# Great Southern Regional Trails Master Plan

Stage 1 Update | July 2019

## Achievements to date

#### **Trails Audit**

We completed an audit of designated trails that shows that there are significant gaps in the types of trails and trail experiences. The current trail supply is insufficient to meet the needs of both residents and visitors.

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### Current Supply

- Hiking 194kms
- Long distance hiking 179kms
- Off-road cycling 243kms
- Dual use 103kms
- Mountain bike 1.3kms
- Bridle 84kms
- Aquatic 81kms

### **Community Consultation**

From March to May we conducted extensive consultation across the region.

- 15 community workshops (184 participants)
- Online user survey (367 responses)
- 220+ trail ideas

There is a strong desire for trails development from the community, but it requires collaboration and tenure agreements.

Trails are popular for active leisure and they bring social, economic and health benefits to individuals and communities.

6 6 The goal of the Regional Trails

Master Plan is to position the

Great Southern as a World Class

Trails Destination.

## **Planning Principles**

We want to ensure sustainable trail development We want to disperse visitors across the region We want to showcase our unique landscapes We want to We want to **build cater** to partnerships across different user boundaries groups and

We want to attract visitors from outside the region

We want to
develop a range of
different trail
experiences
(terrestrial and
aquatic)

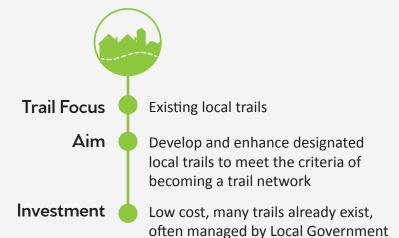
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We want to provide an exciting array of experiences across the region that keep visitors in the region for longer

## **Trail Development Opportunities**

Our work to date has identified the following trail development opportunities. These will be further explored in the next stage of the project.



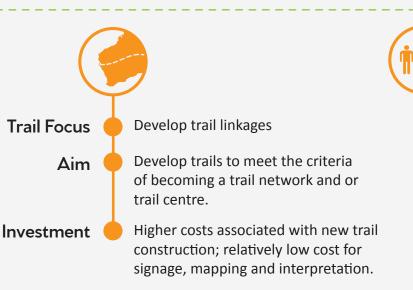




### **Community Ideas**

Develop a drive or cycle trail using existing sealed and unsealed roads.

Enhance local town walks, or short cycling routes based on history, culture, or nature.





### **Community Ideas**

Re-align or connect existing trails through short sections of purpose-built trail.

Extend trails and create loops for hiking.





### Community Ideas

Support the implementation of the City of Albany Trails Hub Strategy.

Purpose-built mountain bike parks offering a full range of experiences

Long distance road and off-road cycling, including rail trails

Medium length equestrian trails

Purpose-built trail bike riding area

Paddle and snorkel trails

6 6 The Great Southern Regional Trails Master Plan will create a short list of opportunities that can be delivered within a ten year time frame.