

# Werribee Township Regional Park

Park Update and Information Sheet  
November 2019



## Creating a new park for a growing community

The creation of the new 340-hectare Werribee Township Regional Park continues the Victorian Government's long legacy of open space planning.

Indicative locations were first identified in the 2002 *Linking People and Spaces* strategy, which recognised the need for large scale open space in Melbourne's growth areas.



Without new opportunities for recreation and connection to nature, these growing communities will not enjoy the long-term liveability that Melburnians have come to value.

## Why Werribee Township?

To maximise the benefits of recreation and open space, the park has been co-located with Presidents Park to form one large community space to meet both passive and active recreational needs.

The location will also support the diverse range of flora and fauna of the Werribee River as a central focus of the parkland.

Since landowners and stakeholders were informed of the proposal in May 2018, significant work has been undertaken by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP).

The following is a brief summary and timeline of those events.

Key dates	
Exhibition opened	May 2018
Public Information session	June 2018
Directions Hearing	August 2018
Public Hearings	September 2018
Report to the Minister for Planning	November 2018
Commonwealth application	February 2019
Commonwealth agreement	August 2019
Minister for Planning approves GC99	October 2019
Gazettal of GC99 – PAO is applied	Scheduled November 2019

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## Regional Parks Standing Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee)

The exact location of the park and its boundaries were presented and examined through the advisory committee process held between June – September 2018.

The establishment of the Advisory Committee was to ensure a consistent, transparent and timely public process for the consideration of changes to the planning scheme by applying the Public Acquisition Overlay (PAO) to private land required for the park.

In recognition of the planning merits and evidence in support the proposal, the Advisory Committee recommended that the proposal be approved.

**The advisory committee report will be available on [www.planning.vic.gov.au/regional-parks](http://www.planning.vic.gov.au/regional-parks) when GC99 is formally gazetted.**

## Commonwealth Government application

Following the advisory committee process, DELWP worked closely with the Commonwealth Government to obtain federal agreement relating to environmental conservation obligations. The Commonwealth Government agreed to the changes in late August 2019.

## Minister for Planning decision

The Minister for Planning, Hon. Richard Wynne advised of his approval of GC99 at the end of October 2019.

The approval of Amendment GC99 applies the PAO to your property and takes effect once published in the Victorian Government Gazette.

**The gazettal of GC99 is scheduled during November 2019.**

## Key benefits

- **340-hectares** capable of supporting a wide range of uses, access points and demand levels.
- Contributes to **diversity** of open space available and **complements** other uses such as Presidents Park, Galvin Park, Wyndham Vale Reserve and Werribee Racecourse.
- Increases opportunities to build on **existing or proposed linear parklands** and/or allow the creation of new ones, such as the Werribee River Regional Park.
- Provides **protection** of and offers opportunities for enhancing important **environmental assets**, including Growling Grass Frog habitat.
- Creates **new public assets**, including new opportunities for **visitors** and growth for the **local economy**.

## Contact information

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If you have questions about the planning scheme amendment process, please contact **Government Land Planning Service** on (03) 8683 0950 or email [regional.parks@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:regional.parks@delwp.vic.gov.au)

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