

Friends of Eltham Lower Park

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Purpose

- **Protect, enhance the cultural, environmental, recreational values of the Park**
- **Support balanced use of the Park for formal and informal recreation and sporting activities**
- **Preserve the Park, as a place for quiet and peaceful enjoyment of its natural setting**
- **Committed to ensuring this unique amenity continues its significant contribution to the wellbeing of the Nillumbik community**



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Origins

- **Community meeting late 2016 in response to rumours Diamond Valley Railway discussing expansion of its track network with Council**
- **Rumoured DVR seeking very substantial expansion of its network**
- **Expansion remains DVR's ambition – see website**
- **FELP NOT opposed to DVR's current operations but concerned about expansion impinging on other Park users, especially the many casual users**



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Labor's \$2 million pre-election pledge for:

- **Cricket and Lacrosse pavilion – \$1million**
- **Off-leash dog park – \$0.5million**
- **Environmental revegetation/restoration, amenity etc – \$0.5million**
- **Off-leash dog park concept plan being revised**
- **Money for projects set to flow but around \$160,000 already lost to inflation**