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Monaro Rail Trail–fact sheet

Cycle through the Monaro from Queanbeyan to Bombala

Overview of facts

- Rail trails are successful wherever they are built.
- Rail trails are common in many Australian states and in NZ, Europe, USA and Canada.
- NSW has just two rail trails each of about 20 kms in length.
- There is over 2800km of disused rail line in NSW.
- The Queanbeyan to Bombala rail line of 213 kms has had no train service since 1989 and can be repurposed as one of Australia's greatest rail trails.
- Studies show that local villages and towns benefit through increased tourism.

Our objectives

- To develop a safe off-road recreational rail trail from Queanbeyan to Bombala.
- The trail is for cyclists, walkers, runners and people of all abilities.
- The trail is for locals and tourists.
- The trail helps preserve rail history.

Economic gain in region*

- \$25M annual spend by trail users.
- 235 full time equivalent jobs created.



* Monaro Rail Trail Feasibility Study 2019



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Queanbeyan

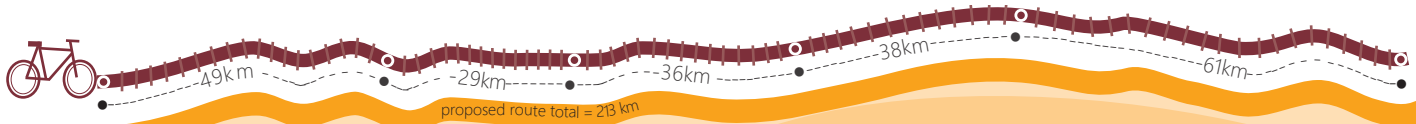
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Business opportunities

New business in:

- accommodation, food and beverage
- bike hire and service
- shuttle bus services
- tour operators.

Community opportunities

- Use of rail trail for charity events—runs and rides.
- Links with village fairs and markets.
- School excursions.
- Community involvement in trail maintenance such as land care.
- Improve community health and fitness.

NSW Government will assess a rail trail proposal for

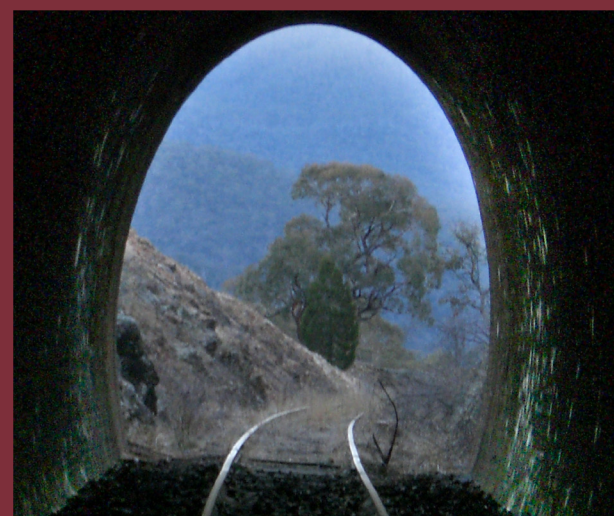
- Evidence of community engagement and consultation.
- Financial viability.
- Biosecurity risks.

Rail corridor ownership

- The corridor will remain Crown Land.
- The councils for the Queanbeyan Palerang Region and the Snowy Mountains Region will lease the corridor.
- Monaro community will help manage the rail trail.



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