

# Parks Victoria

## Board Meeting Report

22 October 2024

### Annual Fire Briefing: 2024-25 Summer Seasonal Outlook

The Board received its annual Summer Seasonal Outlook briefing from the Chief Fire Officer and Deputy Secretary Bushfire and Forest Services of DEECA, focused on high-risk areas identified across the Wimmera, Grampians and South-West Coast and medium-risk areas across North-East Victoria and Southern Gippsland.

### *Closer to Nature* podcast launch

Launched in August 2024, *Closer to Nature* is a 5-episode series about nature, conservation and the impacts of climate change on public land, presented by Dr Mark Norman, Parks Victoria's Chief Scientist, Conservation and Climate Action, achieving almost 4,000 downloads in two months.

### Korea National Parks Friendship Program

The Board warmly received a presentation by Catherine Richardson, Regional Coordinator, Land Use and State Planning (Eastern), of highlights from her month-long participation in the Korea National Parks (KNP) Friendship Program during June 2024, where park management representatives from around the world were hosted to experience KNP's extensive research, monitoring, interpretation, and community engagement programs.

### Communications, Digital and Engagement Quarterly Report

Activities from Q1 2025-25 presented highlights across:

- Metrics across inbound enquiries, media coverage and qualitative public sentiment outcomes
- Digital content highlights in Conservation, Science, Volunteering
- Digital channels performance
- Stakeholder engagement achievements.

### Capital Project Variations

The Board noted the status of the Major Capital Projects Program as at 30 September 2024 working to an annual budget of \$120m across 49 separate projects, and approved variations to seven projects.

