

# Media Release

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## NEW MASTER PLAN PAVING THE FUTURE FOR WATTLE PARK

The Allan Labor Government has set a long-term vision for Surrey Hills' Wattle Park – helping to preserve the beautiful bushland for generations to come.

Minister for Environment Steve Dimopoulos announced the release of the new Wattle Park Master Plan, which aims to protect the park's cultural environment, while providing a blueprint for strategic decision making over the next 20 years.

The Master Plan is part of a total \$5.15 million investment from the Labor Government in Wattle Park upgrades delivered this year.

In consultation with the local community, Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation and Heritage Victoria, the document recognises the historic significance of the park and future plans to improve the visitor experience.

Wattle Park provides an important space for surrounding suburban communities to connect with nature – whether it be for exercise or spending time with loved ones.

The release of the Master Plan comes shortly after the creation of a new all-abilities playscape, an upgraded picnic area and 3.25km of upgraded trail for visitors to enjoy – which were funded by the Labor Government's Suburban Parks Program and Urban Parks Active Wellbeing Program.

To learn more about Wattle Park Master Plan and its recent upgrades, visit [parks.vic.gov.au/projects](https://parks.vic.gov.au/projects).

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Environment Steve Dimopoulos

*"The Wattle Park Master Plan will ensure this fantastic park remains protected and continues to be loved by locals for years to come."*

*"It's great to see visitors already enjoying the new playscape and upgraded trails at Wattle Park."*

### Quote attributable to Member for Box Hill Paul Hamer

*"Locals are already enjoying the new upgrades at Wattle Park and the new Master Plan will ensure the park remains protected for the long-term future."*