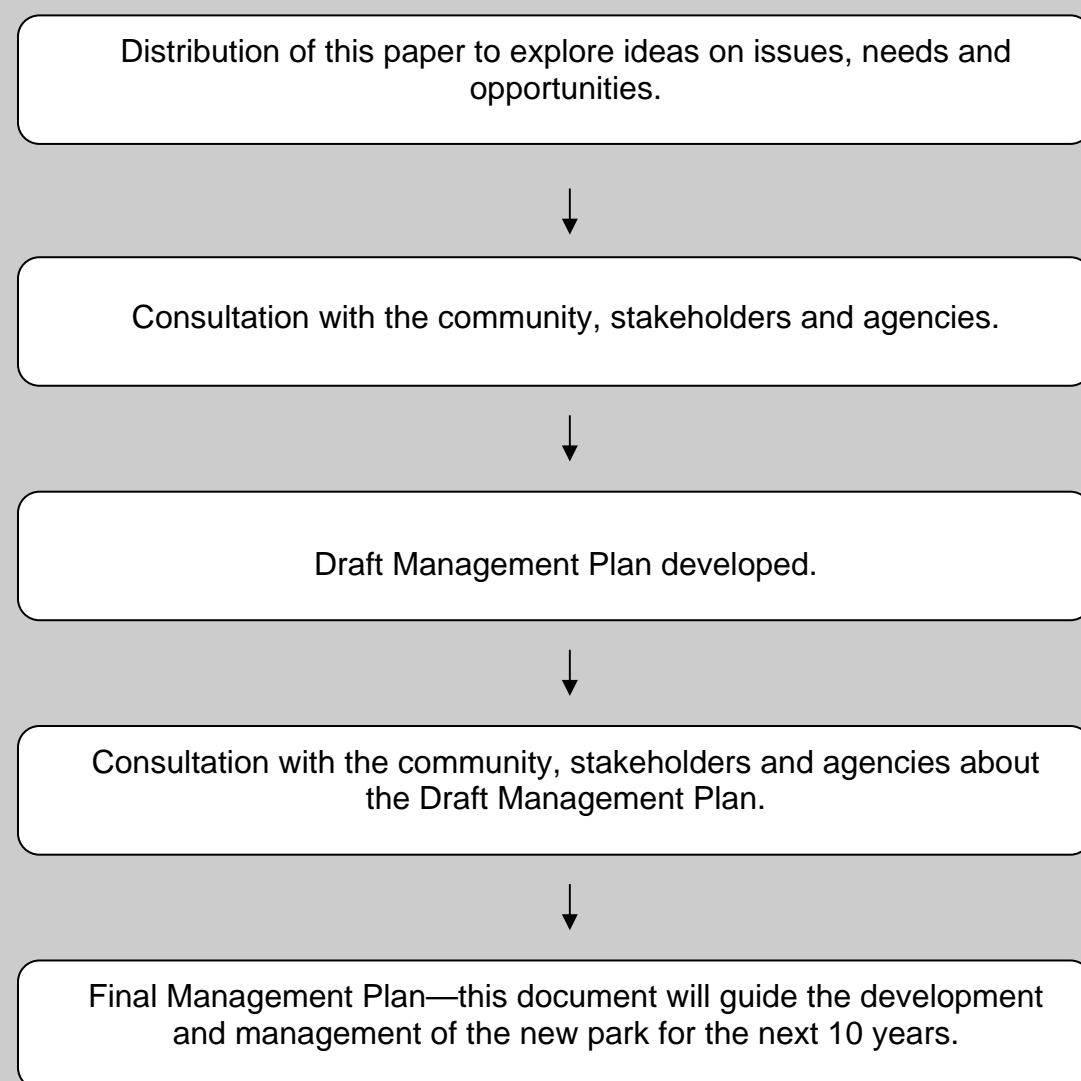


## Key steps in planning for the new Park



### How can you be involved?

Fill out the attached survey, fold and return reply paid.

