# **Seaford Wetlands**

### Upgrading and enhancing parks for Melbourne's growing communities

The Suburban Parks Program is creating a more connected, immersive and shared open space network across Melbourne, where our waterways, trails and cool, green streets meet local pocket parks, urban parks and bushland.



Since 2018, the Victorian Government has invested over \$315 million through the Suburban Parks Program to create, connect, plan for and upgrade more than 6,500 hectares of open space across metropolitan Melbourne.

#### What is the Seaford Wetlands Rejuvenation project?

The 158-hectare Seaford Wetlands are listed as internationally significant wetlands under the Ramsar Convention, supporting important habitats for rare and endangered migratory

#### Why create new parks?

- to improve community 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 suburbs.

birds. The Seaford Wetlands are one of the largest natural wetlands in the Port Phillip Basin area.

The Seaford Wetlands Rejuvenation project is delivering landscaping and environmental works, upgrades to walking paths, facilities and signage, including a self-guided biocultural trail, and a cultural gathering circle. The project is being delivered by Frankston City Council, Kingston City Council and Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation with funding from the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action.

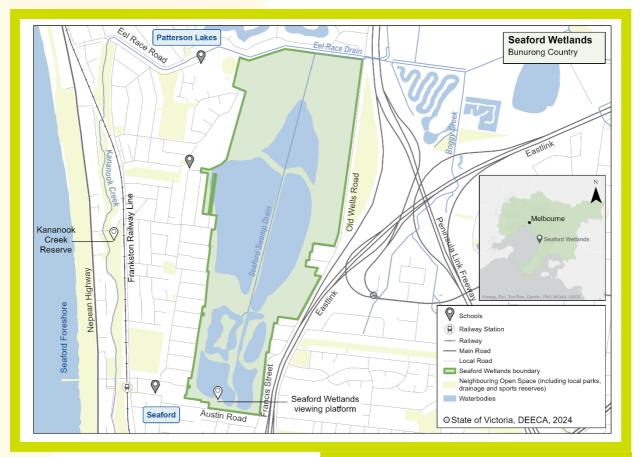
The Seaford Wetlands are jointly owned and managed by Frankston City Council and Melbourne Water. Frankston City Council led several stages of public consultation on the designs and improvements to the park.

#### When will the project be completed?

The Seaford Wetlands are open for the public to enjoy now. The projects are being undertaken in stages.

The final upgrades are planned to be completed by December 2025.

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## Who are the project partners and stakeholders?

The Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action is collaborating with:

- Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation
- Frankston City Council
- Kingston City Council
- Melbourne Water

#### Location

The Seaford Wetlands are located on Bunurong Country, approximately 50 kilometres south-east of Melbourne's CBD.

#### Where can I find more information?

Further information can be found on the <u>Frankston City Council website</u> or <u>Suburban</u> <u>Parks Program website</u>.

You can email the project team at: <u>suburban.parks@deeca.vic.gov.au.</u>

The Seaford Wetlands are known as 'Lowyeeung' in Boon Wurrung language and are considered by Bunurong elders to have important spiritual significance.

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