**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 Toolern Creek Regional Park project?

**Why create and upgrade 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.

# The Toolern Creek Regional Park project included updating the Strategic Directions Plan for the 110-hectare Toolern Creek Regional Park in Melton.

The Strategic Directions Plan considers ways to improve park access and amenities to enhance visitor experience of nature, existing trails, bridges and infrastructure. The upgrades will also encourage communities to enjoy recreational activities in a natural environment.

The open space helps to protect waterways and habitats that shelter plants and animals, and the Plan identifies further improvements to increase environmental values at the park.

Melton City Council is completing initial upgrades to the park, including construction of pathways, upgrades to picnic infrastructure, and targeted revegetation.

# When will the project be completed?

The park is open for the public to enjoy.

The new Strategic Directions Plan was published in May 2023. The infrastructure works by Melton City Council will be completed in 2025.

# Map showing the outline of the Toolern Creek Regional Park, from Bridge Road in the north, to near the junction with the Werribee River in the south. Melton South is to the west of the northern part of the park, Weir Views to the west of the middle of the park, and Strathtulloh to the east of the park.

**Location**

Toolern Creek Regional Park is located along the Toolern Creek between Bridge and Greigs Roads, about 30 kilometres from Melbourne’s CBD on the land of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung People.

# Who are the project partners and stakeholders?

Melton City Council, who currently own and manage the park, are delivering the works with support from the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action and Parks Victoria. Melton City Council is delivering works in collaboration with:

* Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation
* Melbourne Water
* Victorian Planning Authority

**Members of the public were consulted in 2021 to inform the park’s Strategic Directions Plan. Further planning and consultation will take place before additional upgrades are made to the park.**

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# Where can I find more information?

Further information can be found on the [Melton City Council](https://conversations.melton.vic.gov.au/toolern-creek-regional-park-upgrade) website.

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