

## **Marysville DSE update**

Work on important Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) bushfire recovery and reconstruction projects is progressing well.

Reconstruction of the main access road and car park at Steavenson Falls is now complete.

Contractors engaged by the Murrindindi Shire Council completed the sealing of Falls Road just as the first major snow fall of the season began.

While the scenic reserve remains closed to the public, the road works are a significant milestone for the project.

The reserve will remain closed until stage one of the project, including upgrade of the main walking path to the Falls and new lookout platform at the base of the Falls is complete.

Stage one is expected to be completed by the end of the August.

Stage two of the Steavenson Falls project will see the remaining visitor facilities restored and enhanced.

Walking trails in the Marysville State Forest have been reviewed following Black Saturday with version two of the draft masterplan now on display at both Marysville Central and the Marysville DSE Office.

Public comment from version one has been considered and version two has been drafted incorporating this feedback.

The masterplan aims to link Marysville's walking trails to the town's tourist attractions.

Many of the existing trails will be repaired and new sections of trail constructed to create walking loops that link key natural attractions, with the emphasis on enhancing the network to better accommodate multiple users including walkers, and bike and horse riders.

The project will not close any existing vehicle or management tracks, however some sections of trail may be realigned to provide an improved visitor experience.

People still wishing to make comment on the walking trails masterplan are invited to do so.

The projects are funded by the Victorian and Commonwealth governments' "Rebuilding Together" – Statewide Bushfire Recovery Plan, announced last October.

For further information about any of these projects please contact the DSE Marysville Office on 03 5957 7111.