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Safe Path Crossings a Priority for Council Candidate

Whipstick Ward candidate Dave Fagg has called for safer road crossings to connect off-road walking and cycling paths throughout Bendigo.

Mr Fagg said:

“The Greater Bendigo council wants people to get active by using our network of off-road paths, and walking and cycling are the top two ways we get regular exercise. But many road crossings are so unsafe that people are discouraged from using them.”

Resident and community volunteer Deb Wylie is particularly concerned about the Creeth St crossing in Long Gully, which provides to the area’s splash park and recreation reserve.

“There are so many cars and trucks that use this road. I sometimes have to wait more than 10 minutes to cross the road. It’s great that lots of people use this path. But at the moment you take your life in your hands.”

Mr Fagg submitted a budget submission to council on the Creeth St crossing with the Long Gully Neighbourhood Centre, and wants council to find a way to make the crossing safe.

“Council and Vic Roads need to work together to overcome safety issues in relation to off-road paths and cycle tracks,” said Mr Fagg.

Mr Fagg said he supported the council’s Walking and Cycling Strategy, but wanted faster implementation of measures such as seating, refurbishment of surfaces, solar lighting, and an extension of the trail from Epsom to Huntly.

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Mr Fagg is available for media interviews and photo opportunities upon request.

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