

# Project Update

## Yallock-Bulluk trail and park improvements

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The long-term vision of the Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park on Bunurong Country is to create an iconic trail for the Bass Coast. This will include extending and upgrading trails to link San Remo to Cape Paterson via a network of existing tracks along the rugged coastline, beaches and dunes.

The trail project – which will be completed in stages – includes lookouts, car parking, shorter trail options, access to towns and beaches, facilities such as seating, signage and picnic tables.

This update provides the latest information on the planning that's underway for the trail.

### Surveys, surveys and more surveys

More surveys are planned in coming months in various locations along the proposed trail to ensure that plants, animals and cultural heritage are protected. These surveys include:

- Southern Toadlet survey in Wonthaggi heathlands
- Threatened mammal survey in the Powlett River area, which will focus on White-footed Dunnart, Southern Brown Bandicoot and Swamp Antechinus.
- Cultural heritage surveys, which will involve assessing tangible and intangible evidence of Aboriginal places and objects that show how the land was used for hunting, cooking, eating, and the manufacture of tools and other artefacts. These surveys will be completed by Heritage Advisors, representatives from Bunurong Land

Council Aboriginal Corporation and Parks Victoria team members

Results of these surveys will help guide and refine exactly where the trail and other facilities go. Avoiding and minimising impacts are an important part of creating a trail that is not only a great walking experience, but also protects the environment and cultural heritage. Results of the surveys are also needed to make sure that we can apply for and receive all the permits we need to be able to complete the trail.



Photo 1 - Swamp Antechinus

### Lookouts – maintenance and designs

The lookouts along the trail are a key part of the trail, for both long distance walkers and those who come for a short visit just to see the views.

Improving the current lookouts at Eagles Nest and Punch Bowl Road is a key focus in developing the final designs. These designs are dependent on a range of things, including geotechnical assessments as well as the flora, fauna and cultural heritage surveys.

In the meantime, we want to ensure that people can continue to enjoy the spectacular views from the current lookouts. As a result, we have trimmed vegetation at Eagles Nest that had grown and was partially obscuring the views. This maintenance work will continue until the new lookouts are in place.

Many visitors over Easter were able to better enjoy the views as a result of this work by the local Parks Victoria team.



*Photo 2 – Improved view from Eagles Nest after vegetation trimmed*

## Planning progress

The full team to create the final designs, the signage and to construct the trail and lookouts are all now on board.

We are really pleased that all this procurement has been completed, as it is a major step forward to getting work started on-ground.

## What's next

Our focus for the coming six months is the detailed surveying and planning needed to ensure we get all the permits required to create the trail.

There are various elements of Victorian and Commonwealth legislation that we must meet. Once we have met these requirements, we can develop the final designs knowing exactly what we can and need to do.

We will continue to keep stakeholders and the community updated as the project progresses.

## Other news of interest

Stay up to date on the [Bass Coast Dinosaurs Trail](#) project, which will aim to reveal the fascinating world of polar dinosaurs through creative and immersive works across six sites along the Bass Coast.

## Who we are working with

This project is being delivered by the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action and Parks Victoria, in partnership with the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation and the Bass Coast Shire Council.

Parks Victoria is delivering \$8.33 million in trail upgrades, as part of the \$106.6 million investment into Victoria's Great Outdoors.

## Stay up to date

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