

HUME REGION SIGNIFICANT TRACKS & TRAILS STRATEGY

FINAL STRATEGY RELEASED

After significant consultation with key stakeholders, organisations and individuals, the Hume Region Significant Tracks and Trails Strategy has now been completed and endorsed. The document is an important strategic plan that will inform further infrastructure development and identifies specific areas to be addressed to create an improved visitor experience, and provide opportunities for business development and partnerships to deliver economic, tourism, environmental, health and lifestyle benefits to the region.

KEY TRACK / TRAIL DEVELOPMENTS PROPOSED

The following 23 track / trail developments have been identified as key priorities in the Hume region (in no particular order):

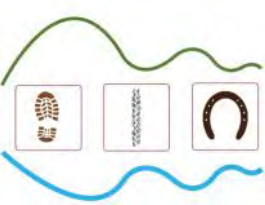
- ◆ Winton Wetlands
- ◆ Bright to Harrietville
- ◆ Falls to Hotham Alpine Crossing
- ◆ Beechworth to Yackandandah
- ◆ Oxley to Whitfield
- ◆ Wandong to Heathcote
- ◆ Wandiligong HVP MTB Trail Network
- ◆ Falls Creek to Mt Beauty MTB Trail
- ◆ High Country Rail Trail Wodonga CBD
- ◆ Mt Stirling Horse Trail
- ◆ Wahgunyah to Lake Moodemere
- ◆ Lake Mountain to Marysville MTB
- ◆ Wodonga to Tallangatta Sealing
- ◆ Alexandra to Eildon
- ◆ Yackandandah to Huon
- ◆ Bonegilla to Lake Hume
- ◆ Barmah Canoe Trail
- ◆ Tallarook to Seymour
- ◆ Chiltern to Rutherglen
- ◆ Yarrawonga to Echuca
- ◆ Alexandra to Rubicon
- ◆ Shepparton to Seymour River Trail
- ◆ Old Tallangatta to Corryong

QUICK SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

In addition to identifying 23 new tracks / trails or upgrades to existing tracks / trails, the strategy also identified some key areas that need to be addressed in order to improve the quality of the experience for track / trail users and the overall planning, design and management of tracks / trails in the Hume region. These issues include:

Governance and communication
 Management and maintenance
 Communication structures
 Resources
 Marketing
 Signage and wayfinding
 Risk management
 Research and data collection

Business / private sector development
 Planning
 Trail design and planning
 Visitor experience
 Events
 Public transport access
 Universal design
 New opportunities



WHERE TO GET A COPY OF THE STRATEGY

A copy of the Final Strategy, along with an executive summary, maps and appendices can be found on the Regional Development Victoria website:

<http://www.rdv.vic.gov.au> and on individual Local Government Authority and Alpine Resort Management websites throughout the Hume region.

Hard copies of the Strategy may be available at Regional Development Victoria, Local Government and Alpine Resort Management offices for viewing.

THANK YOU TO ALL INVOLVED

On behalf of the Hume Region Significant Tracks and Trails Steering Committee, we would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Strategy in some way, i.e. by attending meetings, attending workshops, filling out surveys, preparing written submissions and providing feedback and information to support the recommendations.

PROJECT PARTNERS



WHERE TO FROM HERE?

The first action within the Strategy involves the establishment of a Hume Region Significant Tracks and Trails Committee to oversee the implementation of the recommendations. This committee will include representation from the following organisations: Local Government, Alpine Resort Management Boards, State Government, Tourism Bodies and the community.

Meeting annually, the Hume Region Significant Tracks and Trails Strategy Committee will use the strategy to support land managers (Local Government Authorities, State Government Agencies, and other key stakeholders) to seek funding and resources to develop, enhance, and upgrade regionally significant tracks and trails in accordance with the recommendations contained within the Strategy. The Committee will also review the Hume Region Significant Tracks and Trails Strategy every three years.

- ◆ Hume Regional Development Australia
- ◆ Regional Development Victoria
- ◆ Alpine Shire Council
- ◆ Benalla Rural City Council
- ◆ Greater Shepparton City Council
- ◆ Indigo Shire Council
- ◆ Mansfield Shire Council
- ◆ Mitchell Shire Council
- ◆ Moira Shire Council
- ◆ Murrindindi Shire Council
- ◆ Strathbogie Shire Council
- ◆ Towong Shire Council
- ◆ Rural City of Wangaratta Council
- ◆ Wodonga City Council
- ◆ Mt Buller & Mt Stirling, Falls Creek, Mt Hotham and Lake Mountain Alpine Resorts.
- ◆ Parks Victoria
- ◆ Department of Environment & Primary Industries