



Sid Sidebottom MP ... for a fair go in Braddon

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Many benefits from Circular Head walking tracks

The launch of new walking tracks and an upgrade to the foreshore at Smithton will have many benefits says the Federal Member for Braddon Sid Sidebottom MP.

Mr Sidebottom said it was a pleasure to be officially opening the new tracks today, one of many projects in the region funded by the Rudd Government's \$250 million Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program.

The Government provided \$277,000 to the project, on top of \$130,000 from the council.

"The benefits will be threefold, with an increase in employment in Circular Head, a boost to the local economy, and ongoing benefits to the health and wellbeing of people in the region," Mr Sidebottom said.

"I congratulate Mayor Daryl Quilliam and his Council on identifying such a worthy project to make the most of the funds available.

"The Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program is part of the economic stimulus, with \$250 million shared between every council across the country for projects just like this one.

"This has allowed many councils to provide significant upgrades to local community facilities, many which would have been beyond the normal budget.

"The Council also tells me that the project has created up to 12 jobs during the construction phase, which will also boost the local economy."

The project has involved the upgrade of a number of existing pathways and construction of new walking tracks along the western and eastern side of the Duck River, including the West Esplanade Foreshore Park.

This included new boardwalks, additional seating and signage and new public toilet facilities.

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