

# Media Release

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## FIRST CRESWICK MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS ROLL OUT EARLY

Thanks to the Allan Labor Government, mountain bikers with a need for speed and a passion for beautiful bushland vistas can now enjoy the first 32 kilometres of the Creswick Trails project ahead of schedule.

Minister for Regional Development Gayle Tierney today welcomed the announcement made by representatives from Hepburn Shire Council, the Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation (DJAARA), and local community members to officially open the first section of trails.

The full 60 kilometres of biking trails created in bushland near the town of Creswick in central Victoria are on track to open to the public later this year. The trails have been supported by an investment of more than \$2.5 million through Regional Development Victoria.

Named Djuwang Baring, meaning 'long track' in Dja Dja Wurrung language, the trails wind their way through some of the most beautiful and exciting areas of Dja Dja Wurrung Country. The trails will support the local visitor economy, encouraging more people to experience one of Victoria's most exciting mountain biking destinations.

Importantly, the trails also offer interpretive signage that celebrates the history and culture of Djaara Traditional Owners. These signs will leave riders with a deeper understanding of Country as they make their way through the trail network.

The Labor Government's investment in Djuwang Baring is part of wider funding designed to establish Creswick as a must-visit location for mountain bikers and cyclists.

A further \$2.1 million was provided for the adjoining Hammon Park Trailhead and Bike Park, which opened in 2023. It offers riders of all ages and abilities a place to safely build up their skills before tackling the longer and more challenging trails.

An additional \$100,000 has been invested through the Council Support Package to support Hepburn Shire Council in the creation of a website, signage, and marketing materials that will promote Creswick and draw riders from across Victoria and Australia.

This project is a part of the Labor Government's record \$45 billion investment since 2014 in projects and programs that support regional and rural Victoria to be an even better place to live, work, stay, and play. For more information, visit [rdv.vic.gov.au](https://rdv.vic.gov.au).

### Quote attributable to Minister for Regional Development Gayle Tierney

*"Thanks to our investment, mountain bikers from near and far have another reason to explore regional Victoria and experience the thrill and beauty of Dja Dja Wurrung Country."*

*"This project will not only bring tourists to Creswick, boosting local jobs and businesses, but also showcases and preserves the rich cultural heritage of the Djaara Traditional Owners."*

### Quotes attributable to Member for Ripon Martha Haylett

*"Creswick is fast becoming one of Victoria's hottest mountain bike destinations and the early opening of this first section of Djuwang Baring is sure to draw even more people to experience all our beautiful region has to offer."*

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