

# Media Release

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## LILYDALE CARAVAN PARK HAVEN FOR PET OWNERS AND CYCLISTS

Holiday makers and cyclists in the Yarra Ranges now have even more places to stay with the addition of 14 new cabins at a popular Lilydale caravan park, thanks to the Allan Labor Government.

Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos today congratulated the owners of the Lilydale Pine Hill Caravan Park for the transformation, which was supported by an investment of \$525,000 through the *Regional Tourism Investment Fund*.

The upgrade includes new accommodation with accessibility and pet friendly options, with eight one bedroom cabins, four two bedroom cabins and two new studios, providing an additional 34 beds to the park to cater for demand in peak periods and weekends.

Cyclists taking advantage of the Yarra Ranges professional-class bike trails will benefit from the newly installed bike racks on the 25 cabin decks across the park, providing better security and easy access to charging facilities for e-bikes.

The caravan park also boasts a new amenities block plus an indoor kitchen and conference room facilities, along with a dog washing facility.

The upgrades are expected to increase the number of days the park will be fully occupied as well as bringing thousands more visitors across the year, boosting the local economy and creating more local jobs.

Lilydale Pine Hill Caravan Park has been operated by the Wescombe family since 2000, and offers something to suit the budget of any holiday maker, with one and two bedroom cabins, powered and unpowered sites for RVs, caravans, campervans and tents.

The Yarra Ranges are located just east of Melbourne's metropolitan region and has stunning natural scenery and parks, ideal for hiking, camping and cycling.

Tourism is big business in the region, welcoming more than 5.7 million visitors in the year ending March 2024.

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos

*"Victorians have always loved camping and caravanning, and Lilydale is the perfect base to explore the beauty of the Yarra Ranges and all it has to offer."*

*"We want to make sure people of all budgets and abilities can enjoy staying in caravan parks that have modern, accessible and safe amenities."*

### Quote attributable to Member for Eastern Victoria Harriet Shing

*"This investment will significantly benefit the Yarra Ranges, which not only enhances our region's tourism appeal but also boosts our local economy and creates jobs for our community."*

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