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NEW BIKE TRACKS FOR WESTERN SYDNEY PARKLANDS

Environment Minister Rob Stokes and Member for Mulgoa Tanya Davies today visited the Western Sydney Parklands' new international standard mountain bike course, which is the first step in the development of new bushland and community facilities in the parklands.

Mr Stokes said the 12km Wylde Mountain Bike Trail was made possible by a \$1.5 million investment by Western Sydney Parklands, following extensive community input and discussion. The trail is planned to form part of a new sports hub for Liverpool residents.

"This mountain bike trail is a facility for mountain bike riders young and old, novice and experienced. It will be open for parklands users from sunrise to sunset free of charge.

"It includes features such as a training area with jump runs, a pump track, bike wash down facilities, bike racks, shelters, seating, tables and a carpark for 90 cars.

"To help people get the most out of the trail, an additional \$1 million will be used to develop walking and cycling tracks to improve connections for local residents.

"There will also be connections to other attractions within the parklands such as the popular Plough & Harrow picnic spot with Australia's most high-tech children's playground and the popular TreeTop Adventure Park high ropes course centre.

"Works will begin this week, and there will be a total of 6.5km of new connecting tracks to help people get around.

"A major attraction of this trail is its location - nestled among this spectacular native bushland."

Mrs Davies said the mountain bike trail and connecting tracks are part of a range of planned improvements for the 1500 hectare Liverpool section of the parklands.

"The Western Sydney Parklands Trust will embark later this year on detailed planning and consultation for new leisure and tourism attractions, community event spaces, play areas, barbecue facilities, scenic lookouts, an enhanced bushland corridor, cafes, kiosks and specialised spaces for outdoor activities like camping," Mrs Davies said.

"This plan will help us meet the future needs of sport and recreation facilities in our growing community."