

Media Launch



11 November 2025

Amy Gillett Bikeway extension launch

Federal, State and Local Government representatives along with bike and rail enthusiasts, are converging on Mount Torrens to celebrate the official opening of the Amy Gillett Bikeway extension from Mt Torrens to Birdwood on Thursday 13 November.

The project extends the Amy Gillett Bikeway from Mount Torrens through to Birdwood, adding 5.7 kilometres to achieve an overall length of 22km along the old railway trail.

The launch event will celebrate the opening of the new stage with a Bike SA riding group and community riders heading through the starting line for an inaugural ride.

The trail extension includes two new creek bridges and an innovative truss bridge over the heritage Burford Hills Rail Bridge. Council is working with local history and railway groups to bring the heritage features and history of the former rail trail to life with interpretive signage and information technology.

Federal and State Government funding of \$2.6 million each and a Council contribution of \$500,000 have made the extension possible.

Adelaide Hills Council and partners also have a greater vision to create A Great Australian Wine Trail which would encompass the Amy Gillett Bikeway and connect the McLaren Vale, Adelaide Hills, Barossa and Clare wine regions.

The Bikeway commemorates the life of professional South Australian cyclist Amy Gillett who tragically lost her life on a training ride in Germany in 2005.

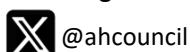
Quotes attributable to Adelaide Hills Council Acting Mayor Nathan Daniell

After many years of Council and community advocacy, I'm delighted that we have delivered Stage 4 of the Amy Gillett Bikeway.

This extension enhances an already much-loved community asset and provides a safe space for both residents and tourists to actively explore our beautiful Hills countryside.

This is undoubtedly my favourite part of the bikeway, winding almost entirely through rural farming, grape growing and natural bushland.

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Adelaide Hills Council, together with our regional partners, also has a bold vision to establish the Great Australian Wine Trail — a 280-kilometre network connecting the Clare Valley, Barossa Valley, Adelaide Hills, Eden Valley and McLaren Vale.

This initiative will link some of the nation's most celebrated wine regions, inviting visitors to actively explore South Australia's renowned wine and food offerings.

It's an ambitious project that will help drive regional tourism, boost local economies, and showcase our state as Australia's premier destination for wine and cycling experiences.

Media Call

**10:30am, Thursday 13 November,
Oval Road, Mount Torrens (see map below)**

Media Opportunities at the launch

- **Speeches:** Nathan Daniell Acting Mayor Adelaide Hills Council (AHC), Rebekha Sharkie MP Member for Mayo, Amy Gillett's parents Mary and Denis Safe
- **VIP attendance:** Ashton Hurn MP Member for Shubert, Nathan Daniell Acting Mayor AHC, Greg Georgopoulos CEO AHC, David Leach Mayor Mt Barker, Councillor Kathryn Schilling Barossa Council, Sue Bowman CEO Bike SA, Stella Biggs CEO Adelaide Hills Tourism
- **Start of the inaugural ride with riders from Bike SA and the local community convening for the official VIP start and ride**
- **Representatives from Adelaide Hills Council, Barossa Council and Mt Barker Council in support of the Great Australian Wine Trail project**
- **Free coffee cart, juice and fruit – 40 rsvp guests, riders/public attendance 50+ people**
- **Video, Drone footage and launch/pathway/construction photographs available on request**

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Location Notes:

The Amy Gillet pathway launch site is a 50-metre walk (red outline below) from the car park (blue outline below). Please enter the carpark through the gate, just off Oval Road.

