

# Media Release

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## PLAN FOR THE FUTURE OF THE YOU YANGS RELEASED

The Andrews Labor Government has released a You Yangs Precinct Masterplan, ensuring the You Yangs Regional Park and Serendip Sanctuary are protected and can be enjoyed by everyone for generations to come.

The You Yangs has a rich cultural landscape with a history dating back more than 30,000 years. The masterplan sets out how this important area – which sits between greater Geelong and Melbourne – will be managed in the future.

The plan aligns with the aspirations of the Wadawurrung people, Traditional Owners of the land, for future joint management of the park. More immediately, opportunities for cultural education, cultural trails and visitor information are proposed.

Under the plan, Serendip Sanctuary will continue to be available for wildlife conservation and breeding programs and visitor facilities for schools and groups in the sanctuary will be upgraded.

The popularity of the You Yangs Regional Park as a mountain-biking destination is reflected in a recommendation to create a mountain-biking hub with improved facilities, as well as a kiosk and storage rooms that could be used for events.

The masterplan includes options to upgrade the visitor information centre, carparks, picnic and BBQ areas, and existing tracks and trails to support activities like bushwalking, trail-running, sightseeing, rock-climbing and abseiling and horse riding.

The You Yangs Regional Park draws both locals and tourists alike contributing to greater Geelong and the Bellarine region's \$1.1 billion tourism industry.

A copy of the plan is available here: [engage.vic.gov.au/future-investment-you-yangs-and-serendip-sanctuary](https://engage.vic.gov.au/future-investment-you-yangs-and-serendip-sanctuary).

### **Quote attributable to Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio**

*"This masterplan for the future of the You Yangs respects the deep connection that Wadawurrung Traditional Owners have to these lands and waters and strikes the right balance between conservation and visitation."*

### **Quote attributable to Minister for Regional Development Mary-Anne Thomas**

*"The You Yangs is an icon for the greater Geelong and Bellarine region, and I am looking forward to seeing it enjoyed by locals and visitors for years to come."*

### **Quote attributable to Member for Lara John Eren**

*"The You Yangs and Serendip Sanctuary are special places for the community and I am delighted to see a plan that celebrates the cultural heritage of the area and seeks to improve the way people enjoy the park."*