



Funding to Elevate the Great Southern Rail Trail

South Gippsland Shire Council has been successful in securing a \$100,000 grant to enhance the status of the Great Southern Rail Trail as a leading tourist attraction for our region. The Rail Trail Activation Project is one of 27 projects to be funded under the Victorian Government's *Council Support Package*.

The Project will include the following elements:

- Public art work at the South Gippsland Highway underpass at the Black Spur (Koonwarra) section of the Trail.
- Development and installation of interpretive signage at the Black Spur (Koonwarra) section of the Trail.
- Development and facilitation of a Trail brochure including interactive passport, stamps and map.
- A public event to promote and celebrate the Trail.

All projects are expected to be completed by 30 June 2026, aiming to deliver lasting benefits for residents and visitors, encouraging active living throughout the region.

The funding announcement was made by the Minister for Regional Development, Gayle Tierney, who emphasised the importance of investing in regional Victoria to increase economic activity and give people more reasons to visit and stay in our regional areas.

Quote attributable to South Gippsland Shire Mayor, Clare Williams:

"We are pleased to have received this funding that will provide additional benefits for Great Southern Rail Trail users and reinforce its significance as a key South Gippsland visitor attraction. Thank you to the Victorian Government for their support of this project. We look forward to sharing more of our region with visitors from both near and far."

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