



GREAT PARKS FOR A LIVEABLE CITY – FACT SHEET

About the *Great Parks for a Liveable City* initiative

Parks and gardens improve the liveability of cities and the health and wellbeing of communities.

The *Great Parks for a Liveable City* initiative will improve facilities at **Point Gellibrand Coastal Heritage Park** and will provide funding for three new parks in Melbourne's growth corridors:

- **Werribee Regional Park** – a 230 hectare space adjacent to the Werribee River on land that was transferred to the Crown by Melbourne Water in October 2005.
- **Merri Creek Parklands** – an 800 hectare park located in Craigieburn and managed in partnership with the City of Whittlesea and the City of Hume.
- **Melton Park** – a 100 hectare area adjacent to Toolern Creek on land contributed to the Crown by the Shire of Melton.

The initiative aligns with *Melbourne 2030*, by creating new parks for Melbourne's growing population, and by ensuring that Melburnians have the opportunity to enjoy the many benefits of a well-planned and diverse park network.

Budget Facts

The \$13.3 million *Great Parks for a Liveable City* initiative will be delivered over four years with funding allocated to:

- **Point Gellibrand Coastal Heritage Park (\$2.8 million)** for improved public access, visitor facilities and protection of significant cultural values.
- **Werribee Regional Park (\$4.4 million)** to protect the landscape and environmental values of the Werribee River and its surrounds and provide recreational facilities for visitors.
- **Merri Creek Parklands (\$2.8 million)** for a trail along Merri Creek that will form a key northern route of the Metropolitan Trail Network, an upgrade of the Whittlesea Public Gardens, fencing and visitor facilities.
- **Melton Park (\$3.3 million)** to protect the environmental values of the Toolern Creek and to provide visitor facilities like an entrance road, two car parks, a trail and a bridge over Toolern Creek.

What are the benefits of the *Great Parks for a Liveable City* initiative?

The new parks will have a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of the three local communities, providing valuable space for sport and recreation and a place to relax and unwind.

The parks will also play an important environmental role by protecting valuable waterways like Toolern Creek and the Werribee River.

Who are the potential partners?

- Department of Human Services
- Department for Victorian Communities
- VicHealth
- Parks Victoria
- Local Councils
- Local communities