

The Great Southern Bale Trail is ready to launch

The Great Southern Bale Trail (GSBT) is a six-installation art trail in South Gippsland that combines art and agriculture. Each installation is made from hay bales, old farm machinery, fencing or sheds and is based around the theme of 'seasonal cycles'.

All of the art works are located on South Gippsland farms and are visible from the roadside. Some of the installations have been created by the farmers themselves, while others have been created by local artists on the farm properties. The installations are innovative in their use of farm materials and all artists have taken a different approach to the project which makes the Great Southern Bale Trail truly unique.

The installations will be visible from South Gippsland roadsides from Monday 19 April until 30 June 2021. There is no cost to view the art works. More information about the artists, the farmers and where to view the installations is available at: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/GSBT

The Great Southern Bale Trail is being delivered as part of South Gippsland Shire Council's \$2M COVID-19 Community Support Package.

Quotes attributable to South Gippsland Shire Council Chair Administrator, Julie Eisenbise

"The Great Southern Bale Trail showcases the work of talented South Gippsland artists and draws attention to our very important agricultural sector. The artists' ability to take old farm machinery and materials and transform them into creative installations is inspiring. We hope that people will take the time to view the installations and would like to thank the artists for their creations and the farmers for hosting each of the art works."

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