

Media release

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LATROBE TO AMBLESIDE PATHWAY OPENED

Embargoed until midday Thursday, 8th of April 2021

Federal Member for Braddon, Gavin Pearce MP, today joined the Mayors of Latrobe and Devonport Councils, as well as State Member for Braddon, Felix Ellis MP, to open the newest section of the \$14.4m Coastal Pathway extension being managed by Cradle Coast Authority (CCA).

Jointly funded by local, state and federal government, the project will see additional pathway being built across the Latrobe, Devonport and Central Coast municipalities.

The 3.6km Latrobe to Ambleside section offers continuous river views and a connection between Devonport and Latrobe's recently revamped Bells Parade precinct.

Federal Member for Braddon, Gavin Pearce MP, said the scenic pathway is destined to become one of our region's iconic trails.

"Developing connected communities through diversified recreational experiences is an important part of building a thriving region. Young or old; walk, ride or wheel; this is a pathway for everyone."

Cradle Coast Authority CEO, Daryl Connelly, said the project was a really great example of what can be achieved when Councils work together.

"Cradle Coast Authority works with and for our Member Councils to make our corner of the island an even greater place to live, work, visit and invest. This project ticks every single one of these boxes.

Our Member Councils have a vision for a pathway that extends right across the region. This project sees more of that vision realised, and we look forward to partnering with state and federal government on future extensions and improvements" said Mr Connelly.

The Australian Government and Tasmanian Government have each committed \$4.8m to the total project, with Central Coast, Devonport and Latrobe Councils will jointly cover the remaining third.

The Don to Leith section will be built next, which involves construction of a new bridge across the Don River.



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The trackside location does not lend itself to a public event. Media representatives are invited to rendezvous at the Axeman's Hall of Fame at 10.30am and walk to the start of the pathway where some short speeches will be made commencing 10.50am.

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