

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **New life for local parks in Taylors Hill and Burnside**

Two reserves in Taylors Hill and Burnside have been revitalised, transforming them into vibrant recreational spaces for the community to enjoy.

Barwon Street Reserve in Taylors Hill and Earlington Square Reserve in Burnside, recently received upgrades with official openings held at both reserves last Friday.

The Hon. Natalie Hutchins MP, State Member for Sydenham, was on hand to open the Barwon Street Reserve, alongside City of Melton Mayor Cr Steve Abboushi and fellow Councillors.

The reserve has been transformed into a space that strengthens connections to nature, with improvements to play and kick-about spaces, shared path connections, upgraded picnic facilities, and additional natural shade.

The \$500,000 project was jointly funded by Melton City Council and the Victorian Governments Growing Suburbs Fund.

State Member for Kororoit, Luba Grigorovitch MP, and Mayor Abboushi officially unveiled the revitalised Earlington Square Reserve which has been transformed into a welcoming, inclusive space designed to include play opportunities for everyone in the community.

Upgrades include enhancements to shared paths, additional activity areas, refurbishment of the existing basketball court, improvements to picnic facilities and play spaces, new nature play elements, and additional tree planting to provide more natural shade and greenery.

The \$900,000 project was jointly funded by Melton City Council and the Victorian Governments Growing Suburbs Fund.

#### **Quotes attributable to City of Melton Mayor Cr Steve Abboushi:**

*"Our parks and reserves are about more than just swing sets and picnic tables. They're an investment in what matters - our residents - and providing a safe, welcoming space where they can connect, enjoy the fresh air, and lead healthy, happy lives."*

*"It's really important to us that the community have fantastic neighbourhood spaces close to home, and we thank the Victorian Government for their support in delivering these great projects."*

*"I hope the residents of Taylors Hill and Burnside embrace these spaces as a place to meet, play and feel part of a thriving and connected community."*

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