

Media Release

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WORKSHOPS PIER UPGRADE TO KICK OFF IN EARLY 2025

The Allan Labor Government is delivering on its plan to restore Victoria's historic piers, with major works on Williamstown's iconic Workshops Pier set to begin in early 2025.

Minister for Ports and Freight and Member for Williamstown Melissa Horne today announced Duratec had been appointed as the lead construction contractor to deliver the project following a competitive tender process.

Funded as part of the Labor Government's \$46 million investment in critical pier rebuilds and repairs across the state, the works will strengthen the pier's foundations so it can reopen for community and commercial use.

Once completed, the pier will again be able to provide berthing for tall ships, emergency response vessels and be a welcoming spot for locals and visitors.

The pier, which was built in 1942, is a local landmark in Williamstown's historic maritime precinct and the reopening will support the vision of the recently completed *Williamstown Local Port Area Plan*.

Crew are on track to kick off strengthening works on Workshops Pier in early 2025 and are expected to complete works in 2026

The Labor Government's \$46 million investment will also deliver critical upgrades at other popular piers and jetties across the state including Warneet, Dromana and St Leonards.

Victoria's local ports contribute more than \$900 million a year to local and regional economies through tourism, marine activities, and industries.

For more information or sign up to receive updates on this project visit: www.parks.vic.gov.au/projects

Quotes attributable to Minister for Ports and Freight and Member for Williamstown Melissa Horne

"Major works on Workshops Pier is set to begin early next year as part of our \$46 million investment to rebuild and repair piers right across the state."

"Workshops Pier has been a proud part of Williamstown's maritime precinct for more than 80 years, and this upgrade will ensure it can continue to be enjoyed for decades more to come."