Werribee Township Regional Park

Creating a new park 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 committed 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 Werribee Township Regional Park project?

The Werribee Township Regional Park will be one of 3 large new regional parks in Melbourne. The new 340-hectare park will sit on the banks of the Werribee River, near fastgrowing communities in

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.

Melbourne's western suburbs. The park will link with the existing Presidents Park, to create a large open space for relaxation and outdoor activities.

The new park will be located on the unique natural temperate grasslands of the Victorian volcanic plain, which includes some of the best habitats and wildlife corridors for endangered species, including the growling grass frog, striped legless lizard, and golden sun moth.

Parks Victoria is developing the masterplan for the park, informed by the 2022 Strategic Directions Plan and stakeholder and community consultation. The masterplan will guide the creation of the new Werribee Township Regional Park.

When will the park open?

There is currently no public access to the future site of Werribee Township Regional Park. The Victorian Government has acquired private land for the park, and Parks Victoria has started clean-up works by removing structures such as sheds, and installing secure perimeter fencing.

Creation of the park will include multiple stages of planning and consultation that will inform future investment.

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Who are the project partners and stakeholders?

The Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action is working closely with Parks Victoria to deliver the project in conjunction with:

- Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation
- Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation
- Wyndham City Council
- Melbourne Water

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Location

The new park will be located about 30 kilometres south-west of Melbourne's CBD on Wadawurrung and Bunurong Country.

Where can I find more information?

Further information can be found on the <u>Parks</u> <u>Victoria website</u>.

You can email the project team at: engage@parks.vic.gov.au

Interested community members will have more opportunities to contribute to the park's plan and design as the project progresses, and can look forward to exploring the new Werribee Township Regional Park as it emerges in coming years.

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