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GREENVALE RESERVOIR PARK REOPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

The Allan Labor Government has delivered on its promise to reopen Greenvale Reservoir, transforming the park into a vibrant green space for local families and visitors to enjoy.

Minister for Water Harriet Shing and Minister for Environment Steve Dimopoulos today announced the reopening of the southern section of Melbourne's popular Greenvale Reservoir Park.

The reopening of the park is backed up to \$3 million of investment to deliver new entry points for pedestrians, upgrade walking trails and toilets as well as undertake critical vegetation clean-up and tree safety works.

The northern and southern sections of Greenvale Reservoir will now be connected, offering improved access to the community.

The northern section was opened to visitors thanks to the Labor Government's \$21 million Urban Parks Active Wellbeing Program, which delivered trail upgrades, new seating, signage, two entry points at Venezia Promenade and established a viewing area with views of the dam.

As a protected water catchment, the park plays a key role in supplying drinking water to Melbourne's north-western and western suburbs.

While the park was closed, Melbourne Water undertook a range of critical dam wall upgrades to secure a greater drinking water supply to meet the changing needs of fast-growing communities across Greenvale and the northern suburbs.

The Labor Government is also delivering a \$315 million Suburban Parks Program, creating 6,500 hectares of new parkland, trails and dog parks, ranging from a new all-abilities playscape and upgraded walking track at Wattle Park to a new Plenty River Trail.

For more information, visit <u>parks.vic.gov.au/projects</u>.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Water Harriet Shing

"This is a really great outcome for families and communities who will now be able to access and enjoy Greenvale Reservoir Park and contribute to the long-term protection of our vital water resources."

Quotes attributable to Minister for Environment Steve Dimopoulos

"This new and improved green space will provide local residents and visitors with more opportunities to connect with nature, stay active and enjoy Victoria's great outdoors close to home."

Quotes attributable to Member for Greenvale Iwan Walters

"The reopening of the southern section of Greenvale Reservoir Park will be great for our local community and that's why I've been working with residents to see this beautiful space restored."

"Generations of local families have enjoyed spending time here. While the works to expand the reservoir wall and safeguard Melbourne's water supply have changed its footprint, this investment will ensure that Greenvale Reservoir Park can be accessed by our growing community and enjoyed for generations to come"

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