

# Media Release

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## NEW PLAYGROUNDS FOR VICTORIAN POOCHES

The Allan Labor Government is creating more dog parks right across Victoria for families to take their beloved pooches out to play, exercise and socialise in a safe place.

Minister for Environment Steve Dimopoulos today announced \$4.9 million will be invested to delivered 26 new and upgraded dog parks as part of Round two of the New and Upgraded Dog Parks Program.

The designs of the parks will follow community consultation and will feature things including designated play areas, drinking fountains, fencing, shelters, bins and shading, as well as other upgrades such as pathway improvements, landscaping and lighting.

The dog park projects were chosen through a statewide competitive application process with councils, with construction expected to be completed on all projects by the end 2026.

Mclvor Reserve in Yarraville has received \$100,000 to upgrade the off-lead dog area to allow more families and their dogs to enjoy the space, including a larger fenced off area, new dog agility equipment, new walking paths and park benches and water fountains.

There are already a further 19 dog park projects currently underway across Melbourne and Geelong which were announced part of the first round of the program.

These projects are being delivered as part of the Labor Government's \$20.8 million investment to build new and upgraded dog parks and better parks and playgrounds.

This investment is all about creating more open space for families and their pets so they can get outdoors and explore nature close to home.

31 dog parks have already been completed across Victoria, from Werribee and Pakenham, to as far away as Mildura and Portland.

For more information visit, [environment.vic.gov.au/dog-parks](https://environment.vic.gov.au/dog-parks).

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Environment Steve Dimopoulos

*"We're ensuring that Victorians – two and four-legged alike – have more opportunities to connect, exercise, and enjoy the outdoors."*

*"These dogs parks cater for all kinds of pooches, whether they want to test their agility, socialise with their furry friends or take it slow in the seniors section, there is something for every dog and its owner."*

### Quote attributable to Member for Williamstown Melissa Horne

*"We know locals love having great open spaces close to where they live, these new and upgraded dog parks will ensure we can take our pets to a dedicated play areas and enjoy being off leash in a safe area."*

### **New and Upgraded Dog Parks Program:**

- Ararat Rural City Council, Centenary Park, Ararat - \$100,000
- Benalla Rural City Council, Saleyards Road, Benalla - \$150,000
- Boroondara City Council, Macleay Park, Balwyn North - \$90,000
- Central Goldfields Shire Council Regional, Jack Pascoe Reserve, Maryborough - \$100,000
- City of Casey, Sweeney Reserve, Berwick - \$240,000
- City of Melbourne, Clayton Reserve, North Melbourne - \$300,000
- City of Whittlesea, VR Michael Reserve, Lalor - \$300,000
- Colac Otway Shire Council, Central Reserve, Colac - \$225,000
- East Gippsland Shire Council, Bosworth Road Recreation Reserve, Bairnsdale - \$100,000
- Glen Eira City Council, Mackie Road Reserve, Bentleigh East - \$230,000
- Knox City Council, Kings Park, Upper Ferntree Gully - \$300,000
- Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Hurry Reserve, Kyneton - \$99,000
- Manningham City Council, Aranga Reserve, Donvale - \$200,000
- Mansfield Shire Council, Mansfield Station Precinct, Mansfield - \$175,000
- Maribyrnong City Council, McIvor Reserve, Yarraville - \$100,000
- Melton City Council, Navan Park, Harkness - \$300,000
- Mildura Rural City Council, Kenny Park, Merbein - \$160,000
- Mitchell Shire Council, Chittick Park, Seymour - \$166,500
- Monash City Council, Jack Edwards Reserve, Oakleigh - \$150,000
- Moorabool Shire Council, Bacchus Marsh Racecourse Reserve, Bacchus Marsh - \$300,000
- Nillumbik Shire Council, Hurstbridge Dog Park, Hurstbridge - \$300,000
- Pyrenees Shire Council, 10 Beggs Street, Beaufort - \$111,000
- Swan Hill Rural City Council, Centenary Park, Robinvale - \$225,000
- Wangaratta Rural City Council, Mitchell Avenue Reserve, Wangaratta - \$100,000
- West Wimmera Shire Council, Kaniva Tourist Camping and Fauna Park, Kaniva - \$90,000
- Wyndham City Council, Manor Lakes Linear Park, Manor Lakes - \$275,000