Kororoit Creek 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 Kororoit Creek Regional Park project?

The Kororoit Creek Regional Park will be one of 3 large new regional parks in Melbourne. The 215-hectare park will be bound by Kororoit Creek and the Western Highway, near growing communities

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.

in and around Deanside, Rockbank and Caroline Springs.

The Kororoit Creek Regional Park area includes nationally recognised conservation areas with some of the best habitats and wildlife corridors for endangered species, including the growling grass frog, striped legless lizard, rare flowers, and important remnant grasslands.

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 Kororoit Creek Regional Park.

When will the park open?

There is currently no public access to the future site of Kororoit Creek Regional Park.

The Victorian Government is acquiring private land for the park, and Parks Victoria has started clean-up works to prepare the sites already acquired 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:

- Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation
- Melton City Council
- Melbourne Water

Location

The new park will be located about 25 kilometres north-west of Melbourne's CBD on the lands of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people.

Where can I find more information?

Further information can be found on the <u>Parks</u> <u>Victoria website</u>, and the <u>Suburban Parks</u> <u>Program website</u>.

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

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

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