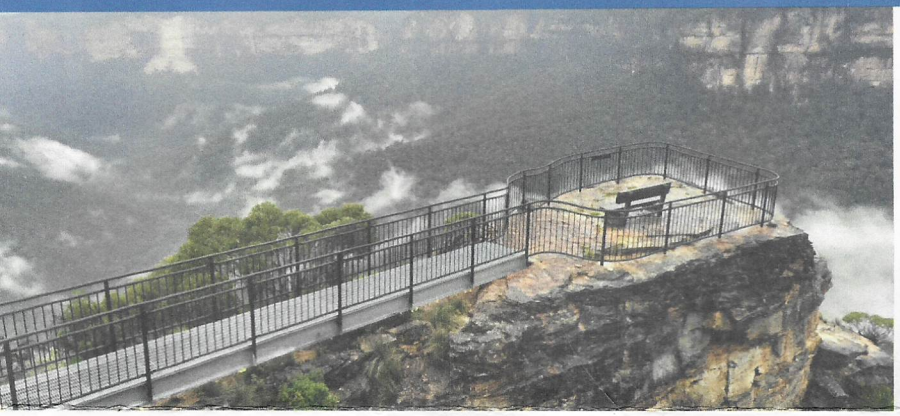
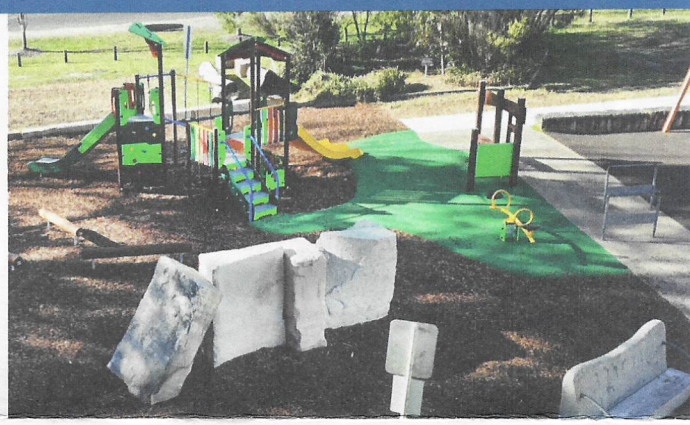
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The restored lookout at Pulpit Rock Reserve, Blackheath



Completed upgrades at Melrose Park, Katoomba

Pulpit Rock reopens after major upgrade

Pulpit Rock Reserve in Blackheath reopened in September following major restoration works. The well-loved site is popular with bushwalkers, picnickers, cyclists and visitors taking in the views across the Grose Valley. It was closed for public safety after the 2019/2020 summer bushfires destroyed all visitor infrastructure.

The works, delivered in stages as funding became available, include a new accessible day-use area with toilet, parking, shelters, picnic facilities and an upgraded lookout, supporting Council's commitment to improved access to nature where the local terrain allows. Previous timber infrastructure, replaced several times due to bushfire damage, has been rebuilt using sandstone, providing greater resilience to natural disasters.

There are also significant improvements to Pulpit Rock Road, formalised parking, native landscaping, track upgrades and drainage works.

The works were funded by the Australian and NSW Governments and delivered by Council. To find out more: **bmcc.nsw.gov.au/ward-1-projects/pulpit-rock-upgrade**

Creating spaces to get active and outdoors

New and upgraded recreational spaces are taking shape across the Blue Mountains, providing more opportunities for residents to stay active and enjoy the outdoors.

At Melrose Park in Katoomba, the new playground is complete, including an accessible spinner donated by Rotary. The upgrade of Telstra Park in Springwood is also complete and being enjoyed by the community.

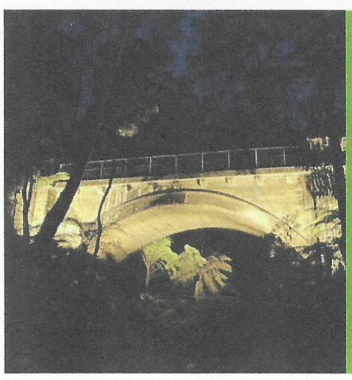
At Pitt Park, the oval drainage and irrigation project is complete, while construction of the new athletics club facility is well underway. Glenbrook Oval's amenities and carpark upgrade is progressing well, and at South Lawson, a new disc golf course will offer a fun way to get active outdoors.

These projects, funded by the Australian and NSW Governments, are being shaped by community feedback and form part of Council's ongoing investment in parks, sporting facilities and public spaces. Visit **bmcc.nsw.gov.au/major-projects** to learn more.

ROAD RENEWAL AND REPAIR PROGRAM

The 2026–27 Road Renewal and Repair Program is underway, with warmer spring weather allowing resealing to resume in the upper mountains. Resealing helps protect roads from water damage and extends pavement life. The program is jointly funded by Council and the Australian Government through the Roads to Recovery Program.

Learn more about these projects on Council's website: **bmcc.nsw.gov.au/major-projects**.



Leura Cascades track reopens as historic lighting returns

The upgraded walking track has reopened at Leura Cascades and works to restore lighting to a section of track and Chelmsford Bridge are complete – almost 100 years after becoming the first illuminated site in the Blue Mountains. The upgrade also includes a new footbridge, steps, seating, signage and water refill stations. The $5 million Leura Cascades Recreational Precinct upgrade is funded by the NSW Government's Western Sydney Infrastructure Grants Program. To find out more: **bmcc.nsw.gov.au/leura-cascades**