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WESTERN SYDNEY'S BUNGARRIBEE PARK IN FULL SWING

Western Sydney Parklands' \$15 million Bungarrabee Park will be in full swing from Saturday, making it the largest recreational space in Western Sydney since the construction of Homebush's Bicentennial Park, Environment Minister Gabrielle Upton announced today.

Construction of the 200 hectare recreational park, part of the 5,280 hectare Western Sydney Parklands, is complete and will open to the public on Saturday 25 March.

"This is an exciting chapter for Western Sydney – generation after generation of families will use this park's playground, barbecues and open space to create memories that will last a life time," Ms Upton said.

"Western Sydney Parklands is already on the backdoor of more than half a million residents. It is a vital green corridor for the health and wellbeing of all these people and the environment."

Some of the major construction work has included walking and cycling tracks, 20 barbecues, 13 picnic shelters, a playground with climbing tower, slides, a flying fox, swings and balance beams, amenities facility, additional car parking, landscaping, re-vegetation, an off-leash dog park and vehicle access from Doonside Road.

Minister for Western Sydney Stuart Ayres said the park's opening was a fantastic chance to show off one of the state's hidden gems and to welcome thousands of people to the region.

"The park is a fraction of the Western Sydney Parklands corridor which stretches from Blacktown (M7) in the north to Liverpool (Bringelly Road) – by 2031 more than 1 million people will be living on its doorstep," Mr Ayres said.

The wetland around Bungarrabee and Eastern creeks will be protected and 20 hectares of native wildflower and thousands of native trees will be planted to restore the Cumberland Plain.

Bungarrabee Park will add to the list of recreational activities and facilities set among 5,280 hectares of Western Sydney Parklands. This includes Wet 'n' Wild, the Atura Hotel, Skyline Drive-In, Sydney Motor Sport Park, Sydney Dragway, Blacktown International Sportspark, Sydney International Equestrian Centre and Sydney International Shooting Centre.