



Artist impression - Clayton Road community space

# Melbourne's newest urban parkland



Removing nine dangerous and congested level crossings between Caulfield and Dandenong will open up 22.5 hectares of new community open space – equivalent to 11 MCGs.

## How was the open space design developed?

The design for Melbourne's newest parkland was developed by a team of expert landscape designers. Feedback received from community members, businesses, stakeholders and the Community Open Space Expert Panel also played a significant role in the development of the final design.

*Right: Artist impression - Centre Road West community space (RSL memorial and ceremonial space)*



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Artist impression - Murrumbeena linear park

## Key features

### Linear park

The brand new linear park will be a place for residents to relax in. There will be new flowers, grass, trees and shrubs planted, and a series of paths will connect north and south streets, removing the divide between communities.

The linear park will also feature bicycle facilities, drinking fountains, garbage bins, seating areas and fitness stations intermittently along the length of the park.

### Trees and vegetation

Thousands of plants and trees will be planted in the new parkland underneath the elevated rail. As this vegetation grows and becomes established, it will provide homes for local birds and wildlife.

New plantings will mostly be native with some exotic species used in appropriate locations. A particular focus has been placed on having a variety of species, which are all resilient to drought.

Mature tree heights will range from 5m to 20m.

### Walking/cycling paths

The project will provide a 17 kilometre long walking/cycling path. Over 12 kilometres of new path will be built, joining existing paths to create a continuous route from Monash University's Caulfield Campus to the EastLink Trail.

The path will be user friendly and accessible for everyone. It will be three metres wide and will generally have a one metre clearance on both sides. In high pedestrian areas such as station carparks, separate footpaths will be built.

### Community spaces

The project will create seven brand new community spaces which can be used for a number of purposes including sporting activities.



Artist impression - Koornang Road community space

## Koornang Road

- an 'Urban Lounge' area, where locals can sit and catch up with friends
- basketball half-court
- fitness area – modern outdoor exercise equipment which can be used by people of varying ages
- table tennis tables
- parkour area. Parkour is a movement based activity, where users aim to get from one point to another with smooth, uninterrupted movements.

## Clayton Road

- social space with picnic tables
- multi-use sports court
- fitness area – modern outdoor exercise equipment which can be used by people of varying ages
- table tennis tables
- skate area
- bouldering equipment – small to medium sized items that can be climbed
- parkour area. Parkour is a movement based activity, where users aim to get from one point to another with smooth, uninterrupted movements.

## Centre Road west

- RSL memorial and ceremonial space
- social space with picnic tables
- multi-use sports courts that can be used for basketball and futsal.

## Centre Road east

- multi-use sports court that can be used for basketball, netball, and futsal
- social space with picnic tables
- fitness area – modern outdoor exercise equipment which can be used by people of varying ages
- fenced off-leash dog park.

## Ross Reserve

- fenced off-leash dog park.

## Heatherton Road

- fitness area – modern outdoor exercise equipment which can be used by people of varying ages
- bouldering structure – medium sized item that can be climbed
- social space with picnic tables
- table tennis table
- nature play area. Nature play seeks to encourage children to spend more time playing outdoors in a natural setting.

## Chandler Road

- social space with picnic tables
- nature play area. Nature play seeks to encourage children to spend more time playing outdoors in a natural setting.



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This is one of the biggest single releases of parkland Melbourne has ever seen.



Artist impression - Noble Park linear park



Artist impression - Ross Reserve community space

## More car parking

The project will deliver additional car parking spaces at key locations along the corridor, with more than 400 new parking spaces being added. These additional car parking spaces have been achieved without substantially impacting the new linear parkland.

- Carnegie Station – 13 additional car parking spaces
- Hughesdale Station – 10 additional car parking spaces
- Huntingdale Station – 225 additional car parking spaces
- Clayton – 80 additional car parking spaces
- Noble Park – 103 additional car parking spaces

## What is being done with the architectural elements salvaged from Carnegie and Murrumbeena stations?

Items salvaged such as station canopy trusses, bluestone and railway tracks will be incorporated into the new linear park. This will link the open space to its local roots, reflecting the historical and ongoing use of the rail corridor.

## What is being done to keep this area safe?

The design team have worked with Victoria Police to ensure that the new community open space minimises crime and enhances safety. Crime prevention through environmental design has been applied.

Lighting will be provided along the linear park, (where existing lighting does not provide sufficient light), at community spaces and at station precincts. At stations, CCTV cameras will also be added to ensure safety and security for commuters.

## When will the landscaping be visible?

Works on the new urban parkland will begin once the existing rail line is moved onto the elevated structure and the old tracks are removed.

Vegetation and tree planting will occur at the end of the construction program to minimise damage to trees and plants during construction works. A small percentage of taller trees will be planted. The majority of trees planted will be tube stock, which will grow fast.

## How will the new space be maintained?

A \$15 million maintenance fund is being provided for the long-term care of the new urban parkland. This will allow for graffiti removal, weeding, cleaning and rubbish collection.

## What is being done to manage graffiti?

The project team are applying anti-graffiti coatings, paint cover up systems and planting areas to reduce access to areas that may attract graffiti.

## Is the land in the area suitable for use?

Environmental assessments conducted show that the conditions of the land are suitable for use and do not pose any human health risks. In some locations, there is a small amount of contaminant in the top soil, which will be removed before the parkland is open for community use.

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