Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park

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The Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park will be created on Victoria's Bass Coast in 2020

As part of Victoria's Great Outdoors program a new marine and coastal park will be created on Victoria's stunning Bass Coast to improve access to pristine beaches, upgrade walking trails and provide a new camping opportunity.

In consultation with Traditional Owner representatives, the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, the name Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park has been recommended. Yallock-Bulluk are the Clan of the Bunurong that cared for this area of Country. Yallock is the Bunurong word for Creek or River and Bulluk means swamp. Yallock-Bulluk Country extends from Tooradin (the Great Swamp) to the Tarwin River.

The Bill to create the new park is before Parliament and a decision is expected early in 2020. The new park, formally amalgamating six existing parks and reserves and some additional Crown land along 40km of coastline between San Remo and Inverloch, will be created by the end of 2020 (see map overleaf).

The George Bass Coastal Walk will be upgraded and extended to showcase the natural and cultural values of the area for visitors and locals.

A tender to develop an Access and Infrastructure Precinct Plan for the new park was issued in late 2019, and consultants will be appointed early in 2020. The initial phase of the plan's development will consider environmental, natural and cultural heritage

KEY POINTS

- Amalgamates existing parks and reserves to form the Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park
- Park planning and design will be undertaken by consultants in 2020
- Stakeholders will have various opportunities to contribute to the planning process
- Planning and design for a new trail will consider environmental and heritage values, and coastal processes

values and coastal processes to indicate feasible options for the location of the walking track, access points, trail heads, car parks, signage and other infrastructure required to construct the new, iconic walking track.

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning and Parks Victoria will continue to work closely with Traditional Owners, key stakeholders and the wider community, providing opportunities to understand the feasibility studies and contribute to the development of the plan for the park. A variety of engagement activities will be advertised as the project progresses.

Additional parcels of land will be considered for inclusion in the park over time, and some funding has been allocated for acquisition of private land to further benefit the new park and walking trail.

Further information

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