

Media Release

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WORKSHOPS PIER REPAIRS UNDERWAY IN WILLIAMSTOWN

The Allan Labor Government is repairing Workshops Pier in Williamstown, with major works now underway to repair and strengthen the historic pier.

Constructed in 1942, Workshops Pier is a working port centrally located within the Williamstown Maritime Precinct and a key part of Victoria's rich maritime history.

Reopening the local landmark in mid-2026 will support the vision of the recently completed Williamstown Local Port Area Plan which highlighted the area's historical, recreational and commercial significance and potential.

Duratec was appointed in late 2024 as the lead construction contractor to deliver the project which followed a competitive tender process.

New steel piles and beams will be installed to strengthen the pier and minor repairs will also be made to the concrete deck and abutment.

In addition to Workshops, the Labor Government's \$46 million investment in piers and jetties is delivering critical upgrades at Warneet, Dromana and St Leonards.

Since 2019 the Government has invested more than \$150 million in piers and jetties across the state including the St Kilda Pier redevelopment – one of the biggest in Victoria's history.

Victoria's local ports and piers contribute more than \$900 million a year to local and regional economies through tourism, marine activities and critical industries such as commercial fishing - supporting jobs and families.

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 Melissa Horne

"Major works are underway to restore Workshops Pier to its former glory so it can continue operating as Melbourne's only remaining public port facility for large vessels close to the city."

"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."

Quote attributable to Glenn Jones CEO Seaworks

"We look forward to reopening Workshops Pier and welcoming back historic vessels which will help boost the local visitor economy in the West."