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COMMUNITY BENEFITS FROM NEW COTTAGE ROAD TO WETLANDS SHARED USE TRACK

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Kingborough's newest track has opened which links Cottage Road, Firthside to the Kingston Wetlands via a new bridge over Whitewater Creek, and is being enjoyed by walkers, commuters, cyclists and families with prams.

This track project was one of seven high priority trails from Council's original 2009 Tracks & Trails Action Plan, and came to fruition following a successful grant from the Tasmanian Community Fund in 2016, along with contributing public open space funds from Kingborough Council. The link was also identified by the Kingborough Bicycle Advisory Committee as an important asset to link our residential and central areas in Kingborough.

Chair of Bicycle Advisory Committee, Cr Richard Atkinson is delighted to see another link introduced in Kingborough. 'We're pleased to see the completion of another off-road connection through our suburbs,' he said, 'It's great to be providing a choice for our residents in how they get around.'

The track link provides a number of trail and bikeway connection options, linking with existing and planned bike path projects within the Kingston area. It also provides a safe, efficient, sustainable and off-road option to travel to and from the central Kingston area, or to link in with the Park and Ride facility at the entrance to the wetlands, where bike storage lockers have been installed.

The grant funding from the Tasmanian Community Fund was a specific grant round in 2016 targeting tracks, trails and skate park developments.

The independent community funding body, the Tasmanian Community Fund was established following the sale of the Trust Bank in 1999 to give back to the community proceeds from the sale of a community asset. Since that time the TCF has allocated approximately \$58.6 million to approximately 1700 statewide projects.





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