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STAGE 1 OF WOLLONGONG'S \$3.76 MILLION SCENIC PROMENADE OPENED

Stage 1 of the beautiful scenic promenade, stretching from Brighton Lawn to Georges Place, has been opened today in time for the holiday season.

Sharon Bird, Federal Member for Cunningham, was on hand today to officially open the pedestrian walkway, with Mr David Farmer, General Manager of Wollongong City Council.

Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Regional Development and Local Government Anthony Albanese said the Rudd Labor Government contributed \$2.9 million in funding to the Wollongong City Council for this project as part of the Economic Stimulus Plan.

“Works included replacement of the old narrow, uneven footpath along the east side of Cliff Road Wollongong, with a widened promenade,” Ms Bird said.

“The widened promenade includes suspended paths, viewing decks, safer handrails, landscaping and improved lighting — creating a major scenic walk in the Illawarra.

“Stage 2 will commence in after summer in 2010, and will extend the construction to North Beach.”

“Once the project is completed, it will provide a link between the tourist precincts of Wollongong Harbour and North Wollongong Beach, along the east side of Cliff Road.”

Mr Albanese said that in partnership with every council in the country, the Rudd Government is delivering more than 3,300 small and larger scale building projects like this one, including new and refurbished public libraries, sporting facilities, parks and playgrounds, and child care centres.

“In fact, we’re making the single largest federal investment in community infrastructure through the more than \$1 billion Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program,” Mr Albanese said.

The Program’s remaining \$220 million will be made available to councils in coming months, with Wollongong City Council set to receive at least \$900,000.

“This additional funding will support more local jobs and rebuild additional vital community infrastructure,” Mr Albanese said.

Ms Bird congratulated the Wollongong City Council and the local community for helping deliver this important community facility and helping to build a stronger region for the future.

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