



**Media Release**

**12 October 2021**

## **Big win for Gagebrook community**

Brighton Council has secured \$620,000 in Federal Government funding to deliver an exciting new community space with MONA, as part of a major overhaul of a popular local park.

The Council secured the money under the Building Better Region Fund grant program towards its \$1.26 million Gagebrook Renewal Project.

Council partnered with MONA and community housing provider Centacare Evolve Housing, who are also contributing financially, to deliver the major redevelopment of Cris Fitzpatrick Park on Tottenham Road in Gagebrook.

The project will deliver significant new park facilities including the construction of MONA's Bond Place Classroom: an architecturally designed, free community space offering a permanent undercover, weather-proof classroom for community activities, meals, events and classes.

The new Bond Place Classroom will boost the delivery of activities for local residents, school students and community groups from one day per week to between 3 and 5 days per week.

"This is such an exciting project for Gagebrook and the wider community," said Brighton Mayor Leigh Gray.

"The local community was consulted about what they wanted to see happen with this park and securing this new government funding means those hopes can now become a reality."

The State Government also committed \$250k towards the project during the recent state election.

"Our recent 2050 Vision identified the importance of building strong positive relationships, partnerships and collaborations in creating a better future for our community," Mr Gray said.

"This funding success for this transformative project, partnering with MONA, Centacare Evolve and both tiers of government, proves the value of this approach."

Mr Gray said the project would dramatically improve mobility for Gagebrook and Herdsmans Cove residents while delivering fantastic new park facilities.

"It will also allow MONA to expand their much-loved Bond Place precinct, affectionately known as Bondy, and all the wonderful community events and activities that happen there.

"This project brings to life every part of our 2050 Vision: a thriving place, a proud community, a good life at every age, a comfortable home, a caring council and a sustainable environment."

-----



**Ends**

Media contact: Brighton Council Mayor Leigh Gray: 0488 390 115