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CO-OPERATION PROVIDES COMMUNITY WIN, WIN

- **Eden Hills car park set to re-open**
- **ARTC, Council and State Government working together**

The Eden Hills community will soon regain access to a parcel of Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) land, thanks to positive collaboration between all parties.

The area, adjacent to the railway line off Willora Road, Eden Hills, was being used as a makeshift carpark and ARTC was required to close it as it posed a risk to passing trains.

The City of Mitcham has been working proactively with ARTC and the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) to re-open the space and will project manage the work.

Jamie Threader, Melbourne – Crystal Brook Corridor Manager, ARTC, said the agreement is an example of cooperation resulting in a positive outcome for the community.

“We will lease the land to Council, allowing them to manage it and ARTC will fund the installation of a new fence to help keep the community safe,” Mr Threader said.

Glenn Spear, Mayor, City of Mitcham said they recognised commuters accessing the Eden Hills Train Station and parents accessing the Eden Hills Primary School were heavy users of the area.

“We have agreed to fund the cost of preparing the site and laying a rubble surface, making it easier for all vehicles to access it,” Mr Spear said.

The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) will fund a bitumen entrance in a safer location, removal of vegetation and a concrete kerb to improve safety.

DPTI has a strong community focus and is pleased to work in collaboration with ARTC and Mitcham Council in the best interests of residents to deliver such a positive community outcome.

Works will begin in the area this week and, weather dependent, be complete by July.

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