

Community celebration marks opening of Coastal Walkway Field River stage

The City of Marion hosted a Community Celebration today (April 9) to mark the opening of the upgraded and extended Field River Section of the Coastal Walkway.

The celebration was hosted by Marion Mayor Kris Hanna and was held at Heron Way Reserve at Hallett Cove.

The Field River section connects the walkway between Heron Way Reserve and the Field River and is the first renewal project of the City of Marion's \$4.8 million redevelopment of the Coastal Walkway.

The redevelopment has been funded by Marion Council in partnership with the State Government which has provided \$2.4 million as part of its stimulus package to deal with the impacts of the coronavirus.

The Field River boardwalk is made of locally sourced, fibre reinforced, recycled plastic, making it more sustainable and more accessible.

The path design caters for 2100 sea-level rise requirements.

The community celebration will be an opportunity to explore the new section of the boardwalk.

A member of the City of Marion's environment team was available to answer questions regarding the environmental sensitivities of the site and revegetation around the new assets.

Attendees were also advised about the citizen science initiative CoastSnap being supported by the City of Marion.

The City of Marion is the first Council in SA to take part in this program which encourages people to help monitor the condition of our coastline by uploading photographs to a database via an app.

CoastSnap forms part of the City of Marion's commitment to coastal management planning - a priority in its Business Plan

Council received some funding support from Department of Environment and Water (DEW) through a New Life for Our Coastal Environment Program.



Image: Mayor of Marion Kris Hanna, centre, officially opens the new Field River section of the Coastal Walkway with the State Member for Black David Speirs, left, and City of Marion Councillors Maggie Duncan, Matthew Shilling and Ian Crossland.

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