

## Funding Secured for Gippsland Trails and Tracks Feasibility Study

South Gippsland Shire Mayor Councillor Lorraine Brunt accepted funding for the Gippsland Trails and Tracks – Feasibility Study from the Prime Minister of Australia Hon. Malcolm Turnbull MP on Thursday at Gippsland Rotary Centenary House, Traralgon.

The Federal Government provided \$66,664 in funding towards the study through the Regional Jobs and Investment Package Local Infrastructure Grants Latrobe Valley Stream.

The Gippsland Trails and Tracks – Feasibility Study will guide tracks and trails across the Gippsland region to support recreation and tourism. The project will be designed to deliver a renewed avenue to attract visitors into the region and deliver an outstanding visitor experience.

South Gippsland Shire Council was the lead agency in making the application on behalf of the Gippsland Local Government Network, Destination Gippsland and Bicycle Victoria. Council and its project partners all committed \$8,333 each in funding for the project and will provide in-kind resources to assist in the project design and delivery.

South Gippsland Shire Mayor Councillor Lorraine Brunt was honoured to accept the funding from the Prime Minister.

“It was an absolute pleasure to represent South Gippsland on behalf of the project partners as we accepted funding from the Prime Minister of Australia Malcolm Turnbull for the Gippsland Trails and Tracks – Feasibility Study.

“Gippsland’s visitor economy generates an estimated \$2.8 billion through direct and indirect expenditure each year. It is our aim that this study will help build on the nature based tourism for the region, positioning us with a stronger economy for the future,” said the Mayor.

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