Additional written comments and suggestions can be sent to the Project Team by Monday 22nd October 2007

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Parks Victoria  
Reply Paid 83088  
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Melbourne VIC 3000

Or email to [ToolernCreekPlanSubmission@parks.vic.gov.au](mailto:ToolernCreekPlanSubmission@parks.vic.gov.au)



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Information Paper

Have your say...  
August 2007



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Values and Opportunities in the new Park



## Informal Recreation

- A place where people can picnic, supervise children's play, fly a kite, socialise or just sit back and relax.
- large open spaces enabling informal play and picnics.
- enjoyment of the Toolern Creek and rural vistas.
- a place where people can learn about and enjoy the landscape and its different environments.

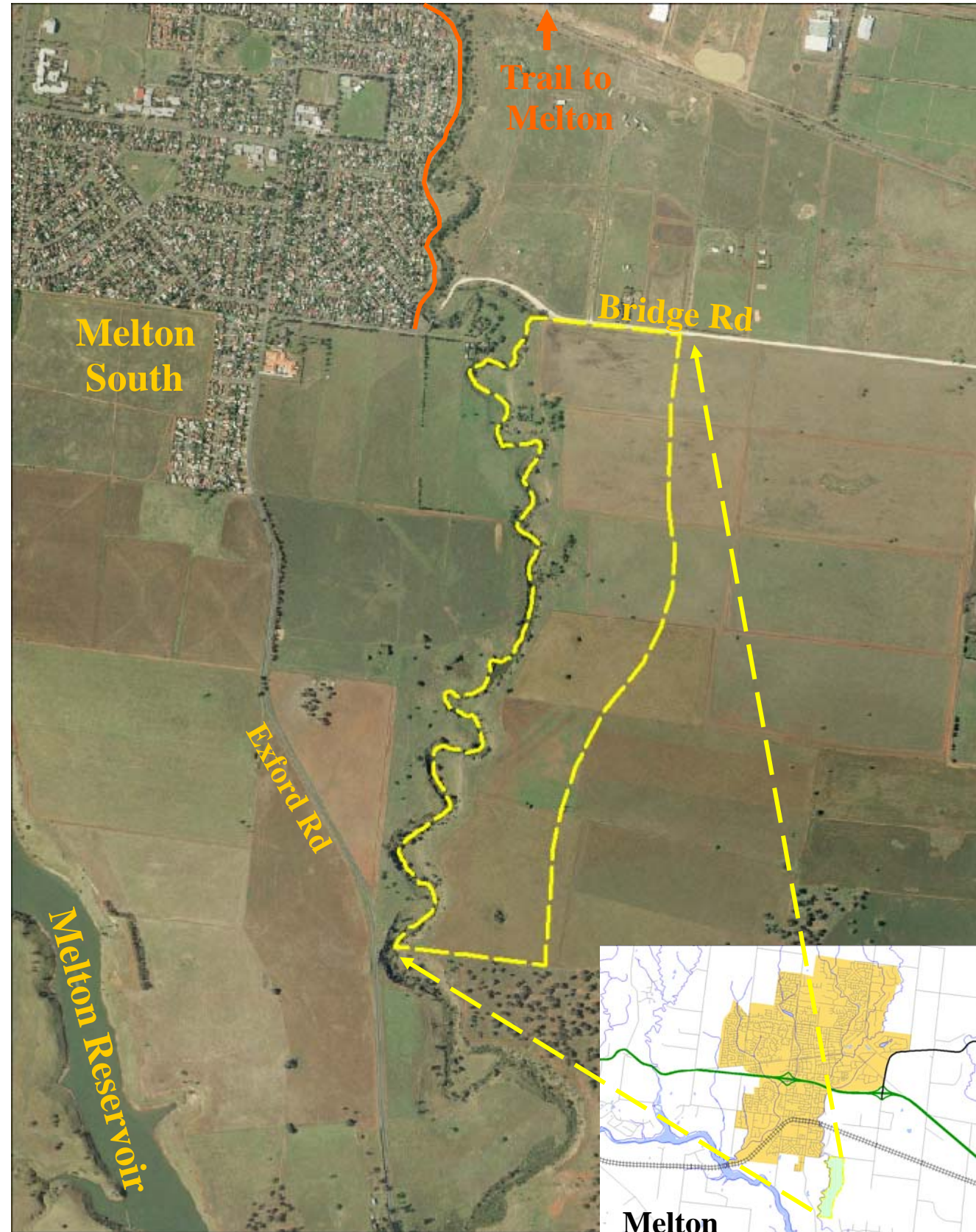
## Flora and Fauna

- The park is adjacent to the significant Strathulloh Grey Box woodlands and is nearby to important grasslands.
- the site is home for 60 species of birds providing bird watching opportunities.
- the development of the park will provide an opportunity to formally protect, connect and enhance the environmental values of the riparian and the basalt plains environments.



## Indigenous Culture and Connection

- *Traditional Country* of the Wurundjeri people.
- a place where landscape, spirit and history continue to be connected through indigenous knowledge, stories and artefacts.
- a hunting and gathering lifestyle responsive to the environment that used the riches of the landscape.



## Toolern Creek

- Visitor access to discreet and sheltered areas along Toolern Creek for both recreation and relaxation.
- a hidden corridor connected to trails and other open space along Toolern Creek through to Melton .
- the rocky escarpments with significant geomorphology are representative of the lava forms that created the basalt plains in Melton.
- A biolink corridor linking Melton Toolern and Melton South to the Werribee River.

## Diverse and Contrasting Landscape

- Wide vistas with distant views to the You Yangs, Brisbane and Macedon Ranges and views along the Toolern Creek valley.
- opportunities for solitude, relaxation and discovery.
- the park includes basalt plains, deep creek gorges, creek flats and fragmented rocky cliffs.



## Trails

- Recreational trail extending along Toolern Creek providing safe off-road experiences of the park for Melton and Melton South residents.
- opportunities for walking, jogging or bicycle riding.
