Major items to resolve following the public meeting of Wednesday the 16th of April:

1. Biosecurity fencing
   Wombat damage to fencing, wombat gaps at the base of fences to allow them access. Ringlock inadequate. 5 strand wire with T.P posts with partial ringlock. Wash basins are available to allow cyclists to walk their bikes through the biosecurity wash.

2. Biosecurity
   Wash – Sodium Hypochlorite (Bleach)
   Chicanes/stiles to channel people. Sophisticated/complex units are available used by Parks Vic for boot wash and scrubbing, including chemical wash.
   Access for slashers and maintenance trucks around chicanes and stiles at wash basin would be via lockable gates.

3. Taps at farm crossings
   Issue to obtain mains water to one side of the corridor then 'T' off waterlines to address 18 farm crossings.

4. Fertiliser pellets and spray drift mentioned by one property owner
   Managed by communication between farmers and the CoM as to when farmers intend to spray and spread fertiliser. Property of concern is at the Berrys Road end, closure gates on the Berry's Road end and at the Bass River Bridge. CoM can find out when chemicals and fertiliser is spread, likely on a seasonal basis, spraying/spreading dates if possible (realise subject to weather conditions so dates may change).

5. Construction Money – Scepticism
   As with many trails, construction is costly.
   I.e. the Kerang – Koondrook at higher end. Approximately $900,000/km and most has a formation nor a major road crossing nor biosecurity concerns. Woolamai to Nyora doesn't have much formation left, many road crossings.

6. Visitation numbers
   B.C.S.C to consider placing a people/cyclist counter on the Wonthaggi-Woolamai section of the existing trail, to record use of that section.

7. Loss of Privacy
   Privacy planting as formative planting ahead of the trail. Key species would be *Acacia melanoxylon* (Blackwood), *Melaleuca ericifolia* (Swamp Paperbark), *Leptospermum continentale* (Tea Tree). A lowered tunnel-like section could be considered in one case raised by a property owner, but drainage would be an issue.

8. Maintenance costs
   $250,000/annum, one farmer advised inadequate amount. Council's advice after the meeting $80,000 per maintenance person per annum. What we haven't allowed for is purchase of mowers, slashers, small ute and biosecurity basins.

9. Busy Road – Grantville-Glen Alvie Road

   Brent Hodges at Quantum Traffic has responded to the Grantville-Glen Alvie Road crossing query. He inspected the crossing point last year and reported the vegetation would need to be removed/trimmed to allow improved on the south side west of the intersection. He advised of standard warning signage and path termination infrastructure gates and stiles as used at the Nyora to Leongatha trail. Please see Brent's explanation attached.

10. Property north of Grantville-Glen Alvie Road

    Melbourne Water CMA helped with box culvert installation to this property. Who will pay for more culverts? Owners herd cattle length wise along the corridor. Response: Consider herding cattle within their property on raised formations to overcome low lying land.

11. Maintenance of remaining corridor width?

    Ultimately, a habitat corridor with indigenous trees and shrubs. In the short-term lease/license to adjoining farmers to graze cattle and fire control weed control establish the trees and shrubs over 3-5 years in a particular section. Avoid swamp gums and other gums close to fences, due to their propensity to drop limbs.

12. Public toilets

    Toilet at Glen Forbes Recreation Reserve is inadequate to cater for large groups of people at any one time.

    BCSC confirm if there is a public toilet at Kernot community hall? Michael Smith doesn't recall seeing one. If there is one, we will list in the report. There is certainly an internal toilet that would provide a septic tank or sewer connection for a purpose built eternal toilet.

13. Concern rubbish/litter left by trail users

    The walk along the existing Nyora to Bass River trail undertaken during the investigation of the scope for this study by Michael Smith revealed no rubbish was evident. Regulatory signage at trail heads and access points advising to take food/drink wasters would be provides

Minor items to resolve following the public meeting of Wednesday the 16th of April:

1. Property owner adjacent to Glen Forbes farmer station site
   Complaint of consultant accessing property. The alleged access onto their property was probably AS James contamination testing at Glen Forbes former railway station. No reason for AS James to access private property, they would have used the gravel driveway and accessed the station site from the gravel track.

2. Ballast on property south of the Bass River Bridge
   Ownership of Ballast. Michael Smith doesn't recall seeing any ballast on that property anyway. Perhaps it's hidden by grass and weeds?

3. VR takeover of land
   David Gabriel-Jones to email the excerpt of page 38 of V.R payment list, see attached.

4. Blue Mountain Creek
   Bridge over Blue Mountain Creek could not be accessed by our team. Assume it is a low level concrete bridge, will check on drone footage on 29th April.