

Cape Conran Coastal Park

Bushfire recovery community update



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Works are underway on new facilities at the stunning Cape Conran Coastal Park, including 10 new cabins, drinking water access and the rebuild of the activity centre — a multi-use undercover recreation area.

These renewal and recovery works are part of a \$29 million investment from the Victorian Government.

We are delivering upgrades that will expand the number of people who can enjoy the beauty of the Gippsland coast and support the local economy and community. This includes:

- Construction, now underway, on the Cape Conran activity centre, new office and staff facilities.
- Onsite construction for the new all-weather cabins, expected to start later this year.

Delivering new water infrastructure and visitor facilities

As part of this investment, the visitor facilities completed at Cape Conran include the East Cape boardwalk, Salmon Rocks lookout, Yeerung River bridge and lookout, an upgraded boat ramp, and picnic and camping facilities.

We are continuing to rebuild infrastructure and facilities to:

- Support visitation and boost local tourism.
- Expand visitor access and improve facilities.

- Protect the area's environmental and cultural values.

We are building back better at Cape Conran with \$13.15 million from the recovery project committed to upgrading water and wastewater infrastructure in the park.

Working with our project partners, we developed a water and wastewater management plan for Cape Conran. The plan is complex and an essential part of our recovery works — with safer, higher quality, and more compliant services in the park.

The management plan included a proposed pipeline to supply water to the Banksia Bluff campground and new cabins.

Planning and design works on these upgrades revealed the pipeline was not technically and economically feasible, and will no longer be delivered as part of this project.



Design render of the Activity Centre being built at Cape Conran Coastal Park.

New water and wastewater plan

We developed new designs that propose an alternative water and wastewater plan. The project will now deliver:

- Drinking water trucked in to fill water tanks (instead of a pipeline).
- Upgrades to drinking water storage tanks, pumps, pipes, and a water treatment system. These will service the new cabins, staff office, and activity centre.
- Upgrades to the existing bore water system to improve supply to the Banksia Bluff campground, beach showers and toilets — reducing drinking water use and truck deliveries in the park.
- A reduced number of storage tanks and the on-site water quality treatment needed.

We undertook planning works to connect Marlo to Cape Conran via a shared-use path on top of the proposed pipeline. The planning, safety and technical investigations showed it was not safe or feasible to build a path on the pipeline.

Design work to build a shared-use path along a separate alignment to the pipeline has been completed, however cannot be delivered within the available budget for this project. To enable infrastructure upgrades for Cape Conran to get underway, the shared-use path will not be delivered as part of the water and wastewater project.

Walking tracks now open

All walking tracks at Cape Conran are now open, including a section of the Nature Trail between Cowrie Bay and Joiners Channel.

Works are currently replacing and updating interpretive signs at the:

- park office
- activity centre, and
- along three walking trails.

Some trail signs are already complete. The remaining signs, including activity centre signs, are on the way.



East Cape Boardwalk reopened at Cape Conran.

We will plan work outside peak visitor times to reduce disruption for visitors during construction and keep the site open. However, access to some areas of the park may be affected.

We will keep the community and key stakeholders updated. The latest information, including start dates for works, changes to visitor experiences and access to park facilities, will be available on the Parks Victoria website.

We have also published an FAQs fact sheet and contact details to find out more information about the water and wastewater project.

We anticipate completing the Cape Conran activity centre and office project by early 2026.

The cabins have been built by a local Bairnsdale company and are currently being stored offsite. Work on the cabins is expected to start later this year and be completed before summer 2026.

Work on the water and wastewater infrastructure project is expected to start onsite in early 2026 and be completed in summer 2026.

For more information

To ask a question or for more information on the water and wastewater infrastructure project, contact the Parks Victoria team at engage@parks.vic.gov.au

You can also visit the Parks Victoria website to read about and subscribe to project updates:



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