

Community Update – January 2017

Planning for the future of Canadian Regional Park



A major new Regional Park in Ballarat – let's plan it together

Canadian Regional Park is a large new Regional Park in Ballarat, which is being planned and shaped in collaboration with the community, local organisations, local agencies and Parks Victoria, the new land manager.

Where is Canadian Regional Park?

The 641-hectare park is situated to the east of Ballarat and is accessible from Fussell Street or via Main Road in Mt Clear.



Help us to understand the park

Parks Victoria invites you to share your knowledge about the park so that we can better understand the park and what makes it unique – this will inform the new park plan being developed during 2017.

We are currently at Phase 1 of the park planning process - understanding the park We want to learn as much as we can about the park, its cultural and natural values and what makes it a unique place to visit. There will be lots of opportunities for the community to get involved along the way, so we invite you to register your interest by emailing us at: canadianmailbox@parks.vic.gov.p&au

The park vision

Canadian Regional Park will offer the Ballarat community and visitors a great natural outdoor environment for walking, jogging, cycling, nature study, playing and even stargazing.

It has the potential to contribute to the social, physical, mental and spiritual well-being of all community members. The park will also help to conserve many different native plants and animals.

A new name for a new park

The park is within the traditional lands of the Wadawurrung Aboriginal people. Recent community consultation for a new park name indicated strong support for the name, Woowookarung, meaning 'Place of Plenty'. Watch this space for an update on the naming of the park!

Introducing Alex Schipperen, Ranger Team Leader Ballarat

Alex is the Park Ranger for the Canadian Regional Park. He is learning about the park, meeting neighbours and overseeing works in the park such as removal of illegally dumped rubbish and weed control.

Rangers are active in the park seven days per week. If you see something rangers should know about, please give us a friendly wave or contact Parks Victoria on 13 1963.



The Park planning timeline

In 2017, Parks Victoria will be asking interested individuals, community groups, sporting groups and organisations to share their ideas for the design, layout and potential uses of the park.

The phases of the park planning journey are:

Phase	Understanding the park	Now – March 2017
1	What can you know about the Canadian Regional Park?	
Phase	Ideas mapping for the park	April – May 2017
2	What are your ideas for the design and potential uses of the park?	
Phase	Sharing the concept map of community ideas	July 2017
3	What elements of the concepts outlined do you support/not support?	

Phase Consultation on draft park plan Sep – Oct 2017

4 Does the draft plan reflect your vision for the new park?

Phase Release of final park plan Early 2018

5 The plan will provide a clear strategic direction for the future of the park

Need further information?

To find out more and join the conversation about the Canadian Regional Park project, email us at canadianmailbox@parks.vic.gov.au to register for updates and receive notifications about community events, workshops and activities. Over the coming weeks, we will also be launching our project website which will include information about workshops and planning activities. Watch this space!!

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