

MEDIA RELEASE

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Official Opening – Burnie – Wynyard Share Coastal Pathway

The highly anticipated \$15.72m Shared Coastal Pathway that runs for 13.2km between Wynyard and Burnie was officially opened today by Tasmanian Government Minister and Member for Braddon Roger Jaensch.

The opening ceremony was held at Anzac Park in Somerset and attracted over 250 community members, including organised groups of more than 60 cyclists who rode together from Burnie and also from Wynyard.

Construction of the project commenced in September 2023 and was made possible with \$13.86m in funding from the Tasmanian State Government and \$1.86m collectively from the Waratah-Wynyard Council and Burnie City Council.

Waratah-Wynyard Mayor Mary Duniam said the Coastal Pathway will bring strong regional benefits, both for locals and visitors alike.

“This is an investment that aligns deeply with our environmental, community and health and well-being goals, making use of one of our most enduring and attractive assets—our coastline.”

Burnie City Council Mayor Teeny Brumby said the Coastal Pathway will deliver immense benefits.

“The beauty of this project is not just in its physical infrastructure but in the way it has brought our community together—encouraging people to get active, connect with nature, and with each other. The benefits of being outdoors, engaging in physical activity, and building those personal connections are invaluable to the wellbeing of our region.

“I would especially like to acknowledge Keith Price, who has been a tireless advocate for this project from the very beginning. For more than twenty years, Keith has worked passionately to see this pathway come to life, and today marks not only a significant milestone for the region but also a deeply personal achievement for him,” Mayor Brumby said.

Mr Price, who led the contingent of cyclists who rode to the opening from Burnie, said the Coastal Pathway provided cyclists with a safe way to enjoy riding.

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“Now it’s safe to ride there can be no excuses. Get your bikes out and go for it,” Mr Price said.

The joint Burnie and Waratah-Wynyard community event ran from 10.30am until Midday and included a free community BBQ, hosted by the wonderful Fairy Godmothers.

Attached images: Opening Event at Anzac Park, Somerset—24th October 2024.

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