

Park Update

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This Park Update provides information about reserves managed by Parks Victoria in the Ballarat Area.

Jubilee Historic Area

One of Victoria's best-preserved gold mining sites can be found just off Staffordshire Reef Road, about 5kms south of Smythesdale.

In its day, the Jubilee mine was more than 2,000ft deep and produced around 135,000 ounces of gold. Relics visible today are old cyanide vats, mullock heaps, brick walls and water races, all of which are protected in the reserve.

A new picnic table together with other small upgrades have created a beautiful spot to have a family picnic in early spring!

Woowookarung Regional Park

Weed control

Controlling invasive flora is important, ongoing work, often performed by cutting the plant, painting the stump with herbicide and, if necessary, removing woody debris.

At Woowookarung, a new technique was recently used to clear a large amount of Gorse and Broom weeds.

A special machine, operated by a skilled contractor, was taken through an affected section of park, cutting, painting and mulching the weeds at the same time. The machine used 99% less chemicals than typical herbicide spray treatment, and fuel load was instantly reduced as no dead weeds remained standing.



The new machine at work in Woowookarung Regional Park.

While the machine is not suitable in more sensitive areas, it has proven highly effective on dense weeds in the park, assisting our work to regenerate the native forest.



Indigenous trees with room to grow following the removal of Gorse and Broom weeds.

Enfield State Park

This winter's display of Common Heath across the Ballarat region has been truly spectacular. In Enfield State Park the flowering plant can be found in shades of whites, reds and pinks.

The early setting of the winter sun is creating some fantastic photo opportunities, with subtle greys and greens in the background of this species that we often take for granted.

Access to the state park has recently been improved with new signage, road maintenance and vegetation trimming along roadsides. More road maintenance works are scheduled for the remainder of the year.

Why not visit Enfield State Park for a winter walk and to test your photography skills?

Need any further information?

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