

# Point Nepean National Park

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Point Nepean National Park is one of Victoria's most important natural, cultural, and historical places and a popular destination for hundreds of thousands of visitors each year.

A number of projects are currently underway, to protect the site's values and enhance the ways that people can connect to this beautiful place. Find out more about these projects, and other park updates below.

completed to make way for the new 'Woodland' camping area, and the new timber platforms are being built. Other visitor facilities including new barbecues, bollard lights and pathways are being installed, with planting and revegetation to be completed after that.

The new campground will open when the 2024-25 Point Nepean 'Discovery Tents' camping season opens in September.



Pictured above: The new facilities include pre-pitched tents that sit on top of low-impact timber platforms. Construction is underway.

## Campground project

Construction of the campground expansion is well underway. Demolition works have been

## Storytelling and Interpretation project

A storytelling and interpretation project is also progressing at Point Nepean. The project will deliver new interpretive signage in key visitor areas of the park, and an immersive experience in the Boiler House. This will provide visitors with more opportunities to gain a deeper understanding and connection to the park's significant cultural heritage and environmental values.

The design and content of the storytelling and interpretation project is nearing completion, with works to install the new signage and interpretation elements expected to start in late 2024.



Pictured above: The Boiler House, within the Disinfecting Complex, was built at the Quarantine Station in 1900. It was used to disinfect the luggage and burn contaminated clothes of passengers arriving in Victoria by boat.

## Fort Nepean Conservation Works project

At Fort Nepean, heritage consultants have completed initial investigations to assess the condition of the concrete forts and options to conserve the site.

The comprehensive report is being reviewed by Parks Victoria and will inform the scope of conservation works required.

The conservation works will enable the safe reopening of several visitor areas and help to conserve this important part of Victoria's history.



Pictured above: Perched atop a cliff overlooking Port Phillip and the Southern Ocean, the forts have a long and rich history - with the very first shot of the British Empire

of WWI and the first Australian shot of WWII being fired from the site.

## Toilets closed at Gunners Cottage

Toilets will no longer be available at Gunners Cottage from 15 April 2024. Alternative toilets are located at the Quarantine Station and Fort Nepean.

Parks Victoria is currently investigating options to refurbish the existing toilets at Gunners Cottage. Any works are subject to budget availability and cultural heritage and environmental approvals. We'll provide an update on the progress of this investigation in the coming months.

## Find out more

To find out more about these projects and to subscribe for updates, scan the QR code or visit: [www.parks.vic.gov.au/projects/melbourne-region/point-nepean-master-plan](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au/projects/melbourne-region/point-nepean-master-plan)



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