



Great Southern Rail Trail Projects

Summary

The Great Southern Rail Trail Projects include the:

- Leongatha to Korumburra link; and
- Korumburra to Nyora extension and beyond

Since the complete closure of the rail line between Dandenong and Port Albert in 1994 various sections have been developed into a rail trail. At present the Great Southern Rail Trail stretches 71 kilometres from Leongatha to Port Welshpool. The trail is an important contributor to the local and regional economy, attracting a large number of tourists.

The Great Southern Rail Trail Projects will further enhance the economic and community benefits of the Great Southern Rail Trail and claim the title of the longest rail trail in Victoria while raising the profile of the region.

Vision

Council is working with Cardinia Shire Council and City of Casey to extend the trail at its western end, with a 76 Kilometre extension linking Leongatha and Clyde, in Melbourne's outer southern growth corridor. The proposal also includes the establishment of a 21 kilometre spur line linking Nyora to Woolamai located in Bass Coast Shire Council.

There is vision is to develop an unbroken rail trail of 168 kilometres connecting Melbourne's outer south-eastern suburbs to the regional township of Yarram in Wellington Shire Council, becoming Australia's longest rail trail.

The Great Southern Rail Trail Projects will enhance tourism opportunities in South Gippsland.





Our Next Steps

Our Request

Council requires \$3 million in funding from other levels of government to complete the project

Council has committed \$3 million to the overall project and requires the additional \$3 million for costs as follows:

- Leongatha to Korumburra - \$3 million
- Korumburra to Nyora - \$3 million
- Total projects cost - \$6 million

South Gippsland Shire Council has recently signed a lease with VicTrack from Leongatha to Nyora for the development of a rail trail.

The final draft of the Cost Benefit Analysis and Economic Impact Assessment for the overall development of the Great Southern Rail Trail Extension has been completed in partnership with neighboring Councils. An Infrastructure Assessment for the rail trail from Leongatha to Korumburra is in the final stages of completion.

The project is shovel ready with works able to begin within four months of securing funding.

Proposed Great Gippsland Trail

The Great Southern Rail Trail will form part of a proposed iconic regional signature trail the Great Gippsland Trail. The creation of the proposed multipurpose trail would contain elements of many existing trails marketed as the Great Gippsland Trail.

The concept of the trail sets a vision for connection between Gippsland's main towns and experiences with bike friendly trail options.

