

Great Southern Rail Trail Extension Funded

The Great Southern Rail Trail will be extended between Welshpool and Alberton following an announcement on Wednesday by the Victorian Minister for Regional Development, Mary-Anne Thomas.

Six million in funding has been allocated for construction of the 21 kilometre trail extension which will complement the extension works currently underway between Nyora and Leongatha. Once the new sections are complete the Great Southern Rail trail will span 135 kilometres from Nyora through to Yarram making it one of the longest rail trails in Australia.

Wellington Shire Council will coordinate the project with South Gippsland Shire Council supporting.

The project will provide connection between communities and is expected to be a popular drawcard for visitors and a great recreation asset.

Quote attributable to South Gippsland Shire Council Chair Administrator, Julie Eisenbise:

“We were delighted to hear the announcement by the State Government that the Welshpool to Alberton section of the Great Southern Rail Trail (GSRT) has been funded. Increasing the length of the trail will help to connect even more townships and provide tourism opportunities for both regions. We look forward to working closely with Wellington Shire Council on this exciting new project”.