

# Media Release

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## GARDEN FOR THE SENSES NOW OPEN AT SERENDIP

The Allan Labor Government is delivering more accessible, family friendly parklands in the outer west with the opening of a magnificent new garden at Serendip Sanctuary.

Member for Lara Ella George representing Minister for Environment Steve Dimopoulos has officially opened the new all abilities Sensory Garden, the centerpiece of the Serendip Sanctuary revitalisation project.

Designed in partnership with community and accessibility groups, the Sensory Garden gives more Victorians the opportunity to experience the outdoors using the senses to see, smell, listen, taste and feel nature.

More local schools, all abilities sport and recreation groups can enjoy the garden, with all paths, seating and benches fully accessible.

As part of the works, Serendip's display pond has been repaired and is now home to frogs, birds and turtles.

The garden also features native plants from the Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Corporation nursery, and stunning artwork by Wadawurrung artist Jenna Oldaker.

The major upgrade of the Serendip Sanctuary will provide more options for families and friends to get up close with nature.

This upgrade will give better access for school groups, a new all abilities Changing Places facility and upgraded animal and wildlife viewing areas.

The Sensory Garden is part of Labor Government's \$11 million investment in the You Yangs Master Plan, with additional sponsorship support from CDC Victoria, CMV Truck & Bus and Volvo Bus Australia.

More information on the Sensory Garden visit, [parks.vic.gov.au](http://parks.vic.gov.au).

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Environment Steve Dimopoulos

*"We want every Victorian to be able to access great outdoor spaces, and the Sensory Garden is a perfect example of how we are investing in accessible parks."*

*"The Sensory Garden at the Serendip Sanctuary is making the park more accessible, inclusive and enjoyable for everyone."*

### Quote attributable to Member for Lara Ella George

*"The Sensory Garden is a beautiful place for families and people of all abilities to connect with the stunning natural environment at Serendip Sanctuary."*

*"This is just one part of the upgrades at Serendip Sanctuary with more to come over the coming months."*