

# Media Release

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**BOB STENSHOLT MP, STATE MEMBER FOR BURWOOD**

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## **NEW BIKE TRAIL TO CONNECT ASHBURTON**

A re-elected Bracks Government would commit \$250,000 to link the Gardiner's Creek Trail to the Anniversary Trail in Ashburton.

Transport Minister Peter Batchelor joined State Labor MP for Burwood, Bob Stensholt at the intersection to make the announcement today.

"Today I am announcing a \$250,000 commitment to complete the missing link in the Gardiner's Creek Trail," Mr Batchelor said.

The project would create a 1.5 km shared path to link both the Anniversary Trail and the Gardiner's Creek Trail through to Warrigal Rd, and to connect to the Gardiner's Creek Trail on the east side of Warrigal Rd.

The proposed path would follow Gardiner's Creek on the north side from west of Warrigal Road until the Markham Reserve soccer oval. The path would then run next to the oval up to Markham Ave and continue as a shared off road path along Markham Road to Ashburn Grove and on to join the existing Anniversary Trail.

Bob Stensholt welcomed the announcement.

"This is one of the most highly used trails in Melbourne catering for almost 2000 commuter and recreational cyclists per day," Bob Stensholt said.

"The path also caters for a high number of pedestrians.

"The Bracks Government is confronting the challenges of the future. We are encouraging Victorians to keep fit and healthy to avoid chronic disease like diabetes.

"This project is part of the \$112 million Bracks Government plan for new bicycle and pedestrian facilities over the next ten years."

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