

La Larr Ba Gauwa Park Update March 2018



The Victorian Government has built a world class mountain bike park at Harcourt, which will be open to riders from 12 noon on Friday 9 March 2018. The Park is named La Larr Ba Gauwa, which means “stones and mountain” in Dja Dja Wurrung language. La Larr Ba Gauwa is located on a former pine plantation, two kilometres east of Harcourt township and adjacent to the Mount Alexander Regional Park. The Park is expected to have a significant impact on regional tourism, while promoting the health and wellbeing of locals and visitors.

Join us for the La Larr Ba Gauwa Official Opening!



Please join
The Hon Jaala Pulford MLC, Minister for Regional Development,
The Hon Lily D'Ambrosio MP, Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change
and Maree Edwards MP, Member for Bendigo West, for the

**Official opening of La Larr Ba Gauwa Park
9.30am - 10.30am, Friday 9 March 2018**

**The Trailhead at La Larr Ba Gauwa Park, Picnic Gully Road, Harcourt,
followed by morning tea at the Oak Forest picnic area**

RSVP to Lynda Grant on 5430 4354 or email lynda.grant@delwp.vic.gov.au

Parking
If you are planning to ride the trails, please park in Harcourt and ride to La Larr Ba Gauwa Park via the off-road path that runs alongside Market Street and Picnic Gully Road.
Car parking for this event is at the Oak Forest picnic area. Walk from the Oak Forest via the signposted pathway to the Trailhead

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Community Reference Group

The development of La Larr Ba Gauwa Park has been overseen by the Project Control Group, which was advised by the Community Reference Group (CRG). Chaired by Peter Skilbeck from Goldfields Track Inc, the CRG has played a vital role in ensuring the Park meets the needs of riders and the local community. With the Park due to open on Friday 9 March 2018, the CRG has completed its task and handed over to the newly formed Committee of Management, who will operate the Park in the future. We are indebted to the members of the CRG and thank them for their contribution. Thank you to Annette Rae; Astrea Fowler; Jarrod Coote; David Heath; Hugh Finlay; George Milford; Neil Charter; Shaun Quayle; Barry Floyd; Nick Lewis; Andy Bos; Jo Pincus; Peter Skilbeck; Rodney Carter; Tony Cordy; David Leatham; David Bannear; Robyn Miller; Simon Disler; Andrew McKenna and Dean Turner.

What's Happening?

Over the last month work has been focused on putting the final touches on the Park.

- The off-road path connecting Harcourt township to the Park is now complete and the section closest to town is already getting plenty of use.
- Djandak has completed construction of the meeting shelter at the Park's Trailhead. This shelter was specifically designed for La Larr Ba Gauwa Park and looks terrific. Djandak has also undertaken landscaping at the Trailhead, making good use of the naturally occurring granite. Bike racks are being installed at the Trailhead.
- Promotional and directional signage is being installed at the Park, in town and along Picnic Gully Road and Market Street.
- Contractors Dirt Art are undertaking a final groom of the trails including removing branches and other debris that were blown down in recent storms.
- The new Committee of Management has met twice to prepare for taking over the management of the Park once it has opened.
- Gates have been installed across the emergency access tracks within the Park to protect the safety of bike riders, walkers and horse riders.

Park Your Car in Town and Ride to La Larr Ba Gauwa

Car parking for cyclists is in Harcourt township, opposite the CFA shed. Cycle to the Park via the 2km off-road path that runs alongside Market Street and Picnic Gully Road. There is no car parking for bike riders at La Larr Ba Gauwa Park. Riders should also note that there is no potable water at La Larr Ba Gauwa so make sure you have sufficient drinking water with you before heading off on your ride. With Applefest taking place on Saturday 10 March, Harcourt township will be buzzing! Look out for our stall the the Applefest



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