

OUTDOOR RECREATION — ELECTORATE OF HILLARYS

Statement by Member for Hillarys

MS C.M. COLLINS (Hillarys) [1.00 pm]: I would like to speak briefly on a flurry of new developments for outdoor recreation in the Hillarys electorate. The Urban Bike Trails project will improve existing tracks as well as create new and interconnected mountain bike trails and BMX facilities throughout our community. This amazing idea came about following strong campaigning by the Northern Beaches Cycling Club; passionate locals, Mark Harrison and Malcolm Smeal; as well as a group of young, enthusiastic teens. They were all inspired to work toward trying to improve facilities for kids and teenagers who want to get off the couch and engage in fun, physical outdoor activities. In 2021, I made an election commitment to provide \$300 000 for this project, so it is exciting to finally see it come to fruition. Four initial parks have been included in the Urban Bike Trails project, including Charonia Park in Mullaloo, Gibson Park in Padbury, Lysander Park in Heathridge and Whitfords West Park in Kallaroo. Right now, the City of Joondalup has opened community consultation on the very exciting proposal.

I want to talk specifically about the Padbury Pump Track at Gibson Park. I am very pleased to have secured \$600 000 for this project, thanks in part to the hundreds of Padbury residents who supported my online survey for a pump track back in 2021, which helped with my advocacy to the minister. This track will complement the development of the Padbury Community Garden and funding will also be used to install a toilet facility, and turn this ordinary park into a community hub that residents can be really proud of. I know it has taken some time, but we are all very excited about this new project getting the green light and construction starting soon. I am looking forward to the next phase of this project.

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