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Minister for Lands and Forestry

Minister for Racing

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### **GROUND BREAKS ON NEW MOUNTAIN BIKE TRACK**

Premier Gladys Berejiklian, Minister for Racing Paul Toole and Member for South Coast Shelley Hancock today turned the first sod for the new Milton Ulladulla Mountain Bike Track.

Ms Berejiklian said the \$202,000 bike track, funded by the NSW Government, would be the first for the region, providing trails for beginners as well as terrain that is more challenging for the experienced rider.

"The NSW Government is committed to delivering projects that promote a sense of community and encourages an active lifestyle," Ms Berejiklian said.

"The trail network will provide the opportunity to build a strong regionally-based mountain bike community in the South Coast and will boost sports tourism for the area.

"It will provide a great alternative to water based activities during the winter months for visitors, and will also be used for regional events and competitions, such as Shoalhaven City Council's Bike Week."

Mrs Hancock said local enthusiasts would have the ability to train closer to home once the new six kilometres of bike trails are completed early next year.

"Students from Ulladulla High School already participate in interschool bike competitions, however there are currently no nearby facilities," Mrs Hancock said.

"This means parents and students have had to improvise or travel more than an hour to Nowra to practice.

"It is also expected the trails will encourage new riders to the facility to take part in a fun and social sport."

Milton Ulladulla Mountain Bikers Club president Jason Colusso said the new track would be a great asset to the Milton Ulladulla community for decades to come.

"Our club really appreciates this generous support from the NSW Government as the new track is sure to help us expand our membership and grow mountain biking across the region," Mr Colusso said.

"We have been trying to establish a local track for many years so we're really pleased that this vision will soon become a reality."

Minister for Racing Paul Toole said the funding was part of the NSW Government's ongoing commitment to building community infrastructure.

"We've committed \$192,000 through our Clubgrants program, which builds upon a transfer of \$10,000 from a previous Government grant awarded to the Milton Ulladulla District Mountain Bikers," Mr Toole said.

"I have no doubt this track will be a hit with the local community."

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