



**Victoria Park Walking Tour  
Goulburn New South Wales**

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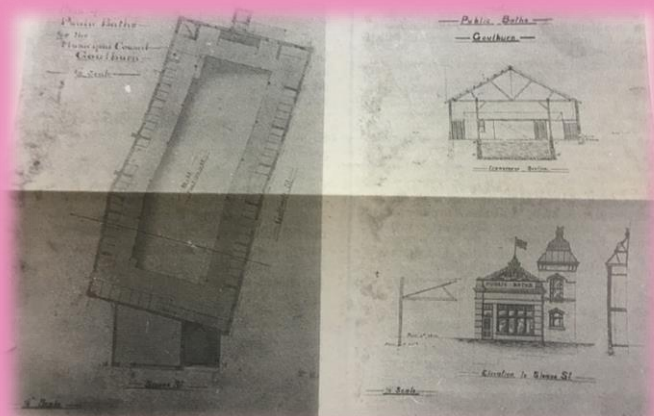


The quiet city of Lilacs and Roses, Goulburn was established in 1833 and is 2 hours southwest of Sydney and 1 hour northwest of Canberra settled in the Southern Tablelands region.

Under Section 5 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861; the area that would become Victoria Park was established in 1873 with beginning of the construction in 1877. Victoria Park was a Land Grant, dedicated as a site for “Public Recreation” in 1875 by the Registrar General’s Office of New South Wales. Victoria Park was formerly known as the “Recreational Area” <sup>1</sup>

Picnic tables and barbecue facilities are available. There is an oval, bicycle track, pre-schooler bicycle park, adventure playground and rage cage (contained ball sports area) available nearby.<sup>2</sup> It is a tradition that on January 26<sup>th</sup> of each year, Australia Day celebrations are held in Victoria Park.

## Aquatic Centre



©. Plans for Phillip's Pool which opened in 1880

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<sup>1</sup> Master Plan 2007 for Victoria Park

<sup>2</sup> City of Roses Brochure PDF Accessed on 14 August 2020

The Aquatic Centre was established in 1892 with the Master Plan of 2007 outlining upgrades which were finalised in 2016. The Aquatic Centre features an Olympic-size outdoor pool (opened 1966), a toddler pool, an indoor heated pool and on-site gym. In August 2020, major upgrades began for the redevelopment of the Aquatic Centre.



Pre-development 1892-2020<sup>3</sup>

## The Aquatic Centre Redevelopment <sup>4</sup>



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<sup>3</sup> Facebook page about Aquatic Centre

<sup>4</sup> Goulburn Mulwaree Council. 2020. Aquatic Centre redevelopment to begin Goulburn Mulwaree Council. [ONLINE] Available at: <https://www.goulburn.nsw.gov.au/News-articles/Aquatic-Centre-redevelopment-to-begin>. [Accessed 23 August 2020].

## Rose Garden

Walk among this magnificent garden featuring 1,500 roses of some 100 rose varieties.

The Goulburn Quota Club initiated the concept of a large rose garden in Victoria Park to celebrate the Bicentennial year in 1988 and donated funds for the inner section of the garden and the Goulburn community invited to purchase a memorial rose. The Goulburn Rose Committee extended this garden with the Ben Swane Rose Walk in recognition of the assistance and donations of the roses featured in the walk by Swane's Nursery. All the roses are named for easy identification.<sup>5</sup>



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<sup>5</sup> VisitNSW.com. 2020. Victoria Park Rose Garden | NSW Holidays & Accommodation, Things to Do, Attractions and Events. [ONLINE] Available at: <https://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/country-nsw/goulburn-area/goulburn/attractions/victoria-park-rose-garden>. [Accessed 15 August 2020]. Image are from this website

## The Goulburn Rose



- <sup>6</sup> Local Goulburn woman, Jane
- <sup>7</sup> Pockley, selected and purchased the naming rights for the City of Goulburn Rose in the early 1990s (around the time of the development of the Goulburn bypass). The rose was first displayed in 1994 at the Goulburn City of Roses Festival and released for purchase in 1995. Jane and Len Pockley instigated the formation of a Rose Committee with the help of Ben Swane. The Rose Committee continues to contribute to the development of rose gardens for the beautification of the City.



