

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 and a significant redevelopment of the Forrest MTB Southern Trailhead.

SOD TURN EVENT ON BARWON FLOW TRAILS

On Friday the 11th March 2022, representing the Hon. Mary-Anne Thomas – Minister for Regional Development; Danielle Green MP announced that Australian company Dirt Art, who are world leaders in designing and constructing more 1,000km of trails, will deliver the Barwon Flow Trails.



TRAILS CONSTRUCTION TENDERS AWARDED

Regional Development Victoria's 'Regional Infrastructure Fund (RIF)' and Colac Otway Shire Council's commitment will fund the new Barwon Flow & Jump Trails, Rollercoaster upgrades and realignments, the new Red Carpet Extension and the Forrest Loop upgrade. DELWP's Victorian Building Works Stimulus Package will fund upgrades to Third Time Lucky and Follow the Dog. As well as the exciting skill park contract that was announced last year.

These contracts represent a major part of the Stage One project funding. New trails and existing trail products will be upgraded and when finished, Forrest's southern trail network will offer Adaptive rider friendly product, world class jump flow trails as well as the current and much loved cross country (XC) trails.



PLANNING PERMITS

In another massive milestone for the project, the regulatory permit for constructing the trails was processed in early January 2022.

TRAIL CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION

With such a thrilling part of the project starting, it is important for community and riders to understand that there will be network closures during the construction period. To minimise the disruption for walkers and riders we'll keep you updated with closure information.

Information about the closures will be shared via:

FACEBOOK: [FFMV Barwon South West](#) & [Forrest MTB Club](#)

WEB: [Forrest MTB Revitalisation Project](#)

EMAIL: Community Updates

We would also encourage local businesses and community members to share these updates with visitors and local community members.

TRAIL CLOSURES – TRAILS 5 & 6

After 10 years of work and hours and hours of dedicated commitment for community and Forrest Mountain Bike Club members, we're happy to be finally turning soil! However, as discussed above, trail upgrades and construction will create some closures.

Distinctive Trail Developments will beginning their upgrade works on **Monday 21 March 2022**. Therefore, for safety reasons Tracks 5 & 6 (Third Time Lucky & Follow the Dog) will be closed until further notice.

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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