

WALKERS TRY NEW PARKLAND

About 120 people joined in the recent local public walk to celebrate the Nunawading Council decision to buy the Blackburn Creek land and make it a new permanent public parkland.

The walk and follow-up barbecue near the site was organised by the Blackburn Creek Conservation Group, leaders of the long campaign which led to the acquisition decision.

The walkers ignored bad weather to walk through the parkland site itself, on to Wandinong Sanctuary in Canterbury Rd where a committee of management working bee greeted them.

Mr Bernard Hooke, whose family provided the site for the Wandinong Sanctuary, told the walkers of the sanctuary's history.

The walk continued

to Furness Park, off Blackburn Rd and then returned through the Blackburn Creek land to the Laburnum scout hall barbecue area.

State Member for Box Hill, Mrs Margaret Ray, and her husband George, and also Nunawading West Ward representative, Cr Wendy Reid, and her husband, naturalist Mr Alan Reid, were among the walkers.

The 24-hectare Blackburn Creek site along the creek between Main St and Pakenham St is being acquired by Nunawading Council from the Board of Works for \$272,000.