



Gippsland Tracks and Trails Feasibility Study Endorsed

South Gippsland Shire Council endorsed the Gippsland Tracks and Trails Feasibility Study at its meeting yesterday.

The Gippsland Local Government Network developed the study to provide an assessment of trails across the region and make recommendations to improve the current trails-based experiences.

The study compliments Council's long-term vision to develop Australia's longest rail trail in partnership with adjoining municipal councils, which would extend from Clyde to Yarram.

This strengthens Council's position for pending funding applications for the expansion of this facility by extending the rail trail an additional 36km towards Melbourne from Leongatha to Nyora.

Grant applications have been submitted requesting \$500,000 through Regional Development Victoria for the Leongatha to Korumburra section, and a further \$800,000 through Sport and Recreation Victoria for the Korumburra to Nyora section.

Similar endorsements will also be undertaken by Baw Baw Shire Council, Bass Coast Shire Council, East Gippsland Shire Council, Latrobe City Council, and Wellington Shire Council to support the project.

South Gippsland Shire's Chair Administrator Julie Eisenbise was proud to endorse the feasibility study and have the support of other local Councils for the Great Southern Rail Trail extension.

"Council is proud to endorse the Gippsland Tracks and Trails Feasibility Study and we are thankful that our Council neighbours are equally supporting of our vision for the Great Southern Rail Trail.

"The current climate highlights just how important local recreational facilities are and it is our hope that the State Government looks favourably on our current funding applications so we can get on with further rail trail development," said Ms Eisenbise.

Those wishing to view the Gippsland Tracks and Trails Feasibility Study can visit Council's website www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/strategies

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