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SP AusNet unveils Maiden Gully Power Path

Victoria's electricity transmission network owner SP AusNet has continued to strengthen links with local communities with the completion of a new \$30,000 sustainable walking track in Maiden Gully today.

The track, unveiled as the 'Maiden Gully Power Path', is designed to increase the biodiversity in the area and provide ongoing environmental benefits for local school children and the community.

SP AusNet spokesperson Joe Adamo said the 'Maiden Gully Power Path' was a collaborative sustainable project by SP AusNet, Maiden Gully Primary School, Parks Victoria and the City of Greater Bendigo.

"This has been an all-inclusive effort by many organisations and demonstrates a positive example of SP AusNet's community and stakeholder engagement program.

"In addition to now making the transmission easement safe and secure, 'The 'Maiden Gully Power Path' has enabled an improvement in the local environment for future generations on how to live with electricity," Mr Adamo said.

Students from the primary school were invited to participate in a competition to name the path, with the two students who contributed to the naming of the track presented with a family pass to the Melbourne Zoo.

Assistant Principal of Maiden Gully Primary School, Mr John Bloomfield said he was delighted with the work carried out was looking forward to the school students receiving the ongoing benefits, particularly through the utilisation of a new frog pond.

"It has taken the efforts of many organisations and people to work together and complete this project. A number of people worked tirelessly to make this a reality and we are very grateful they have accommodated for a mix of users of the track.

"We'd also like to give special thanks to SP AusNet, without their involvement and foresight, the transmission easement restoration would just not have been possible," Mr Bloomfield said.

The day also included planting of around 350 new plants by school children, parents and teachers along the new track involving appropriate low semi-aquatic sedge and native grass as well as low shrub/herb species in and around the basin.

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