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Mornington Pier Reconstruction Reaches a New Milestone

Mornington MP David Morris and Minister for Ports David Hodgett have announced the final stage of major works at Mornington Pier will soon be underway with a contract awarded to K V Johnson Constructions for the reconstruction of the outer section.

Mr Morris said he was delighted that the project was now entering its final phase. "The outer section of the pier has been off limits to the Mornington community since construction stalled as a result of the Brumby Government's mismanagement of the project. It's been exciting for the community to see the pier take shape again in the past year."

"These works will add to the \$3.6 million upgrade of the middle section of Mornington Pier, which was completed in September 2011. Earlier this year the first stage of wave screens were installed to provide a safer place for boats to shelter during storms at Snapper Point."

"The next phase will see the complete replacement of the outer section of the pier, including new wave screens to protect the harbour, timber decking, low landings and other important improvements," Mr Morris said.

Mr Hodgett said the contract award was another significant milestone for the Mornington Pier reconstruction which will be completed in late 2014.

"This latest contract award is one of the final major milestones in the reconstruction of Mornington Pier, which means that local residents and visitors will soon be able to enjoy the finished product," Mr Hodgett said.

"The reconstruction is part of the Victorian Coalition Government's \$23 million commitment for critical local port infrastructure upgrades, and I am thrilled to see the works nearing completion.

"Mornington Pier is a very important asset for the local community. It's one of the most visited piers in Port Phillip Bay and popular with recreational boat operators, anglers and the many visitors who enjoy a walk along the pier's deck.

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“That’s why I’m proud of the Victorian Government’s investment to see the pier upgraded, and maintained as a draw card for the region,” Mr Hodgett said.

Mr Morris said he was “...looking forward to seeing Mornington Pier fully reconstructed and ready to reclaim its iconic status, with greater strength and safety and all the character and personality of a pier that has been a much loved part of Mornington for generations.

“I want to thank the local community and visitors for your ongoing patience as these works progress. I encourage everyone to come and enjoy the pier, both this summer and when the full reconstruction is completed late next year,” Mr Morris said.

Works on the reconstruction of the outer deck will commence in early 2014 and access to the pier may be restricted during the construction period.

For more information about Mornington Pier or boating on Port Phillip call 13 1963 visit or www.parks.vic.gov.au

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