

VICTORIA PARK, BALLARAT.

- 1861. Council requests the 130-hectare area to be preserved as a Park and gazetted as such. "Royal Park"
- 8 Mining companies explored for gold: - United Hand in Hand, Band of Hope, Western Freehold, Ballarat Freehold, Newington and Inkerman. Yield worth L 4,517
- 1898 – Mullock heap that resulted called Holled -Smith later (Sir Holled-Smith, head of military exercises in 1898)
- 1890 Arbor Day mass tree planting of 3,000 trees, simultaneously planted by citizens.
- Trees: - Elm, plane, cedar, oak and poplar. Also, smaller planting of eucalypts and other indigenous trees.
- Small groves of those trees in other spaces.
- Plan drawn up by Clegg and Nicholls plus Guilfoyle'
- F.W. Niven produces "Souvenir Plan of Victoria Park.
- *(1990 plan repeated with 100 plane trees.)*
- 1901. Evergreen oaks planted for visit by Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York. (*George 5th and Queen Mary*). York Avenue - did not survive.
- 1909 Curators residence.
- 1917 and 1929 commercial plantations of *Pinus radiata* in southern parts of Park.