as campsites, look outs and short walks.

4WD track maintenance and campsite works will also be undertaken on the High Country touring route, Backroad Tour, Wombat 4WD Tour, Circuit Road Forest Drive, Haunted Steam Track and Nunniong Plains Track.





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### CAMPING AND CARAVANING GRANTS

Local communities play an important part in caring for public land across our state.

A re-elected Andrews Labor Government will help them carry out this important work with a new \$7.1 million camping and caravanning grants program that will support local councils and Committees of Management of crown land to build new camping grounds, upgrade existing camping grounds, purchase and revegetate land. A re-elected Andrews Labor Government will also audit fees charged by Committees of Management to determine if they are fair and commensurate with the camping experience.

A further \$4.5 million will go towards expanding conservation and volunteering programs that improve the conservation values of the places people go to camp or use recreationally.

### SEA TO SUMMIT

A re-elected Andrews Labor Government will establish an iconic nature walk in east Gippsland and we are putting aside \$1.5 million to get the planning right. From the Errinundra plateau of the Errinundra National Park to the Cape Conran Coastal Park, the Sea to Summit trail would ultimately provide up to 120 kilometres of trail. The route of the trail will be finalised in consultation with all stakeholders including local government, recreational users, industry and environment groups.

Once complete, visitors would have the opportunity to experience first-hand iconic flora and fauna found nowhere else on earth. To ensure an exceptional experience, the investment will provide camping facilities, track development (including elevated walkways) and, if appropriate to the sensitivities of the environment, roofed accommodation. Backroad Tour, Wombat 4WD Tour, Circuit Road Forest Drive, Haunted Steam Track and Nunniong Plains Track.

### COST

\$12 million to cut campsite fees in half all year round

\$44.6 million to build over 30 new campgrounds across the state and to upgrade 30 others (including tracks and trails), including \$10 million for land acquisition

\$10.5 million to upgrade 4X4 tracks across the state

\$11.6 million in grants to local councils and committees of management to build, maintain and revegetate campsites in natural bush settings

\$19.6 million to establish a new, Bass Coast National park. At least \$10 million of this would be put aside for land acquisition

\$4.3 million for building and upgrading paths at parks across the state

\$1.5 million for additional seasonal rangers

\$1.5 million to undertake planning for an iconic Sea to Summit hiking trail in East Gippsland