

**Want to hold an event at Norris Bank Reserve?**

Contact Council's Event Approvals Officer on 9217 2122 or apply online for approval at [whittlesea.vic.gov.au](http://whittlesea.vic.gov.au)



**Need access to the Changing Places facility or Liberty Swing?**

If you would like access to the Liberty Swing or Changing Places facility, email [leisure@whittlesea.vic.gov.au](mailto:leisure@whittlesea.vic.gov.au)



**Norris Bank Reserve**

McLeans Road, Bundoora



**Norris Bank Reserve map**



Want to know more about Norris Bank Reserve or other parks in the City of Whittlesea?

Contact our Parks and Urban Design Department on 9401 0587 or email [parks@whittlesea.vic.gov.au](mailto:parks@whittlesea.vic.gov.au)

## History of Norris Bank Reserve

The traditional owners of this land are the Wurundjeri Willum clan of the Kulin nation, whose language is Woiwurrung. The name 'Bundoora' came from the Woi Wurrung word 'Keelsbundoora' meaning 'the plain where kangaroo's live'.

Norris Bank Reserve has always served as a popular public open space and will continue to be one of the City of Whittlesea's major open space reserves.

European settlement of the area dates from 1838, with land mainly used for farming. In 1839, Horatio Cooper purchased the land west of Plenty Road and built a homestead called 'Norris Bank'.

In the early 1900s, the larger farming properties in the area were being subdivided into smaller farms in an effort to encourage settlement. Significant development did not occur until the post-war era with Bundoora experiencing growth in the 1960s, due to affordable homes and access to local jobs.

In 1971, an area was set aside for public open space and named after the homestead as Norris Bank Reserve. During the 1980's the Reserve was used to play softball. In the early 1990's, the softball club was relocated to Mill Park and Norris Bank reserve became a passive recreation reserve.



## Norris Bank Reserve master plan

In October 2017, Council adopted a master plan for Norris Bank Reserve which outlines a number of objectives and actions that will see Norris Bank Reserve upgraded and improved going into the future.

### Stage 1

A new dedicated dog off leash area was established in 2018. This incorporates a drink fountain with integrated dog bowls, litter bins, bench seats and new fencing.

### Stage 2

A new major community play space and picnic area with Changing Places facility opened in 2019.

### Future stages

- Upgrade of the youth space including a refurbishment of the basketball court and upgrade to seating.
- 1km walking/ running circuit with distance markers every 100m. Upgrade to the bocce courts.



For more information on what is happening at Norris Bank Reserve or to view the full master plan, visit [whittlesea.vic.gov.au](http://whittlesea.vic.gov.au)



## Norris Bank play space

### The major community play space and picnic area at Norris Bank includes:

- 6m high play tower with slides, monkey bars, rope play and interactive elements
- Double flying fox
- Liberty Swing
- Accessible Changing Places facility and public toilets
- Picnic facilities with shelters and barbeques
- Water play
- Nature play cubby building
- A beginner's skate/scooter loop

- Water fountain
- Electric BBQ
- Sheltered table and seating area
- Open table and seating area
- Sensory garden
- Picnic lawn
- Sand play area
- Sensory wall
- Shared bicycle path
- Changing Places facility and public toilets

