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Community votes for winning Adelaide Hills ideas

A performing arts centre catering for children with special needs and the development of family-friendly mountain bike trails are the two winning ideas chosen by the public in the second Fund My Idea grant round.

Regional Development Minister, Geoff Brock said that almost 6000 votes were registered on the YourSAy website with 72 projects suggested by the community.

“Fund My Idea for the Adelaide Hills, Mount Barker and Alexandrina council areas has attracted a record number of votes from local projects suggested by the community,” Mr Brock said.

“The number of great projects suggested by people living in that region indicates a terrific energy for new ideas – something which is confirmed by the conversations I have every time I visit our regions.

“The two winning projects were voted into those positions by the public.”

The ‘Rokit Rocks the Adelaide Hills’ project will build a new purpose-built performing arts studio in the heart of Mount Barker. Rokit Performing Arts will lead the project through grant funding of \$31,470 after receiving 809 votes.

The ‘Fox Creek Mountain Bike Park Trail Extension’ will create trails for intermediate cyclists and develop family oriented park facilities. The Human Projectile Mountain Bike Club will lead this project, in conjunction with Bike SA and Forestry SA, and have been awarded grant funding of \$18,530 with a total of 791 votes.

“Both projects will boost their local economy through using local suppliers and contractors for construction work, as well as flow-on economic benefits over time,” Mr Brock said.

“Rokit Performing Arts develops its classes and programs for people aged 6 months to 99 years in response to community needs.

“The grant will enable the group to install a sprung floor – essential for students’ comfort and safety—as well as a selection of therapy equipment for special needs students, and further train staff to continue and expand their work building students’ confidence and skills.

“The Human Projectile Mountain Bike Club, together with partners Bike SA and Forestry SA, will use their grant for the further development of the Fox Creek Mountain Bike Park.

“The park currently has established trails for advanced riders and a Children’s / Beginner’s trail is under construction.

“The grant will allow for the creation of trails for intermediate riders – in particular cyclists aged 12 to 18 – as well as developing family-oriented park facilities, including playground equipment for those who are not riding,” Mr Brock said.

The Country Cabinet ‘Fund My Idea’ program is part of the enhanced \$15 million Regional Development Fund.

The program is providing \$150,000 each year for the next four years to regions hosting a Country Cabinet meeting with three meetings to be held each year.