

Media Release

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UPGRADED CRICKET OVALS COMING TO JELLS PARK

The Andrews Labor Government is encouraging more people in Melbourne's south-east to get active outdoors, upgrading two ovals at Jells Park.

Minister for Environment Ingrid Stitt announced a \$4 million investment is set to rejuvenate Jells Park's northern and southern grounds.

The project will deliver new synthetic cricket pitches designed to meet Cricket Australia standards and a small pavilion for athletes.

The development will also accommodate a range of different sports and recreational activities so that locals can enjoy more of Jells Park, all year round.

The local community has helped to shape the design of the new Jells Park Shared User Trail - improving the parks connections while preserving important spaces for plants and local animals.

Through the \$21 million *Urban Parks Active Wellbeing program*, new and improved barbeques, drinking fountains and picnic tables have already been installed across the park. An all-abilities bathroom will also be constructed in late 2023.

Works on the sports field is expected to be completed in late 2024, while the pavilion will be completed in 2025.

For more information on the project, please visit parks.vic.gov.au/projects.

Quote attributable to Minister for Environment Ingrid Stitt

"From new shared-use trails to upgraded ovals – these investments across Jells Park will encourage the community to connect with nature."

"The Jells Park project will ensure this terrific open green space is enjoyed for years to come."

Quote attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

"The upgraded Jells Park sports fields will offer a range of opportunities for people of all ages to get active outdoors all year round."

Quote attributable to Member for Glen Waverley John Mullahy

"The Jells Park project will help promote the importance of health and wellbeing within our community, while also support the development of our future cricket stars."