

Media Release



12 October 2020

\$2.6M secured for Amy Gillett Bikeway

Adelaide Hills Council has received \$2.6 million of Federal funding to complete the Mount Torrens to Birdwood Stage Four Section of the popular Amy Gillett Bikeway.

Deputy Mayor Nathan Daniell says completion of the bikeway is an important step towards recovery in the region and supports the wider strategic vision for cycling in the Hills.

“Council and the community have long advocated for the completion of the Amy Gillett with this project providing another important way for our towns and community to reconnect after the Cudlee Creek Bushfire and COVID-19.”

“The Amy Gillett is incredibly popular and I’m certain this final stage will be well utilised by both our local community and tourists visiting the Adelaide Hills.”

“We know spending time outdoors and exercising is beneficial and the completion of the Amy Gillett will positively impact on the physical and mental well-being of our local community.”

“Completion of the Amy Gillett bikeway also supports the region’s wider strategic interest in cycling, including securing funding for the Adelaide Wine Capital Cycle Trail, supporting The Santos Tour Down Under and development of mountain biking and other cycling trails,” said Cr Daniell.

Stage 1 of the Amy Gillett Bikeway from Oakbank to Woodside was built by the State Government in 2010 on an abandoned rail corridor.

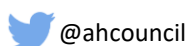
Stage 2 to Charleston and Stage 3 to Mount Torrens were then constructed but since 2014 work on the remainder of the planned bikeway has stalled when no further monies were allocated by the State Government.

Stage 4 Mount Torrens to Birdwood is covered with this Federal funding and the proposed Stage 5 would include Birdwood to Mount Pleasant.

Federal Member for Mayo Rebekha Sharkie has been a long-time supporter of the Amy Gillett Bikeway and Council recognises her efforts in securing this successful Federal funding outcome.

The bikeway is named in honour of cyclist Amy Gillett who was tragically killed in 2005 during a training ride with the Australian women’s cycling team.

ahc.sa.gov.au



@adelhillsCouncil



@adelaide-hills-council



@adelaidehillscouncil



Adelaide Hills Council official

Media Release



Media contact: Jennifer Blake, 8408 0430 | 0437 114 698