

# Media Release

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## **NEW MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL AND YOUTH HUB FOR THE PENINSULA**

The Andrews Labor Government is investing in the Mornington Peninsula community with the completion of a new bike trail at Arthur's Seat and Rosebud soon to be home to a new youth hub.

Local Government and Suburban Development Minister Shaun Leane and Member for Nepean Chris Brayne today announced Mornington Peninsula Shire Council will receive \$4.3 million towards the new Southern Peninsula Youth Services Hub from the Growing Suburbs Fund.

One of the largest investments in the fund's history, the hub will be a new, modern and accessible home for a wide range of different services and programs, with a strong focus on mental health support, advice and counselling.

They also visited four new mountain biking trails at the Arthurs Seat State Park trail network and viewed upgrades at the site. This project was funded through the community led Pick My Project program in 2018.

The expansion of the thirteen-kilometre trail network, which attracts around 120,000 riders per year, was completed by trail builder, Trailscapes and will provide more opportunities to meet increasing rider demand.

It will enable increased participation, reduce trail congestion, and improve both connectivity and user experience at the popular mountain biking destination.

The new trails cater for all riders, ranging from beginner to advanced, including families and recreational riders. The trails also meet International Mountain Bicycling Association standards.

Since its establishment in 2015 the Growing Suburbs Fund has facilitated \$913.2 million in local infrastructure, created more than 8,880 jobs and supported 253 projects across Melbourne's fastest-growing areas.

This includes \$23.5 million for 19 projects in the Mornington Peninsula, including the new Flinders Civic Hall and Mornington Community Hub.

The Arthurs Seat mountain biking trail is one of more than 230 successful projects supported through the government's \$30 million Pick My Project initiative in Victoria. The southern metropolitan region received more than \$3.6 million in funding through the initiative.

### **Quote attributable to Minister for Local Government and Suburban Development Shaun Leane**

*"We're proud to support to the Southern Peninsula Youth Services Hub and the Arthurs Seat State Park trail."*

### **Quote attributable to Minister for Youth Ros Spence**

*"This is a great project that will be a place all young people in the Mornington Peninsula can come to relax, connect with peers and get advice and support if needed."*

### **Quote attributable to Member for Nepean Chris Brayne**

*"I'm delighted the government has continued its support for our thriving community through projects like these, which are great for everyone in our community."*

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