Cardinia Creek Regional Parklands

Expanding parkland 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 Cardinia Creek Regional Parklands project?

The Cardinia Creek Regional Parklands project has endorsed a Future Directions Plan 2022, to guide the expansion of over 600 hectares of public open space 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 south-east between Berwick to Clyde. The Future Directions Plan was developed in collaboration with the Parklands Partnership Group.

The project will connect existing parks including:

- Cardinia Creek Parklands at Inglis Road
- Beaconsfield Flora and Fauna Reserve
- Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve
- Cardinia Creek Nature Reserve
- Akoonah Park Reserve
- Bob Burgess Reserve
- Cardinia Creek Retarding Basin
- Manna Gum Park
- Mick Morland Reserve

A new walking and cycling path has been constructed south of Inglis Road in Berwick, to increase access in the parklands. A new boardwalk bridge, seating, and tables have also been installed.

When will the parklands open?

Many areas of the Cardinia Creek Regional Parklands are open for visitors to enjoy now. For more information on areas open to visit now within the parklands, please visit the <u>Suburban Parks Program website</u>.

Additional upgrades will be opened in stages. .

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Who are the project partners and stakeholders?

The Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action lead project delivery and support the Parklands Partnership Group which includes:

- **Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal** Corporation
- City of Casey
- Cardinia Shire Council
- Melbourne Water
- Parks Victoria

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Location

The expanded parklands are located between Berwick and Clyde along Cardinia Creek, on Bunurong Country.

Where can I find more information?

Further information can be found on the Suburban Parks Program website.

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

The cultural values mapping undertaken by Bunurong Elders is integral to parkland planning and had created an improved understanding and respect for Bunurong values around the Cardinia Creek.

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