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<sup>6</sup> VisitNSW.com. 2020. Victoria Park Rose Garden | NSW Holidays & Accommodation, Things to Do, Attractions and Events. [ONLINE] Available at: <https://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/country-nsw/goulburn-area/goulburn/attractions/victoria-park-rose-garden>. [Accessed 15 August 2020].

<sup>7</sup> Google Image Search

## **Pre-schooler Bike Park**

The establishment of this bicycle park was for the young population of Goulburn. The tarmac and design of the track was to resemble a town and doubles as a playground for the young children to learn about street safety. There have been many upgrades during the 2016 renovation by the Goulburn Mulwaree Council.



## Prell Oval



One of two ovals in Victoria Park. This oval is mainly used for any ball-oriented sports. Australian Rules and NRL are commonly played here.



## **Guide Hall**

The Girl Guide Hall is an historical building which has been used for many generations of Girl Guides in Goulburn. The Guide Hall is used for many other activities such as fitness and functions. The Hall is closely affiliated with the Scout Hall located nearby.



## Off-leash Dog Park

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Off-leash dog parks provide many benefits for dogs and their owners. Dogs have the opportunity to exercise, socialise with other dogs, and practice training techniques. Owners also get to socialise, swap hints and make friends. The Victoria Park off-leash dog park is well utilised by local dog owners.

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<sup>8</sup> Victoria Park, Dog Park, Goulburn, NSW - Off-Leash Dog Areas on Waymarking.com . 2020. Victoria Park, Dog Park, Goulburn, NSW - Off-Leash Dog Areas on Waymarking.com . [ONLINE] Available at: [https://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/wmVGAY\\_Victoria\\_Park\\_Dog\\_Park\\_Goulburn\\_NSW](https://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/wmVGAY_Victoria_Park_Dog_Park_Goulburn_NSW). [Accessed 28 August 2020]. Image are from this website

## Seiffert Oval and Velodrome



A velodrome is a tarmac ring often used for track cycling. This oval has been well utilised by the Goulburn District Cricket Association (GDCA) and the track by the Goulburn Cycle Club (GCC, 1909).

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The Goulburn Amateur Bicycle Club was made famous by Dunc Gray and Don McGregor. Gray held State titles, won the Nationals and established records in New Zealand, England, and the Olympic and Commonwealth Games. McGregor held both State and National titles. The club is now named the Goulburn Cycling Club.



The velodrome was built in 1922 with Greyhound racing originally conducted here.

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<sup>9</sup> Wyatt, R., 1941. The History of Goulburn, N.S.W 1st ed. Sydney: Lansdowne Press.

## Ken Robinson Pavilion

The original pavilion located at Seiffert Oval was built in 1912 at the cost of £500 with the government contributing £250.<sup>10</sup> It was rebuilt in 2019 and renamed the Ken Robinson Pavilion. It includes a great new kitchen, large function space and upgraded change rooms.<sup>11</sup>



Ken Robinson was a NSW Country Cricket Selector, Manager and Life Member of the Association. His dedication to the community was acknowledged in 2002 when he received the Order of Australia Medal for

“service to cricket as an administrator, coach and selector, and to the community of Goulburn”. Ken also received the Australian Sports Medal and was a member of the Olympic Torch Relay during the year 2000.<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>10</sup> Wyatt, R., 1941. The History of Goulburn, N.S.W 1st ed. Sydney: Lansdowne Press.

<sup>11</sup> Health and Wellbeing Precinct Opening Goulburn Mulwaree Council. 2020. Health and Wellbeing Precinct Opening Goulburn Mulwaree Council. [ONLINE] Available at: <https://www.goulburn.nsw.gov.au/News-articles/Health-and-Wellbeing-Precinct-Opening>. [Accessed 4 September 2020].

