



MANSFIELD SHIRE



GOULBURN RIVER
HIGH COUNTRY
RAIL TRAIL

TALLAROOK-YEA-ALEXANDRA-MANSFIELD

Goulburn River High Country Rail Trail

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Project Overview

The Goulburn River High Country Rail Trail (GRHCRT) will be a shared pathway for cyclist, walkers and horses. The GRHCRT is to follow the disused rail line for 134km from Tallarook through Yea to Mansfield with a link between Cathkin and Alexandra. Mansfield, Mitchell and Murrindindi Shire Councils have received \$13m funding from the Federal Government and \$1m funding from the State Government to complete trail construction by December 2011.

Construction

Trail construction is moving ahead very quickly at the moment with works on bridges and trail surface being laid across the three shires. Work will start on bridges near Merton next week. Culvert pipes have replaced bridges in a couple of places very successfully. A bridge rebuild next to Lake Eildon has been completed west of Bonnie Doon. Furniture is being placed at the new shelters for weary travellers to rest or to take in the views.

Sections of the trail will be open pre Christmas but four significant bridges are unlikely to be completed in time to connect the trail from Tallarook to Alexandra to Mansfield until January.

As soon as sections are open I will advise via this newsletter or the website.

Magpies to snakes

The magpies just stopped swooping when the snakes started slithering. Please be aware when out on the trail that there is quite a lot of wildlife around. From what I am told at the Mansfield end the kangaroos are out as the sun comes up. Echidnas are a common occurrence in North, North East Victoria and of course the wombat.

Did you know?

Yarck Country Market is conducted at the Yarck Hall to fund the hall maintenance and provide an outlet for local produce, jams, craft, plants and wines. Third Saturday of every month 9am – 1.30pm

www.victorianrailtrails.com.au will link you to Mitchell, Murrindindi or Mansfield Shire websites which can direct you to tourist information for the preferred area.

Alexandra Information Centre can give you the low down on accommodation and services in the area. 5772 1100

Please feel free to forward this newsletter onto any other interested parties
Look forward to speaking to you in a couple of weeks.

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