

Media Release

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Safe Riding Lessons Launch at Bute

Barunga West Council is delighted to announce the completion of the eagerly awaited Learn to Ride track in Bute. With fresh signage and line marking now in place, the track is ready for young riders, though some final touches with landscaping are still to come.

In celebration, a community event is scheduled for Tuesday, 19 December 2023 from 10am to 1pm to introduce the Bute Learn to Ride Track in readiness for summer holiday fun. Brevet Sergeant Rhys Pye, Officer in Charge at Port Broughton Police Station, will be joined by colleagues including Jeff the Road Safety Dog to provide valuable road safety lessons to children. The Bute CFS will host a free BBQ.

Parents are encouraged to bring their children for an educational and fun experience, and a safe place to ride. Please ensure all children ride wearing a helmet.

The community opening of the track comes ahead of an official launch for the Bute Play Space project, slated for next year upon its completion.

Mayor Leonie Kerley expressed some disappointment over recent vandalism of the road signs at the new track, but remains optimistic as security cameras are expected to deter such acts in the future.

Mayor Kerley said the project was very significant for Bute and had been years in the making.

"We aim to transform Barunga West into a region synonymous with safety and fun for families. Play spaces are not just about fun; they're crucial for community well-being and children's development," she said.

The Connecting Bute Play Spaces initiative is part of a broader effort by Barunga West Council in partnership with others including the Bute 2000 Onwards Committee to revitalise outdoor areas and open spaces in the town. This includes linking Bute Lions Fauna Park, Hummock's Walking Trail, and the skate park through a shared pedestrian and bike path network. The project received generous funding from multiple sources, including the State Government and the Bute community, ensuring an engaging and holistic outdoor experience.

The Council extends its gratitude for the community's support and pledges to continue enhancing Bute's outdoor areas, making them more accessible, enjoyable, and educational.

For further information about the upcoming free community event and the Connecting Bute Play Spaces project, please contact the Council at: barunga@barungawest.sa.gov.au

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Note to editors: The Learn to Ride track event details are as follows:

- Date: Tuesday, 19 December 2023
- Time: 10am to 1pm
- Location: Bute Learn to Ride Track with a special appearance by Jeff the Road Safety Dog.
- Free community event with a BBQ provided by Bute CFS.

Council thanks all contributors to the Connecting Bute Play Spaces initiative, including the State Government, the Bute 2000 Onwards Committee, and Flinders University.

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