

Board Report



Parks Victoria June 2023 Board Meeting Report

The Parks Victoria Board met on Tuesday 27 June 2023 and examined a number of priority issues and opportunities, with meeting highlights outlined below.

Board Performance Review

The Board discussed the outcomes, recommendations and next steps arising from the recent independent Board Performance Review (required every three years) and requested an implementation plan from management.

Culture Commitments

The Board endorsed Parks Victoria's Cultural Commitments re-set around three key pillars to drive operational workforce delivery priorities across cultural heritage needs, major weather event recovery and ongoing climate change impacts.

Parks Victoria Delegations Register

New regulations for *Crown Land (Reserves) (Metropolitan and Regional Parks) Regulations 2023* were gazetted in State Parliament on the day of the Board meeting, requiring prompt Board approval of updated Delegations to generate essential 'set aside' agreements and continue permit and parking changes uninterrupted across various metropolitan parks, which was successfully delivered.

Final 2023-24 Parks Victoria Business Plan and Budget

The Board approved 2023-24 Business Plan and Budget, incorporating feedback from the Board given at the 30 May 2023 meeting.

Stakeholder Update

The Board received and discussed the annual Stakeholder survey report showing the status and relationship health of Parks Victoria's top 30 stakeholders, and illustrating a variety of inputs, issues and priorities.

Major Capital Projects and Programs Report

The Board discussed the status of the 2022-23 Major Capital Projects and Programs portfolio and year end forecast, noting the impacts of extreme weather events and reduced project management resource levels.

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Nature Conservation Program Report Q3

The Board noted and discussed the status of the 77 projects in progress under the natural values management plan, representing a total annual budget of \$21.8m.

International Wildland Fire Conference

The Board received a presentation on Parks Victoria's attendance at the 8th International Wildland Fire Conference (held every four years) in Portugal in May 2023, where over 90 countries were in attendance. The conference released the *Landscape Fire Governance Framework 2023* providing 'guiding principles for adjusting policies and management to global change' addressing fire management in an integrated landscape approach.