

Visitor Centre Development Update



PROJECT UPDATE

Phillip Island's iconic Penguin Parade is undergoing a major redevelopment. This project will restore 6.7ha of habitat to the penguin colony, provide an enhanced visitor experience and boost jobs and tourism in regional Victoria.

Timeline

- The new building has begun to rise out of the ground, with the concrete slab being poured and walls being erected
- The entry road from Ventnor Rd to the new car park is being constructed
- Construction of the coach parking area and additional car parks is continuing
- The 'central spine', or walkway connecting the car/coach parking areas to the new building, is also currently being constructed
- Handover of the new coach park, additional car parks and the 'central spine' is scheduled for September 2018
- The new building is anticipated to be open late 2019

FLORA & FAUNA MANAGEMENT

- The Conservation and Projects departments have developed a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) and a Wildlife and Environment Risk Assessment that outlines the mitigation measures that will be put in place to minimise the impacts on wildlife pre, during and post construction
- Conservation and Project staff are monitoring penguins and other wildlife around the penguin proof fence for any incursions into the construction site
- The contractors have been doing a fantastic job in assisting Project staff in managing wildlife in and around the construction site
- To offset the vegetation removal an area has been created on private land adjacent to Swan Lake, resulting in revegetation of 16 hectares of farmland
- All vegetation removal works and wildlife management is being conducted as per acquired permits and the CEMP



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