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.cricketnsw.com.au/news/ken-robson-pavilion-seiffert-oval-nsw-country-championships-southern-pool/2019-11-11> Accessed 21 August 2020

## Japanese Garden

The Japanese Garden represents Goulburn's link with the Japanese city of Shibetsu, a relationship that yields cultural and economic benefits. The project coincides with the 20th anniversary of the sister city relationship between Goulburn & Shibetsu.<sup>13</sup> Margaret O'Neill was Goulburn City Mayor in 1994 and worked closely with a professor from Shibetsu to establish the friendship. The first stage of the Shibetsu garden, designed as a place of peace, was jointly opened by Mayor Bob Kirk and Shibetsu Mayor Yuji Makino, who led an eight-member visiting delegation in 2019. \$500,000 is allocated to the Japanese Garden over two financial years, with Councillors allocating this money when creating the 4-year delivery program in 2017.



<sup>13</sup> Goulburn Post. 2019. Goulburn and Shibetsu mark sister-city anniversary with garden opening. [ONLINE] Available at: <https://www.goulburnpost.com.au/story/6487263/big-things-grow-from-japanese-sister-city-relationship/>. [Accessed 17 August 2020]. Images of the headstone and Representatives are from this website

## Stage 1:



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<sup>14</sup> Kellie. 2020. Victoria Park - Regional Inclusive Adventure Playground | Goulburn | ParraParents. [ONLINE] Available at:

## Amphitheatre



The amphitheatre is used to stage youth and family musical events including carols by candlelight.

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<http://www.parraparents.com.au/parks-playgrounds/victoria-park-new-regional-inclusive-playground-goulburn/>. [Accessed 21 August 2020].  
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## The Adventure Playground



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The new Adventure Playground was officially opened by the Mayor, Bob Kirk, on 5 May 2018. This is a wonderful addition to the park and to date has been very well received and utilised by the public.<sup>16</sup>



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<sup>15</sup> Kellie. 2020. Victoria Park - Regional Inclusive Adventure Playground | Goulburn | ParraParents. [ONLINE] Available at: <http://www.parraparents.com.au/parks-playgrounds/victoria-park-new-regional-inclusive-playground-goulburn/>. [Accessed 21 August 2020]. Image are from this website

<sup>16</sup> City of Roses Brochure PDF Accessed on 14 August 2020

<sup>17</sup> Google Image Search



## Rage Cage<sup>18</sup>



This is an outdoor sport and recreation complex.  
Suitable for numerous physical activities.

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<sup>18</sup> Goulburn Post. 2019. Multi-sports Rage Cage opens soon. [ONLINE]  
Available at: <https://www.goulburnpost.com.au/story/6220708/what-is-the-rage-cage/> [Accessed 28 August 2020]. Image are from this website

## Skate Park



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Consultation was undertaken in the late months of 2018, with the process highlighting the need for a combination of bowl and street style features that cater to beginners, and park amenity needs such as shade and water refill stations. Funding for the project was successfully sourced through a grant application to the NSW Government Stronger Country Communities Fund, in which Victoria Park was awarded \$896,000.<sup>20</sup> This redevelopment coincides with the redevelopment of the Aquatic Centre.

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<sup>19</sup>SemiColonWeb. 2020. Goulburn New Skatepark Goulburn. [ONLINE] Available at: <https://www.skateboard.com.au/skateparks/australia/goulburn-new-skatepark/>. [Accessed 27 August 2020]. Image are from this website

<sup>20</sup> WENDY TUCKERMAN. 2020. CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON SKATE PARK EXTENSION | WENDY TUCKERMAN. [ONLINE] Available at: <https://wendytuckerman.com/2019/05/27/construction-begins-on-skate-park-extension/>. [Accessed 11 September 2020].

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