



## Parks Victoria October 2020 Board Meeting Report

The Parks Victoria Board met on Monday 26 October to discuss a range of important issues and opportunities. The highlights of the meeting are outlined below.

### Thank you to staff

The Board expressed its warm appreciation for the great efforts of staff during the COVID-19 restrictions.

### Mountain biking trails

The Board received a briefing on mountain bike projects around the State and emphasised the need for a state-wide strategy for all land managers to follow in considering proposals and managing mountain biking facilities.

### Bushfire Recovery Activities

The Board was briefed on bushfire recovery programs and works.

### Draft Leasing Strategy

The Board considered a draft Leasing Strategy for Parks Victoria. The Board discussed the strategic objectives for leasing of Crown land managed by Parks Victoria and will consider a final draft for approval later this year.

### Thank you to outgoing Board Members

The Board thanked Jeff Floyd, Helen Weston and Kate Vinot for their dedicated service on the Parks Victoria Board and wished them well for their future endeavours.

### Board Achievements 2017 – 2020

The term of Parks Victoria's Board Members came to an end on 31 October 2020. The Board acknowledged some of its successes and achievements, including:

- Parks Victoria's COVID-19 response efforts.
- Programs for improved staff welfare and wellbeing, employee and visitor safety.
- Improvement in the timeliness and quality of briefings to Ministers.
- Increased transparency between the Board and Management.
- Establishment of the Board Secretariat.
- Development of the Managing Country Together Framework.
- Advances in conservation planning and science-based decision making.
- Financial management and reporting.
- Implementation of the Parks Victoria Ethical Framework.