

Media Release

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Work to begin on visitor hub upgrade at Guyura (Kooyoora State Park)

Visitors to Guyura (Kooyoora State Park) will soon be able to enjoy improved facilities, with Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation (DJAARA) beginning upgrade works on the visitor hub from mid-June, in collaboration with Parks Victoria.

This significant development aims to enhance the visitor experience while preserving the important natural and cultural values of the park.

The works will be delivered in a staged approach to minimise disruption to park visitors.

Construction will begin with a new shelter at the Melville Caves lookout car park, followed by an upgrade to the Melville Caves picnic area.

Dja Dja Wurrung Group CEO Rodney Carter was excited about the positive impact the changes would have on Guyura and the wider community.

“This project aligns with our vision of creating a welcoming space for all to enjoy, while fostering a deep appreciation for the land, cultural heritage, and ecological diversity,” Mr Carter said.

The completed project will improve visitor comfort and convenience, with new shelters, toilet blocks, and seating areas in picturesque surroundings.

Upgraded walking tracks and signage will improve access, navigation, and safety, allowing visitors to fully explore and appreciate the park's natural beauty.

Dja Dja Wurrung language, cultural signage, and interpretation elements will enable visitors to learn more about Dja Dja Wurrung People and their history, and develop a stronger connection to the land.

The project embraces sustainable design, seamlessly integrating Dja Dja Wurrung-style furniture while minimising environmental impact.

Parks Victoria Northern Regional Director Chris Corbell acknowledged the immense importance of Guyura to the community.

“This upgrade project reflects our commitment to the park’s preservation and the enrichment of visitor experiences,” Mr Corbell said.

While visitors can continue to enjoy the park throughout the upgrade process, some areas may be inaccessible for short periods during the works. For information on site closures, visit <https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/kooyoora-state-park>.

For more information, project updates and to see the projects concept designs please visit the DJAARA Fact Sheets tab at <https://djadjawurrung.com.au/resources/>

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About DJAARA

DJAARA (Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation) is the Traditional Owner Group Entity under the Recognition and Settlement Agreement 2013. It is the recognised Registered Aboriginal Party for an area of 17,369km² in the north and centre of the state, it covers 7.32% of Victoria.

DJAARA proudly strives to represent Dja Dja Wurrung People in their continued rights of recognition as Traditional Owners. We persist in building the aspirations of our Dja Dja Wurrung Elders: that every Dja Dja Wurrung person is happy, healthy, and secure in their identity, livelihood, and lifestyle.

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