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SOUTH WEST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION CONTINUES TO SUPPORT PROJECT OF NEED FOR KOROIT COMMUNITY.

-South West Community Foundation announces support for the Port Fairy - Warrnambool Rail Trail Committee to undertake the community BBQ project at Koroit Railway precinct.

The South West Community Foundation is continuing to champion local projects in local communities through the announcement of their support for the Port Fairy - Warrnambool Rail Trail committee to build a BBQ facility at the Koroit Railway Station precinct.

The funds have been allocated through the Koroit and District Fund of the South West Community Foundation, and it marks the first time the Foundation has offered a strategic partnership grant. The project is also supported by the Koroit Lions Club and will have a significant community benefit.

The Koroit and District Fund came about through the closure of the Koroit and District Health Service, with residual funds invested back into the community through grants for projects in Koroit and the surrounding areas.

South West Community Foundation Chair David McIntyre said: "The South West Community Foundation recognises the commitment of the Rail Trail committee to developing and maintaining the Koroit Railway precinct, and the benefit this has for the community of Koroit. South West Community Foundation has allowed many great ideas and projects to come to life and provided some incredible outcomes for the people of South West Victoria, and we are pleased to be able to support the Koroit community in such a significant way."

Chair of the Koroit and District Fund Advisory Group Brian Trotter said: "We have worked with the Rail Trail committee on a number of projects around the railway site, which has become an important community meeting place for all of Koroit. The BBQ will really enhance the site and give the Koroit community a great recreational space."

The projects supported by the Koroit and District Fund of the South West Community Foundation support the development of community projects and have previously focused on health outcomes as a legacy to the health service.

Mr McIntyre said: “The South West Community Foundation plays a key role by being able to support projects throughout the whole south west region. The beauty of these location specific funds is that they intimately know their local communities and can directly champion the work that is done by these fantastic local community organisations. It allows the South West Community Foundation to have a greater impact across the region, and really understand the projects that will serve the community best.”

The South West Community Foundation was established in 2007 and continues to foster a culture of philanthropy to strengthen communities of South-West Victoria, and it is a foundation that is often working behind the scenes to create positive impact and change.

The South West Community Foundation will announce the rest of the successful recipients of the 2021 grants program in June 2021.

For more information about the South West Community Foundation, search grant information or to contribute a tax deductible donation, please visit <https://www.southwestcommunityfoundation.org>.

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Notes to Editors

For more information on the South West Community Foundation, or to arrange interview and photography opportunities, please contact Annabel Cussen, eo@southwestcommunityfoundation.org / 0487 372 731.

About South West Community Foundation

The South West Community Foundation is a philanthropic trust created by the people of South West Victoria, for the people of South West Victoria. Our vision is Strong Community.

Established in 2007, the Foundation's Mission is to foster a culture of philanthropy to strengthen the communities of South West Victoria.

The Foundation provides small but vital grants to community organisations across the Warrnambool, Moyne, Glenelg, Southern Grampians, Corangamite and Colac Otway municipalities. More information can be found at www.southwestcommunityfoundation.org.