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Cyclist wins Bayside Council payout

A CYCLIST has been awarded $229,000 after a sickening accident on a Beach Rd path left him permanently injured.

John Monty successfully sued Bayside Council for negligence after his bike hit the bluestone edge of a Black Rock path, throwing him into a steel post.

Almost the eyelid and hearing.

The 57-year-old required repair and try to

“I do not know how I survived it,” Mr Monty said.

The former Parkdale resident, who was wearing a helmet, was returning home after a Sunday ride to Sandringham when the accident occurred at Quiet Corner, south of Fourth St. A wind gust caused his bike to veer to the left, the front wheel hitting the bluestone.

County Court Judge Phillip Coish ruled the council breached its duty of care by approving installation of the bluestone edge, which was a “significant hazard”.

Judge Coish said a fence, warning signs and safety inspections could have alleviated the risk.

Source: Bayside Leader Newspaper

• Cannot close left eyelid
• Facial Palsy
• Impaired Shoulder
• Hearing Loss
• 10 days in hospital
• 2 operations
Bike victim settles lawsuit

A BORONIA cyclist who became a quadriplegic after a crash with another rider on a bike path settled his lawsuit against defendants including Knox Council last Friday.

Before the settlement, the Supreme Court heard Vladimir Koubek was riding on the left side of the bike track along Pambula Creek on November 21, 2004, when he saw a car rounding the bend.

The car was driven by Robert Port. Koubek was thrown into the path of the car, which hit him.

Mr Koubek was suing Mr Port over the accident as well as Knox Council, which designed the tunnel, Maroondah Council, whose predecessor, City of Croydon, built and maintained the tunnel, and Melbourne Water, which owns the land.

Mr Koubek's solicitor, Barrie Wollacott, of Slater & Gordon, said the parties to the legal proceeding had reached an agreement, subject to confidentiality. "We alleged the path was badly designed and was not in compliance with the construction guidelines that operate throughout Australia."

Mr Wollacott said the path was made more dangerous by vegetation and shrub overgrowth.

"Councils and those authorities responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of these paths and construction of new paths really have a high level of responsibility to those who use the paths, to make sure they are properly maintained."

He said people should not "take things for granted and assume it's safe".

"You need to take appropriate precautions to make sure you're not placed in danger."

Mr Wollacott said his client was relieved the legal proceedings were finally over after six years.

None of the defendants were found liable.

Mr Koubek and Knox Council refused to comment.

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Parks Victoria warned of Vermont South track's danger before death

PARKS Victoria was warned about a dangerous stretch of bicycle track two years before it claimed a father-of-four's life.

Experienced cyclist Philip Davies, 50, was on his weekly ride with his wife when he failed to negotiate a turn on the Dandenong Creek trail in Vermont South.

Police said Mr Davies, off the elevated boardwalk on Sunday, May 2.

Bicycle Victoria facilitator said he told Parks Victoria the elevated boardwalk track was dangerous in late 2008.

Mr den Hollander said wooden tracks were slippery, sometimes even in dry conditions, and this was compounded at this stretch because it was littered with sharp twists and turns.

He said he showed Parks Victoria representatives the stretch of track and recommended a safety upgrade in late 2008 before the nearby EastLink trail opened.

"Bitumen or concrete is a far safer surface for bikes," Mr den Hollander said.

"It is quite an old track and there is no way if we were building it today it would be built like that."

The track has chicken wire to provide some grip for cyclists, but it does not have a safety railing.

A Parks Victoria spokeswoman said it would not make a comment until the coroner’s report was released.

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- Customer Feedback
- Safety Audit
  - Feasibility
  - Design
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1. Path Width

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2. Alignment – Horizontal and Vertical
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3. Intersections
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1. Clearances – Horizontal and Vertical
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2. Obstacles within the path
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3 Existing Conditions Problems

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3. User Mix

Dog owners’ obligations in off-leash areas:
- All dogs must be properly restrained by way of a choke collar or neck harness at all times when within a designated off-leash area.
- Dogs must also be under effective voice control at all times and kept on a leash does not exceed 1.5m in length.
- Dogs must not be left unattended within 20m of other dogs, children or animals.
- Cleaning up after your dog is your responsibility; it is illegal to leave dog feces in any public place.
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Leash requirements:
- Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times.

Traffic planning and transport engineering:
- Road safety considerations.
- Traffic impact assessments.
- Transport planning.

City of Glen Eira
Your guide to on and off-leash locations.

Dog off-leash areas:
- Dogs provide companionship and mental stimulation for people of all ages.
- Owning a dog can help reduce stress, improve physical health, and provide hours of fun, relaxation, happiness, and unconditional love.
- However, dogs and their owners must be considerate of other park users.

Where to exercise your dog:
The City of Glen Eira recognizes that dog off-leash areas are beneficial for the health and wellbeing of dogs. While this area is designated as an off-leash area, please ensure that it remains clean and free of litter.

Cleaning up after your dog:
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