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\$12.9 MILLION REVITALISATION FOR ALTONA FORESHORE

The Altona Foreshore will receive a \$12.9 million major revitalisation with \$5.8 million in funding support from the Victorian Government.

Minister for Suburban Development Shaun Leane today announced the Altona Foreshore Revitalisation project that will deliver a new beach entry and promenade, shared trails, a raised seawall, two beach access ramps, and new viewing and rest spots.

The \$12.9 million project is supported by \$4.4 million from the Suburban Revitalisation Program and a further \$1.4 million from Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, towards the upgrade of the seawall. This upgrade also includes new beach access ramps at Webb and Mount Streets, along with upgrades to the share path on the Esplanade and works in Weaver Reserve. Hobsons Bay City Council is delivering the project and contributing \$7.1 million.

The foreshore works are part of the larger Altona Beach Precinct redevelopment, which includes the redevelopment of Pier Street to host outdoor markets, festivals and community events in the warmer months and a redevelopment of the Altona Pier by Parks Victoria.

Stage 4 of the Pier Street redevelopment last year received \$100,000 in funding from the Victorian Government's Neighbourhood Activity Renewal Fund and a co-investment of \$1.6 million from Hobsons Bay City Council. Works on Pier Street will include footpath upgrades and widening along shopfronts, tree plantings, new street furniture, improvements to drainage and landscaping.

The Altona Foreshore Revitalisation Project follows the recent announcement of 33 new Suburban Revitalisation projects across metropolitan Melbourne, representing a \$7.2 million investment from the Suburban Revitalisation Program.

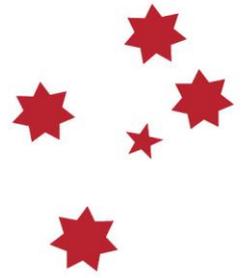
The Suburban Revitalisation Program works with regional and local stakeholders to help plan and deliver infrastructure, community development and place-making initiatives that focus on driving social and economic outcomes in key activity centres identified across Melbourne.

The Victorian Government is committed to encouraging suburban revitalisation as a way of strengthening Melbourne's liveability and driving economic opportunity and jobs growth closer to where people live. For more information about Suburban Revitalisation go to suburbandev.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Suburban Development Shaun Leane

"Altona's Foreshore is a much-loved part of Melbourne. These works will not just ensure the Foreshore is safeguarded well into the future, but that more Melburnians can access and enjoy Altona's waterfront."

"Revitalising Altona's Foreshore will ensure Altona continues to be a great place to live, visit and work - stimulating local business activity and connecting communities."



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“We’ve worked closely with Hobsons Bay City Council and consulted extensively with the community to arrive at this great project. This is what suburban revitalisation is about – local projects led by locals.”

Quotes attributable to Minister for Energy, Environment & Climate Change, Lily D’Ambrosio

“We know the challenges that climate change presents – these works will protect Altona’s Foreshore from predicted rising sea levels, address sand loss and protect foreshore infrastructure. Increased vegetation and coastal habitat will also enhance the beautiful natural environment enjoyed on the foreshore.”

Quotes attributable to Member for Altona District, Jill Hennessy

“I’m thrilled by this additional investment in the revitalisation of the Altona Foreshore. This along with the Government’s previous investments in the redevelopment of the Altona Pier and the Pier Street masterplan, will further enhance Altona as one of the most liveable and picturesque suburbs of Melbourne.”

“Altona’s Foreshore Revitalisation will see Pier Street become a vibrant place of festivals and events in the warmer months – I welcome the great flexibility that the new streetscape will give local traders and our communities to gather and enjoy our Foreshore.”