



Harcourt Mountain Bike Park

Project update, December 2016

Situated next to Mount Alexander Regional Park, the Harcourt mountain bike park will offer up to 34 kilometres of dedicated mountain bike trails and magnificent views alongside a natural forest setting.

Within five years of completion the project is estimated to inject \$9.8 million into the local economy, attracting 100,000 visitors each year and creating 58 jobs.

Built to International Mountain Bicycling Association standards, the park will be consistent with future development plans for the Harcourt area while improving the site's environmental value.

Tender process

The project is rolling ahead as Member for Bendigo West, Maree Edwards, announced on 1 December that tenders were invited for the design and construction of the park.

The deadline for tender submission has been extended to 31 January 2017 with the successful tenderer expected to be announced in April 2017.

Appointments

Russell Manning has been appointed as the new Project Manager for the Harcourt mountain bike park and will start on Monday 9 January 2017. The role will oversee all aspects of the project including design, construction and community consultation. Russell will begin informal community consultations with stakeholders in January.

Mount Alexander Shire Council Councillor Tony Cordy and local resident Annette Rae have recently been appointed to join the Community Reference Group (CRG).

Forrest tour

Forrest is a small Victorian town with approximately 200 residents that was originally established around the hard wood logging industry.

In early January 2017, the CRG and Project Control Group will embark on a tour of the Forrest Mountain Bike Trails, touted to be one of the premier mountain bike destinations in Victoria.

The groups will look over the site and speak to the land managers about the design and construction of the trails and what worked and what did not. The tour will also help both groups gain insight into how the small community of Forrest has benefitted from the park's construction.

Community consultation

The government is committed to delivering a world class mountain bike park. To do this, DELWP and its project partners, Regional Development Victoria and Goldfields Track Inc. need to hear the community's opinions, have their input and have them work closely with the successful tenderer so that the design and potential infrastructure of the park reflects the needs and interests of the greater community.

To include the successful tenderer and to ensure the community's full involvement in the design and layout of the park in this environmentally sensitive site, DELWP has pushed formal community consultation timelines out to autumn 2017.

Get involved

Community members are encouraged to register their interest to receive project updates and become involved in future consultation and engagement opportunities.

Register your interest at harcourtMBP@delwp.vic.gov.au or call DELWP on 136 186.

For more information go to www.delwp.vic.gov.au/parks-forests-and-crown-land/harcourt-mountain-bike-park