



BETTER: Fred Cook, Cr Rod Macdonald and Bellarine MP Lisa Neville try out the improved trail.

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Bellarine Rail Trail takes new steps

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THE \$230,000 upgrade to improve the Bellarine Rail Trail's amenities will be finished by the end of October, member for Bellarine Lisa Neville announced yesterday.

The upgrade is designed to improve ac-

cess and comfort for users of the recreational path and increase tourism.

"I was delighted to see the work that has already been done on this fantastic project, which is now almost completed," Ms Neville said.

"It's a popular attrac-

tion with residents from the communities it runs through, and it also attracts users from Geelong, the surrounding region and across Victoria."

The project consists of \$150,000 from the State Government, \$75,000 from the City of Greater Geelong and

\$5000 from the Friends of the Bellarine Rail Trail.

The 32 kilometre walk and cycle trail now features two shelters at Moolap and Curlewis, a shelter with a toilet at Leopold, interpretive signage, sealing 1.6km in Leopold between Christies and Melaluka roads and a car park.