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Improving tourism infrastructure in Victoria

The Melbourne Cricket Ground will receive an infrastructure upgrade as part of the latest round of the Federal Government's Tourism Demand Driver Infrastructure programme (TDDI).

Six Victorian tourism projects will share in a \$3.6 million funding boost under the TDDI programme which aims to improve the quality of tourism infrastructure and help attract more visitors to the state.

The successful projects are:

- Deep Blue Hot Springs Warrnambool – spa redevelopment and extension to create additional geo-thermal pools for guests
- Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) Rooftop Experience – new rooftop walk and zip line to the ground
- Princetown Project – eco accommodation and recreation facilities
- Sandsculpting Australia – Clear Span Structure to allow year-round activity
- The Club Hotel Clunes – restoration and re-opening
- Eco Cruises at Wilsons Promontory – wilderness boat tour

Minister for Tourism and International Education, Senator Richard Colbeck, said the projects would provide a boost for regional tourism in Victoria.

“These tourism infrastructure projects will help Victoria's tourism industry grow by supporting jobs and injecting much needed funds into local communities,” Minister Colbeck said.

“Through the TDDI programme the Federal Government is investing \$43.1 million over four years – including \$7.2 million in Victoria.

“These projects will improve tourism infrastructure and provide a boost to local attractions and the businesses that depend on them.

“This funding will help the industry to meet its Tourism 2020 growth targets and ensure businesses remain sustainable and profitable into the future.”

Victorian Minister for Tourism and Major Events, John Eren, said the projects would help Victoria continue to provide a world-class experience for its visitors.

“Our regions are renowned for offering our visitors an unforgettable experience and a unique taste of Australian life,” Minister Eren said.

“Victoria's tourism operators work really hard to grow our impressive visitor economy. This will be a really welcome boost for those at the coalface.”

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