

Media Release

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GIVING LOCAL PARKS NEW LIFE ACROSS MELBOURNE

The Andrews Labor Government is upgrading playgrounds and exercise equipment in 41 parks and reserves across Melbourne ensuring everyone has access to green open space.

Minister for Environment and Climate Action Lily D'Ambrosio today visited MacLean Reserve in Williamstown – the latest local park to receive an upgrade as part of the Labor Government's \$315 million Suburban Parks Program.

The reserve is now home to an accessible carousel, a new swing set, a paved picnic area and new garden beds – giving families and visitors a great place to relax, unwind and spend time outside.

The successful program is delivering inclusive and all-abilities play spaces right across Melbourne, with up to \$300,000 funding provided to local councils to breathe new life into their playgrounds and parks.

There are already 17 completed upgrades being enjoyed by local communities, with works on the remaining 24 parks already underway – which will feature inclusive playgrounds, nature play spaces, bike tracks, more trees, seating, and shelter.

Work is also underway to deliver 31 off-lead dog parks and 29 pocket parks as part of the Suburban Parks Program.

Once complete the program will create up to 6,500 hectares of new parkland, walking trails, bike trails, pocket parks and dog parks – the equivalent of more than 170 Royal Botanic Gardens.

For more information about the Suburban Parks Program, visit: environment.vic.gov.au/suburban-parks

Quotes attributable to Minister for Environment and Climate Action Lily D'Ambrosio

"As our suburbs continue to grow, we're making sure Melbournians have easy access to much needed open green space to exercise, relax or just enjoy the outdoors."

"Our parks and gardens are what makes Melbourne one of the most liveable cities in the world – this funding will ensure they are safe and accessible for everyone."

Quote attributable to Member for Williamstown Melissa Horne

"We're supporting local councils to provide their communities with truly unique and inclusive playgrounds and MacLean Reserve is a fantastic example of what can be achieved through this program."

List of completed park upgrades:

- Keith Ewenson Park, Beaconsfield Upper
- Kath Roberts Reserve, Beaconsfield
- Penders Park, Thornbury
- McAlpin Reserve, Ringwood North
- George Bishop Reserve, Dromana
- Montgomery Reserve, Doncaster East
- Warraweena Road Reserve, Clayton South
- Carrington Park, Knoxfield
- Witternberg Reserve, Frankston
- Upper Yarra Reservoir Park, Reefton
- Casey Safety Village, Cranbourne
- MacLean Reserve, Williamstown
- Rosanna Street Reserve, Carnegie
- Ruthven Reserve, Preston
- Malahang Reserve, Heidelberg West
- Corrigan Reserve, Keysborough
- Fraser Street Park, Hoppers Crossing

Coming soon:

- Victoria Park, Kew
- Carlson Reserve, Clayton
- Eltham Skate Park, Eltham
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- Luke Polkinghorne Memorial Reserve, Mooroolbark
- Keilor Park Recreation Reserve, Keilor Park
- Yarrunga Reserve, Croydon Hills
- Peregrine Reserve, Rowville
- John Butler Park, Mount Eliza
- Fitzzy Bowl, Fitzroy North
- Gilpin Park, Brunswick
- Cruickshank Park, Yarraville
- Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve, Carrum Downs
- Alphington Park, Alphington
- Riverside Reserve, South Morang
- Bayview Park, Narre Warren
- Alma Park, St Kilda East
- Sir Zelman Cowen Park, Kooyong
- Black Knight Way Reserve, Kurunjang
- Centenary Park, Kurunjang
- Seabrook Reserve, Broadmeadows
- Sydenham Park, Keilor North
- Progress Reserve, Coolaroo
- Scott Grove, Burwood