



MEDIA RELEASE SHIRE OF COLLIE

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Collie Mountain Bike Town Trail Picks up Speed

The Shire of Collie has commenced the construction of a state of the art 4.5km mountain bike trail. This trail will start at Soldiers Park beside the skate park, with the main trail contained within the bush reserve beside the river near Collie Senior High School.

Work on the project follows approval of the concept plan by the Shire and detailed planning and consultation with both the Collie Cycle Club and Collie Senior High School. Construction is anticipated to take 10 – 12 weeks and will be ready in time for use during the summer months.

The Shire has commissioned Common Ground Trails to design and build this trail. David Wilcox, CEO of Common Ground describes the trail: -

The Collie town trail system is designed to be easy to navigate on the ground and therefore accessible to a range of users. The trail is designed around a key beginner classification spine trail linking Soldiers Park to Reserve 15783. An additional beginner classification link trail forms connects between two points of the spine trail creating an outer loop. Within this outer loop a number of single direction intermediate classification inner loops traverse the rocky ridge. All loops can be ridden as a circuit without crossing or doubling back which is advantageous for racing formats.

The trail system provides a new recreation experience for the visitors to Collie, and connects users to Soldiers Park via a fun and easy flow trail.

Funding bodies for this project include the Shire of Collie, Collie Cycle Club, LotteryWest and the South West Development Commission.

The Shire anticipates that this trail will contribute towards the creation of a nationally significant network of mountain bike trails within the Collie/Wellington Dam area and will showcase the trails and natural beauty available within the region. This is part of the Shire's strategy to attract more tourists and increase visitor overnight stays in Collie while providing a high level of amenity to residents including the adjacent school.

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FURTHER COMMENT

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