

Media Release

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DELIVERING BETTER OPEN SPACE FOR SOUTHBANK

Southbank locals will soon have a new green open space thanks to the Andrews Labor Government.

Member for Albert Park Nina Taylor today announced a \$1.5 million investment for the design and delivery of a green space near the Australian Centre for Contemporary Art (ACCA) in Southbank.

Delivered in partnership with City of Melbourne, Creative Victoria and ACCA, the space will provide locals with somewhere to connect with nature and their community.

The park is being created as part of the Government's \$7.4 million *Better Parks and Playgrounds program*, which is delivering 11 new and upgraded parks and open spaces across Victoria.

The new space will complement new urban gardens in the surrounding area, and future works to be delivered as part of the Melbourne Arts Precinct Transformation.

To date, 87 new and upgraded open spaces, including parks and dog parks, have been delivered through the Suburban Parks Program, and there's 11 more new and upgraded parks on the way thanks to a \$7.4 million investment in the Victorian Budget 2023/24 to deliver Better Parks and Playgrounds.

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

Quotes attributable to Minister for Environment Ingrid Stitt

"We're ensuring Melburnians in urban areas have easy access to quality open space to exercise, relax or just enjoy the outdoors."

"We're supporting local councils to provide their communities with unique and inclusive open spaces."

Quotes attributable to Member for Albert Park Nina Taylor

"Today is just the first step in delivering what will be a fantastic open space for Southbank locals to enjoy."