

New car park to compliment rail trail

A car park will be constructed adjacent to the Great Southern Rail Trail (GSRT) at the rear of the shops in Meeniyan.

Council approved an additional budget amount of \$70,000 at its meeting this week to supplement savings from the GSRT Black Spur section (\$330,000) for the construction of the car park in the area commonly referred to as the Meeniyan Commons.

The 2016/17 Capital Works Program will be amended to include the \$400,000 project, initiated by the Meeniyan Progress Association.

Manager Engineering and Assets, John Moylan, said Regional Development Victoria (RDV) approved the revised project scope for the construction of the car park on the basis the area would link with the GSRT and provide supporting infrastructure for trail users.

“The GSRT Black Spur section was completed and officially opened on 4 March 2016. Savings on this section have resulted from extremely competitive tenders from local contractors,” Mr Moylan explained.

“With the approval of RDV, some of these savings have already been expended on upgrading the trail from Welshpool to Port Welshpool, which included the construction of a new asphalt path along the Port Welshpool foreshore at a cost of approximately \$240,000.

Notwithstanding this additional expenditure, there are still residual savings of \$330,000 which will be spent on the construction of the car park.”

Photo caption: Concept Design - 'Meeniyan Commons' car park construction.

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