- internal park trails along the edge of the Toolern Creek escarpment will create an opportunity for a geology geomorphology trail revealing the volcanic rock formations and cliffs.
- facilitates future trail connection along Toolern Creek linking Melton township to the Werribee River and to the Melton Reservoir.



Any further comments:

## Planning for a new Park along Toolern Creek

Please fold along lines and tape or staple together for posting

Melbournians love their parks. Parks provide a variety of settings for people to enjoy and experience nature and recreational activities with family, friends or by themselves. They are part of our urban landscape and our daily lives. Large parks play an important role in contributing to the health and well being of a community as well as protecting and enhancing important environmental, landscape and cultural heritage values.

While metropolitan Melbourne and the surrounding region is noted for the quality of its parks, there are gaps in the network and the existing parks are unequally distributed. Parks Victoria is currently planning for the development of new parklands in areas of residential growth, where existing open space is limited and demand for parks is growing. Melton and Melton South is one such area.

The State Government are providing \$3.3m to plan and develop a new park. Melton Shire is providing nearly 100 hectares of land south of Melton along Toolern Creek for Parks Victoria to develop as a new park.

Parks Victoria is inviting the community to **have your say on this new park proposal**. What facilities and activities do you think should be provided in the new park?

### The purpose of this paper

This Information Paper is the first stage of the planning process initiated to plan for the new Park along Toolern Creek. The aim of the paper is to:

- show the community the location of the new park and highlight its values and opportunities.
- stimulate thought and comment from the community about what you want to enjoy in the new park
- ask the community for ideas about names for sites and features in the new park

### The planning process

The current strategic planning phase will be to define the park, its purposes and management arrangements. The process is summarised on the back of this brochure and will be refined as more detailed planning progresses.

Consultation with local government, agencies, businesses, community and private landowners is essential to refining objectives for the park and the opportunities which can be provided. This consultation will include meetings, public displays, and draft plans available for community comment to maximise the opportunity for input into the process.

