2024 Rail Trails Conference

Attracting more rail trail users - providing better experiences and facilities



For the first time in over 20 years, Rail Trails Australia is brinaina its rail trail conference to

Join discussions and be inspired by hearing how others are making the most of rail trails Australia-wide as they explore the conference topic of 'attracting more rail trail users providing better experiences and facilities'.

Melbourne.

Keynote speaker Christine Harris, Marketing Manager of Ride High Country at Tourism North East will launch the conference by discussing how to develop a strategic tourism direction.

Presentations include Tiffany Stodart of Tweed Shire Council reflecting on the success of the Northern Rivers Rail Trail and Alarna Timmins and Julie Blyth, Murrindindi Shire Council, discussing value-adding for rail trails (focussing on Art on the Great Victorian Rail Trail). Bicycle Network's CEO Alison McCormack will explore the rise of e-bikes and gravel bikes taking to the trails. Get in quickly to also secure your ticket to Friday night's conference dinner at a local venue.

A cycling/lunch event will be held on the Lilydale to Warburton Rail Trail on Saturday 19th October to help celebrate 30 years of the 'Warby Trail' and explore its continuing expansion into the Yarra Valley.

Register now to join in the largest gathering of rail trail supporters ever!

Early bird registrations close 31 August.

Date

Friday 18 October 2024 (Conference) Saturday 19 October 2024 (Rail Trail event)

Location

Jasper Hotel 489 Elizabeth St, Melbourne

To register for this event, scan the QR code or click here.



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Conference program

Day one Friday 18 October

9.00-9.20	Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country, and Opening
	Steven Kaye, Vice President, Rail Trails Australia
9.20-9.50	Keynote presentation: Building a trail network
	Christina Harris, Marketing Manager of Ride High Country, Tourism North East
9.50-10.15	The Northern Rivers Rail Trail Success Story
	Tiffany Stodart, Northern Rivers Rail Trail
10.15-10.40	Morning tea
10.40-12.00	Servicing the needs of rail trail users
	Rachael Northwood, Alpine Hotel Warburton Melanie Hardcastle, Carriage Cafe Danielle Bortignon, Cog Bikes Australia Amanda Godridge, Great Southern Bike Hire
12.00-12.30	The Bicycle Revolution
	Alison McCormack, Chief Executive Officer, Bicycle Network
12.30-1.15	Lunch
1.15-2.15	Panel Discussion 1: Increasing rail trail usage
	Damian Cerini, Tour de Vines Christina Harris, Tourism North East Tiffany Stodart, Northern Rivers Rail Trail Alison McCormack, Bicycle Network
2.15-2.45	Value adding to rail trail experience - Artwork on the Great Victorian Rail Trail
	Alarna Timmins and Julie Blyth, Murrindindi Shire Council
2.45-3.30	Panel Discussion 2: The role of volunteer Committees of Management and Friends Groups
	Ross Vaughan, Friends of Great Victorian Rail Trail More speakers to be announced
3.30-4.30	Break and networking
4.30-5.00	Rail Trails Australia Annual General Meeting
5.00-Late	Conference drinks and dinner at nearby venue

Day two Saturday 19 October

11:00-5:00 Get out on the wonderful Lilydale to Warburton Rail Trail

This cycling/lunch event at the unique Carriage Cafe will help celebrate 30 years of the 'Warby Trail' and explore its continuing expansion into the Yarra Valley, with a presentation by the trail manager.

Program subject to revision.



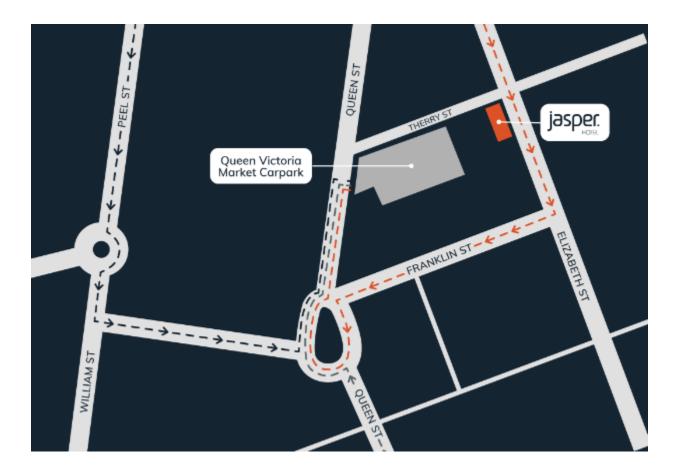
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Hotel Parking

Guest parking is not available onsite at Jasper Hotel. However, there is a secure, multi-level undercover car park just around the corner, operated by the Queen Victoria Market.

Queen Victoria Undercover Car Park Details

Located on 456 Queen Street Melbourne, VIC 3000 The Queen Vic Market Undercover Car Park is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The maximum vehicle height for entry into this car park is 2.2 metres.



Conference Guests can receive discounted parking - \$25.00 per day (7:00am - 7:00pm) This is a single exit ticket; one entry and exit only is permitted.

Access

Entering the car park. No ticket is required, as licence plate recognition is used. Jasper Hotel guests are only permitted to use the Munro underground car park on levels on B3 and B4.

Exit

Scan parking voucher as provided by Jasper hotel.



Public Transport

Train

Catch any service into the city centre via the City Loop. Depart at Melbourne Central Station and take the Elizabeth Street exit to the corner of Latrobe and Elizabeth Streets. Walk 200 metres north along Elizabeth Street to Jasper Hotel, located on the left-hand side over Franklin Street just before Therry Street.

Tram

Several trams reach the city from various north and northwestern suburbs including routes 19, 57, 59 that travel along Elizabeth Street stopping outside Jasper Hotel. Trams on Elizabeth Street connect with most other services from Melbourne's outer suburbs. Jasper hotel is also reachable using the Free Tram Zone.

Taxi

Taxis can be booked by the hotel reception at any time, they can also make bookings for the future.