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Brownlow to Kingscote shared use path gets green light for stage 2 extension

Kingscote: 4 August 2016 Work will soon commence on stage 2 of the Brownlow-Kingscote shared use path, following the approval of a \$100,000 grant from the Department of Transport and Infrastructure's Open Space Grant program.

Kangaroo Island Council CEO Andrew Boardman said, "this is an excellent outcome for the community, and one we couldn't achieve without State Government investment. The shared use path is an important piece of social infrastructure which provides a critical link between Brownlow and Kingscote and has the added benefit of offering a great recreational experience."

Stage 2 will run from the Yacht Club, along Chapman Terrace and into Kingscote, where it will finish in front of the Ozone Hotel. Part of the path meanders through remnant vegetation on the limestone cliffs overlooking Nepean Bay, and passes a newly constructed Whale Watching Platform.

"It is unfortunate that the existing narrow, well-worn walking track, developed by residents and visitors over the years, could not be used for this project. The old track runs along the edge of the limestone cliffs, but some of it has become undermined near the edges. Development of the path along the old track could present dangers to the public given its proximity to what may be unstable cliff edges. There are also little penguin burrows in the vegetation which need protecting."

The location of the proposed new path has been determined in conjunction with Natural Resources Kangaroo Island (NRKI).

Native vegetation consultant Bev Overton provided an independent assessment of the native vegetation. NRKI also completed a vegetation survey as part of the native vegetation removal approval process. Numerous introduced and weed species were identified for removal along with precious native species that will be protected during stage 2 construction. The old walking track will be revegetated with local native species.

Project partner Advance Kingscote Progress Association (AKPA) completed a courtesy door knock of residents living along the Chapman Terrace path, advising them about the project and works commencing in August.

AKPA President Beth Davis said, "we are excited about the construction of Stage 2 and look forward to the community enjoying this infrastructure for many years to come. The view over Nepean Bay from this section of the path is spectacular – nothing short of world class."

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