



Peninsula Trail

A trail for everyone!

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for the Peninsula!



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What we are asking

Our community has told us they want a connected walking and cycling trail across the Mornington Peninsula – linking towns, coast and hinterland.

We're building more than just a path! We're creating a trail experience. From Moorooduc, there will be 8.3 km of continuous trail to Mornington and connecting to Melbourne. It will create a green corridor – linking the hinterland to the foreshore.

Much of the Peninsula Trail is already in place, but there are several missing links that need to be constructed. Together with funding from Victorian and federal governments, the 4.7km Somerville to Baxter section is funded and under construction.

The Moorooduc to Mornington section is one of our next priorities, connecting Melbourne to the key activity centre of Mornington and the Briars at Mt Martha via existing paths.

\$14M total funding is required for the 8.3km alignment between Mornington and Moorooduc. An estimated economic output during the construction phase of this section is \$17.67M and will support 42 jobs.



KEY POINTS

- \$14M funding required to deliver 8.3KM Moorooduc to Mornington section
- critical section to connect the Mornington Peninsula to Melbourne
- \$17.67M economic benefit and 47 full time jobs during construction
- Tourism and business opportunities
- Active Transport – enables '20-minute neighbourhoods' and reducing the reliance on cars
- Promotes improved health and wellbeing
- Celebrates cultural heritage

What makes the Peninsula Trail unique

The Peninsula Trail project has the potential to become Australia's newest scenic trail – a state significant asset with international appeal – boosting tourism and strengthening the Mornington Peninsula's brand as a leading cycling and walking destination.

The completed 170km Peninsula Trail is an important step in closing the gaps in Melbourne's Bay Trail, creating a fully connected off-road cycling route from the mouth of the Yarra in Port Melbourne to the entrance of Port Phillip, linking to the Bellarine Peninsula and Bass Coast ferry network. A second branch will take cyclists to Westen Port.

Why is Moorooduc to Mornington important and a priority

The current path from Melbourne finishes abruptly at Moorooduc Station. Nearly 4000 people have already signed a petition to have the trail extended to Mornington.

The biodiversity assessment is being finalised for the Moorooduc to Mornington section, after which detailed design will commence. The project is ready for government investment.



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Adjoining this trail section are several schools with around 3000 students, a growing population of nearly 30,000, several retirement villages, three major sports precincts, and two major shopping centres. Residents in Mornington have limited safe active transport options, with few footpaths, shared paths and no bike paths.

Pending the results of the biodiversity assessment, part of the proposed alignment will follow the popular Mornington Tourist Railway corridor, through grassy woodland for a picturesque trail experience. As envisaged in the State Parklands Plan it will connect major open spaces such as Mount Eliza Regional Park, Emil Madsen Reserve, Narambi Reserve and Wetlands as well as Mornington Station, Tanti Creek and Bushland Reserve and Dallas Brooks Reserve.

The project presents opportunities for weed management and revegetation.

The benefits – supporting evidence and strategies

The entire Peninsula Trail project will generate a total economic output of \$111 million and support 267 full-time jobs during construction.

The trail from Moorooduc to Mornington aligns with significant government priorities including:

- Frankston to Mornington Parklands Plan, 2025 – the project proposes a green corridor, linking the foreshore to the hinterland.
- Victorian Cycling Strategy 2018–2028 commitment to walking and cycling infrastructure.

- Department of Transport Strategic Cycling Corridor and Principal Bicycle Network, which identifies local towns.
- Experience Victoria 2033 strategic plan, specifically the wellness and nature pillars.
- Federal government's Thrive 2030 Re-Imagined Visitor Economy and the objectives of Cycling and Walking Australia and New Zealand.

Our local partners play an important role in the Peninsula Trail project:

Bicycle Network, Rail Trails Australia and Victoria Walks support the project for helping to contribute to respective visions of more people walking and cycling.

Bunurong Traditional Owners are helping to shape trail design, visitor information and stories promoting Aboriginal culture and the wider community's sense of place and cultural identity.

Eight Mornington Peninsula's Rotary Clubs are working with Council to support the project through community-led capital enhancements such as landscaping, furniture and rest stops. Mt Eliza and Mornington Rotary Club have already undertaken related projects in anticipation of the trail.

The project has the support of schools, businesses, tourism associations, recreation clubs, Mornington Tourist Railway and community action groups including Mornington Community SafeLink.

