## **Suburban Parks Program**

# **Seaford Wetlands**

### Protecting nature and improving green, open spaces



Suburban parks are important to all of us. They are where families create memories, connect with nature and each other. Suburban parks provide habitat for our native plants and animals, support healthy rivers and creeks, and help us tackle climate change.

The Victorian Government is investing \$315 million in the Suburban Parks Program. It will create more than 6,500 hectares of new and upgraded parks and trails across Melbourne's growing outer suburbs.

The Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) leads this program.

#### Why create new parks?

- to improve health and wellbeing
- to protect nature
- to strengthen cultural heritage
- to address climate change
- to attract jobs, investment, skilled people and visitors to Melbourne's growing outer suburbs.

# What is the Seaford Wetlands Rejuvenation project?

In 2018, the Victorian Government committed to a \$5 million package of landscaping and environmental works, with upgrades to walking paths and facilities in Seaford Wetlands.

Seaford Wetlands is listed as an internationally significant wetland under the Ramsar Convention for supporting important habitat for birdlife, including rare and endangered migratory birds.

The wetlands were once part of the extensive Carrum Carrum Swamp. The remaining 158-hectare remnant wetland is one of the largest natural wetlands in Port Phillip and Western Port Basins.

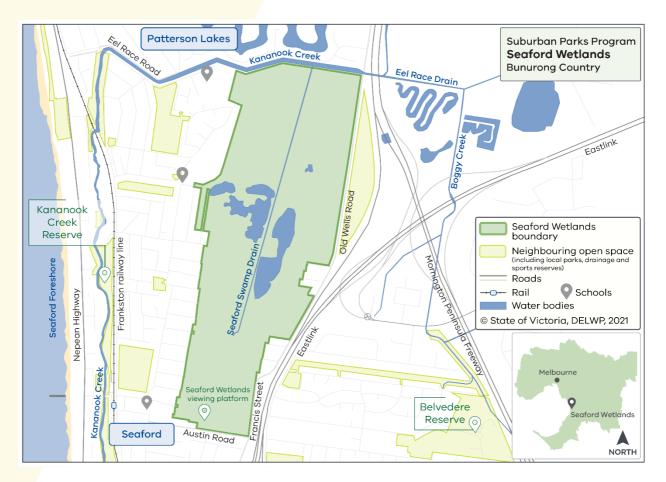
Seaford Wetlands is named in the Boon Wurrung language as 'Lowyeeung' and has unique cultural heritage values to the Bunurong People. As part of the project a selfguided biocultural trail will complete a loop around the wetlands and rejuvenate significant cultural knowledge and practices identified by Bunurong Elders.

Seaford Wetlands is jointly owned and managed by Frankston City Council and Melbourne Water.

### Location

Seaford Wetlands sits on Bunurong Country in Seaford, approximately 52 kilometres south-east of Melbourne's CBD.





#### When will the park be open?

You can visit Seaford Wetlands now. We will open upgraded sections of the wetlands in stages.

# Project partners and stakeholders

DEECA is collaborating with:

- Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation
- Frankston City Council
- Kingston City Council
- Melbourne Water
- Local communities.

#### More information

Updates on the Suburban Parks <u>Program</u> are available online. Or you can <u>email the Suburban Parks</u> <u>Program.</u>

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