### New park location and description

The new park is located approximately 3 kilometres south of the existing Melton township and when fully developed will stretch south from Bridge Road along 2 kilometres of the Toolern Creek. The park incorporates both natural and altered environments including riparian, agricultural and scenic landscapes.

The park will be progressively developed as a major park catering for the community through the provision of high use, passive recreation activities and areas for more tranquil experiences. The park will be connected to the residential communities at Melton and Melton South via pedestrian/cycle trails. Recreation facilities will focus on enhancing visitor access to, and enjoyment of the environmental, recreational and landscape values of the park.

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## Name the Park's sites and features

Parks Victoria invites you to submit your ideas on names for sites and features within the new park. Names chosen will be used for picnic grounds, trails and other sites of interest. While you contemplate these names, please think about the following:

- the names will help create an identity for areas of the park.
- the names should have relevance to the district, its' people, culture, history, land form, land use, environment or wildlife.
- the names should not duplicate other names in the area.

Your suggested names for use in the new Park along Toolern Creek:

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Why do you believe these would be appropriate names for use in the new park?

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Please complete your contact details so that we can contact you if your name is selected or if you would like to be notified when the draft management plan is released.

### Contact Details

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation / Group (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Email : \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be notified when the draft management plan is released: Yes / No

## What would you like to do and see in the new park? Activities and Facilities

To ensure the new park caters for the local and broader communities needs:

- Parks Victoria invites you to submit your views on the facilities and activities that you think should be provided for at the new park.
- The answers to the following survey and other comments, together with policy frameworks and priorities of relevant agencies and state government, will determine the types of activities which are catered for in the new park.
- All information collected from this paper will be considered in developing the draft management plan.

**Please take a few minutes to complete the following questions. Additional comments can be made on the back page.**

**Q1: What activities would you undertake in the new park? (please tick)**

- |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walking                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking the dog  | <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle riding            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supervising children's play       | <input type="checkbox"/> Jogging          | <input type="checkbox"/> Horse riding              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Socialising with family & friends | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking       | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sightseeing                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Bird watching    | <input type="checkbox"/> Studying plants & animals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Relaxing/ Reading/ Sunbathing     | <input type="checkbox"/> Tea House / cafe |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other – please specify: _____     |   |  |

**Q2: Which facilities would you need to undertake the activities you nominated above?**

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tracks & Trails               | <input type="checkbox"/> Carparks             | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnic tables            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BBQ's                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Seating along trails | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnic shelters          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Viewing areas (bird watching) | <input type="checkbox"/> Playground           | <input type="checkbox"/> Toilets                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Information about the park    | <input type="checkbox"/> Directional signage  | <input type="checkbox"/> Drinking fountain / Taps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other please specify: _____   |   |   |

**Q3: About you**

To ensure we have gathered views from a range of people in the community can you please answer the following questions?

**Are you male  or female?  (please tick)**

**Which age group are you in?**

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|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18 – 24 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 35 – 44 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 55 – 64 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25 – 34 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 45 – 54 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 65 + years    |

**Which lifecycle category best describes you?**

- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young single                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Mature single                            |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young couple<br>(no children)          | <input type="checkbox"/> Young family<br>(youngest child under 6) | <input type="checkbox"/> Middle family<br>( children 6-15 years) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mature family<br>( children 15+ years) | <input type="checkbox"/> Older couple – no children at home       |  |

**Q: Are you from an English or non-English speaking background?**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> English Speaking | <input type="checkbox"/> Non – English Speaking |
|---|---|

**How did you hear about this opportunity to get involved?**

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|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mail out to community group  | <input type="checkbox"/> Local library | <input type="checkbox"/> Local newspaper     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parks Victoria web site      | <input type="checkbox"/> Local radio   | <input type="checkbox"/> Melton Shire office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other – please specify _____ |  |  |

*Demographic information provided will be used only by Parks Victoria for park planning purposes and will be kept strictly confidential.*

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.  
Please return by Monday 22nd October 2007.**

