



## Media Release

### **State Government grant support for Parndana walking trail**

**Kingscote: 26 August 2016** A joint grant application by Parndana Progress Association and Kangaroo Island Council to develop a walking trail concept design and costing for Parndana was last week approved by the Deputy Premier John Rau.

The funding is part of the Department of Transport and Infrastructure's Open Space Grant Program for 2016.

Parndana Progress Association President Cheryl May said, "this is great news – we've been wanting to develop a walking trail in the area for some time so this gives us the opportunity to hire people who specialize in trail design, to prepare a route that captures the uniqueness of our township and surrounds".

Sue Florance, Vice President of Parndana Progress Association is keen to see the project become a reality. "Parndana's working bee crew meet once a month and, supported by the Council gardening crew, have started cleaning up scrub block tracks worn out by use over time by generations of families from the Parndana district. We want it to be something for locals, Islanders and visitors alike; a fresh new route to jog, walk, ride or take the dog; a trail that makes it easier for the elderly in our community to stroll to the Post Office and shops. We have some spectacular bird and plant life in Parndana and it would be terrific to make it more accessible, for all to enjoy.

"One idea gaining community support is to have the path go all the way to the Kangaroo Island wildlife park – now that would be an exciting community initiative!"

Kangaroo Island Council CEO Andrew Boardman said, "it is always pleasing to receive State Government support for Island projects, especially when those projects are community initiated. The Department of Transport and Infrastructure's Open Space Grant Program has contributed significantly to our local infrastructure in the past few years. This grant was for \$5,000 and Council will match it."

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