



Media Release

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### **Kyneton Community Park's Master Plan Unveiled at Free Community Event**

On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November, a free, Edwardian themed 'Picnic in the Park' is being held in the lower section of the Kyneton Botanic Gardens to unveil the master plan for the Kyneton Community Park.

Developed by award-winning landscape architect, Andrew Laidlaw of Laidlaw & Laidlaw Design, the master plan creates a beautiful and interesting park for locals of all ages to enjoy as well as a unique and iconic attraction for the district and beyond.

Amy Cockroft, Vice-President of Kyneton Community Park Inc. (KCPI), said the master plan ensures Kyneton Community Park is a well-used space that locals of all generations can enjoy and explore, whilst restoring the Botanic Garden's historical pride of place in Kyneton.

"The design will include a playground, fitness circuit, barbecues and sheltered picnic areas as well as information about Kyneton's history and natural environment," Ms Cockroft said.

"The play equipment features great attractions for older children as well as toddlers. There are giant swings as well as a gentle waterway through the centre of the playground and perennial herb garden for quiet, reflective play."

"This is a brilliantly designed park and its unveiling at our 'Picnic in the Park' is a fantastic opportunity for locals to see it for themselves," Ms Cockroft said.

The park's designer, Andrew Laidlaw, has a slew of award-winning projects under his belt including the much-loved Children's Garden at the Royal Botanic Gardens in Melbourne.

In celebration of the unveiling of the master plan, a host fun-filled activities have been organised for the 'Picnic in the Park', all free of charge. The event will run from 10am until 2pm.

"There will be an Edwardian Cream Tea, a sausage sizzle, old-fashioned children's games, face painting, story-telling and historical displays. The Kyneton Municipal Brass Band and the inaugural Kyneton Tug of War challenge will provide an entertaining highlight.

"State Labor MP, Geoff Howard, and federal Labor candidate, Lisa Chesters, will be attending the event and it's important we get as many locals as possible to show their support as significant funding is needed to see the park built," said Ms Cockroft.

"Come rain, hail or shine this fabulous event will be a great day out for the family and we urge everyone to come along to show their support," KCPI's Vice-President said.

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