

Five Towns Trail Project Stage 1, Feasibility Study



Introduction

Back in June 2009 a large number of local residents from Marysville and Triangle attended a Phoenix Workshop hosted by the Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority (VBRRA) in partnership with Marysville and Triangle Development Group (MATDG) and a range of local and state government stakeholders.

One of the key community projects identified in the workshop was the idea of a shared trail to connect the fire-affected villages of Marysville, Taggerty, Buxton, Narbethong and Granton - a trail linking communities within the five towns of the triangle.

The community expressed the hope that the trail would help with recovery and individual and community wellbeing; promote communication within the five fire-affected communities and surrounding areas; and provide a recreational space for individuals and families.

Those at the workshop also felt it would play an important part in helping to reconnect local communities with their natural environment as well as providing safe and environmentally sustainable travel between local towns.

The project was approved in principle by the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund (VBAF) as the 'Triangle Walking Trail' and funds set aside as part of the 'Rebuilding Together' plan.

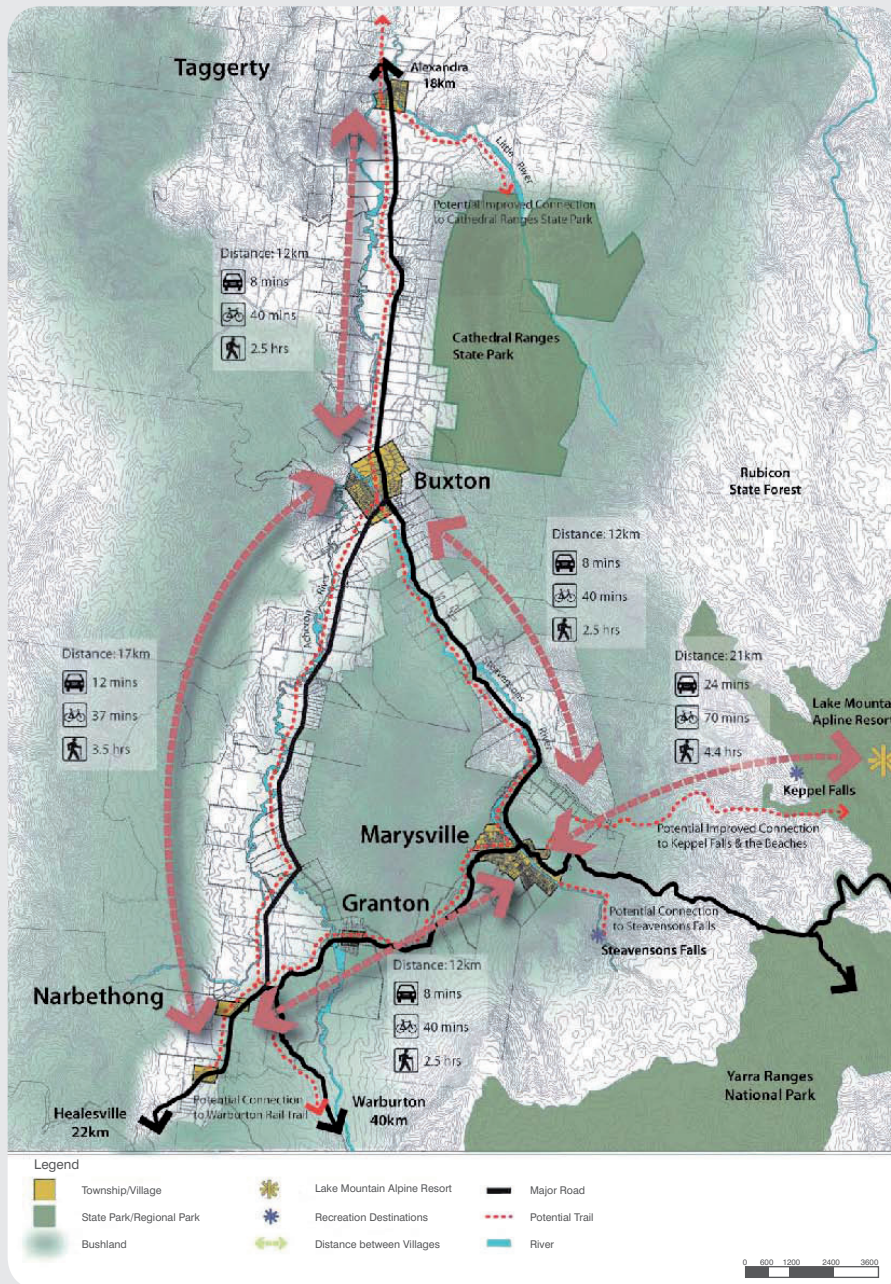
However due to its scale and cost and its importance to the community, a feasibility study is being conducted to look at total costs and possible routes and as part of that, community input is strongly sought.

Project Timeline and Methodology

Community and stakeholder engagement is an integral part of the feasibility study. There will be a number of opportunities for local people to meet with the Working Group and to walk through different sections of the proposed trail in late April, as well as an Open Community Workshop on 29 April at Marysville Golf Club. It involves active engagement with the Murrindindi Shire Council and key community groups.

The project milestones for the first stage of community engagement are broadly set below.

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| 27 April | Workshop with regional land manager agencies
Workshop with Murrindindi Shire Council staff
Meet with key community groups
Meet with Marysville and Triangle Community Recovery Committee (CRC) |
| 28 April | Walk and talk with Buxton residents about trail ideas
Walk and talk with Taggerty residents about trail ideas
Walk and talk with Granton residents about trail ideas
Walk and talk with Narbethong residents about trail ideas |
| 29 April | Walk and talk with Marysville residents about trail ideas
Open Community Workshop between 6-8pm at Marysville Golf Club |
| 30 April | Meet with Marysville and Triangle Development Group (MATDG)
Follow-up discussions with other key stakeholders and site visits as needed |



Triangle Trail Map

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