Tracks and Trails Strategy Delivery Plan 2025 – 2029

The Tracks and Trails delivery Plan 2025-2029 includes construction of the following tracks and trails. This Delivery Plan was considered for adoption at Council's Ordinary Meeting on 21 May 2025 for annexure to the Tracks and Trails Strategy 2022 – 2032.

Delivery Plan - Project and Staging	**Council Funding**	**Grant Funding**
Wonthaggi to Inverloch (complete construction)	$3.7M	$1.5M of $3M total
Cowes to Ventnor (design and construction)	$1.0M	$1.0M
Cowes to Rhyll (Stage 4 and 5 construction)	$0.7M	$0.7M #
Feasibility work for future 4 year program	$0.1M	
Total	$5.5M	$3.2M

subject to future grant or project savings

The total funding commitment from Council in the life of this plan is $5.5m as supported in Council's Long Term Financial Plan 2021 – 2031.

Wonthaggi to Inverloch Trail

The construction phase of the project commenced in 2024 and is well progressed. It is scheduled to be completed in the 2025-2026 financial year. As per the funding agreement with the Growing Suburbs Fund (GSF), Council's total contribution toward the project is $4,700,000 and GSF $3,000,000.

Cowes to Ventnor Shared Path

Funding has been secured to deliver the design and construction of this project through the Active Transport Fund (ATF). The design phase will be completed in 2025-2026, community engagement and procurement in 2026-2027, followed by construction in 2027-2028 and 2028-2029 financial years. As per the funding agreement, both Council and the ATF contribute $1,000,000 to the project each.

Cowes to Rhyll Trail

Stages 1, 2 and 3 of this trail are now constructed. Stages 4 and 5 are in the final stages of design. With completed designs Council can apply for grant funding using the commitments for the project within this delivery plan. If no future grant funding is secured, Council may choose to utilise these funds to construct a portion of the trail.

Shire connectivity

These projects complete high priority projects from the Strategy. These trails connect into other trails and provide key links in the active transport network. The northern townships of Phillip Island will be connected by a continuous off-road shared path stretching from Ventnor to Rhyll, via Cowes. These off-road shared paths will also connect from Cowes onwards to San Remo, Anderson, Kilcunda, Wonthaggi and Inverloch.