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## COUNCIL SECURES \$2.1 MILLION FOR HAMMON PARK IN CRESWICK

Council has secured \$2.1 million of State Government funding for the multi-million dollar Hammon Park Trailhead Community and Youth Hub. Hammon Park will serve as the main trailhead for the network of mountain bike trails coming soon to Creswick. It will also serve as a community and youth precinct focusing on accessible play, cycling safety, cyclocross, and a site for local, regional and national events.

Mayor, Cr Lesley Hewitt, said the Hammon Park development will capitalise on the iconic trails of the area and will generate significant economic and social benefits for Creswick and the region.

“While an important part of the Creswick Trails Network, once delivered the Hammon Park project will be a fantastic standalone community and youth recreational facility,” said Cr Hewitt.

Improvements to Hammon Park will include accessible toilets, community spaces, gathering points, natural play spaces, parking and maps. The project will generate approximately 16 jobs during construction.

“Things are progressing well with the project. Along with the funding announcement, the 60 kilometre network of trails for Stage One of the Creswick Trails Network has progressed to the planning permit phase,” said Cr Hewitt.

“The delivery of Hammon Park upgrade and the trails will put Creswick on the map for world class mountain and recreational biking,” she said.

CEO at Daylesford Macedon Tourism, Steve Wroe, agreed the project is significant for the Shire.

“The continued development of walking and cycling assets supports our famed wellness offering and showcases our exceptional natural assets,” said Mr Wroe.

“We are thrilled by the strong support shown to the region by the State Government and look forward to working with them, and Hepburn Shire Council, to turn our vision into reality,” he said.

Council appreciates all of the support from the community and project partners for this exciting opportunity to improve community infrastructure and looks forward to finalising the funding agreement with the Andrews State Labour Government.

To find out more about the project visit <https://creswicktrails.com/>.

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