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PAWSOME NEWS FOR VICTORIA'S POOCHES

The Andrews Labor Government has delivered 31 new off-leash dog parks across Melbourne and regional Victoria, creating more space for our four-legged friends to run and play.

Minister for Environment Ingrid Stitt officially opened Levittown Rise dog park in Werribee today - the final dog park to be completed as part of the \$315 million Suburban Parks Program.

Levittown Rise dog park now boasts two fenced areas with open lawns and play zones, trees, seating, and drinking fountains.

Thirty-one dog parks have been completed across Victoria, in suburbs stretching from Werribee to Pakenham and as far as Mildura and Portland. The purpose-built parks include designated ball play areas, fencing, agility equipment, seating and drinking fountains.

These dog parks have been delivered in partnership with local councils, who received up to \$275,000 from the Government to ensure the new facilities were purpose-built to meet each community's needs.

The Labor Government will continue to build 28 new and upgraded dog parks across the state, thanks to an additional \$13.4 million investment allocated in the *Victorian Budget 2023/24*. Dog-friendly spaces will be created in Wantirna, Endeavour Hills, Mount Waverley, Sydenham, Wollert and the Armstrong Creek growth corridor.

For more information on the dog parks delivered, please visit environment.vic.gov.au/suburban-parks.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Environment Ingrid Stitt

"We promised to create dog parks for families and their pets to enjoy – and we've delivered."

"We know the community really values green open space and we're excited for locals to enjoy the time outdoors with their dogs."

Quote attributable to Member for Werribee Tim Pallas

"More dog parks across Victoria will mean more open spaces for families and their pets to exercise, play and enjoy, closer to home."