

# FORREST MOUNTAIN BIKE REVITALISATION PROJECT UPDATE (STAGE ONE)

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The Forrest Mountain Bike (MTB) Revitalisation Project (Stage One) is funded by \$250,000 from Colac Otway Shire Council and \$2.07 million from the Victorian Government through the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) and Regional Development Victoria.

Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVIC) and the Colac Otway Shire Council are delivering the project, that's revitalising the network with new trail experiences and upgrades of Additionally the Forrest MTB Southern Trailhead will receive a significant upgrade.

## TRAILS CONSTRUCTION TENDER

The main component of the Forrest MTB Revitalisation Project (Stage One) is the tender for the upgrade of existing trails and the building of new trails within the southern trails network. Due to both the scope of the trail works and joint funded nature of the project, the tender process (which has closed) involved three separate lots, or bodies of work which are listed below:

- Lot One: The new Barwon Flow & Jump Trails.
- Lot Two: The new Red Carpet Extension and the Forrest Loop upgrade.
- Lot Three: The remaining upgrades and new trails within the southern network.

Tenderers had the opportunity to quote for lot 1, lot 2, lot 3, or all. The results of the trails construction tenders will be announce in February 2022. To view the full details of all the proposed upgrades and new trails please see the [2020 Detailed Design Plan](#).

## FORREST MTB SOUTHERN TRAILHEAD PROJECTS

### Project 1: Detailed Design of the Forrest Southern Trail Head Precinct.

Mike Smith and Associates are delivering a staged precinct plan for the trailhead and former DELWP camp facility. This project is mainly looking at creating a visitor precinct with better facilities: i.e. services, signage, car parking and landscaping.

Staged and costed plans for this project are now complete. Once the trails construction tender has been finalised, the project team will assess what visitor precinct upgrades will occur at the Southern Trailhead.

### Project Two - Detailed Design and Construction of the Forrest Southern Trailhead Skills Park.

The tender process for the design and construction contract for the skills park has been awarded to Velosolutions Australia. The skills park will include three new exciting elements:

- A large asphalt pump track
- Two jumps lines catering for both advanced and novice riders
- A set of skills courses with three levels of difficulty



## Forrest Mountain Bike (MTB) Skills Park Upgrade - Community Drop-in Session

FFMVIC and the Colac Otway Shire Council are inviting community members to come along to a community drop-in session about the upcoming design and construction of the new skills park. The purpose of the session is to learn about and have your say about the new Forrest Mountain Bike Skills Park. The details of the drop-in session are below. If you are unable to attend this session please reach out and the project team will arrange another opportunity for you to have your say.

**When:** Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022 2.00pm – 5.30pm

**Where:** Forrest MTB Southern Trailhead

## PLANNING STUDIES

The following studies have been completed for both the Southern and the Yagher (northern) networks:

- Geotechnical Study
- Biodiversity Studies and Threat Abatement Plans
- Cultural Heritage Management Plan

These studies have allowed us to look at all the environmental and cultural risks for the new trail alignments, as well as formulate solutions to protect Forrest's pristine environment. The regulatory permit applications for the Southern network have been lodged. Construction will commence once planning approvals are received.

## RED CARPET TRAIL

The Red Carpet Trail has been resurfaced and weather-proofed to make it accessible all year round. The upgrade is complete and the trail is now open.

## FORREST MTB LOGO AND STYLE GUIDE PROJECT

Frank Lane, a Geelong based design and branding agency, has completed the Forrest MTB Logo and Style guide project. Special thanks goes to the dedicated community reference group that assisted Council and FFMVIC with the design process. The new logo concepts will be shared soon.

## STAY IN TOUCH

Further updates will be provided about projects, timelines, engagement opportunities and the opening of new mountain bike trails, as information becomes available.

To keep up to date with progress of the Forrest MTB Revitalisation Project please contact Adrian Healey on the contact details below, or complete the **+SUBSCRIBE** section on the project website to sign-up for regular updates.

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