



**Barunga West  
Council**

# **BARUNGA WEST RECREATIONAL TRAILS STRATEGY**

## 2022-2027



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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The intention of this Recreational Trails Strategy is to identify and assess the current trails in the Barunga West Council area, recommend any improvements or upgrades needed and identify potential new trails that would expand the trails experience to improve the health and well-being of locals and visitors to the area.

Furthermore, there is a desire to improve and expand upon the existing trail network to grow the local visitor appeal of the region and by default value add and expand the local visitor economy.

In short, this strategy is about improving existing trails and identifying new trails to encourage activity amongst the local community and the visitors that holiday here.

This strategy is a first iteration and can be further developed and built upon over time.

It recognises approximately 35 kilometres of existing regional and local township trails, which are recommended for improvement including trail infrastructure upgrades, such as resurfacing, sign posting, interpretive signage, trail furniture such as board walks, seating, bird hides and better promotion and marketing to encourage greater accessibility to Council's natural areas and open spaces.

This strategy has also recognised an additional 87 kilometres of new or potential future trails within the Council area, including trails with regional linkages to expand the current trail product offering.

These regional linkages are important as they acknowledge that visitors to the area do not understand Council boundaries but choose to holiday, recreate, and experience regions, as they travel through and across Council boundaries.

The key findings of this strategy are as follows;

- The Council area has a wide variety of township specific and broader regional trails, but they are not always promoted and marketed in the right places so that people, especially visitors, know they are there;

- To successfully deliver a Trail Strategy a strong, collaborative and open working relationship will be required along with a desire from all involved to achieve the common goal.
- The existing trails need improvements and upgrades to better cater for locals and visitors with mobility and access challenges and to enable improved access for walkers, cyclists and horse riding where appropriate;
- To enable future connection to the Walk the Yorke trail network, Council will need to collaborate with strategic partners with the goal of allowing users to circumnavigate the whole of Yorke Peninsula
- Improvements to the trail infrastructure is recommended, such as improved signage, trail heads and interpretive signage that shares stories and photos of the past and of local places and characters in a more modern way, rest stops, seating, board walks, bird hides and QR Codes which provide more in depth detail and for those that wish to know more; and
- There is a need for additional trails that offer something different and unique to the "Top of the Yorke" region e.g. trails that appeal to the key family target market and are of interest to children, such as aquatic trails along the foreshore and shallows in and around the jetty area, night time trails that provide opportunities for people to recreate after hours and also encourage overnight visitation and trails that link to local food and produce.





# 1. INTRODUCTION AND COUNCIL STRATEGIC CONTEXT

In February 2020 Barunga West Council adopted its Strategic Plan, titled *Uniquely Barunga - Strategic Plan 2020-2030*.

The vision for 2030 is;

*We are a vibrant, thriving, safe and welcoming coastal and agricultural community with an unspoilt natural environment and relaxed country lifestyle.*

The Strategic Plan highlights four (4) key areas including Community, Infrastructure, Services and Governance.

The development of this Recreational Trails Strategy is well aligned with several of the Strategic Plan goals and the various objectives that underpin those goals.

The goals and objectives that are most closely aligned with the Recreational Trails Strategy are listed below and relate to community inclusion and activity, infrastructure, accessibility, tourism product and promotion and the local environment.

## Goal 1: An Inclusive and Connected Community

**Objective 3:** A Safe, Inclusive and Active Community.

## Goal 2: Quality Services, Facilities and Infrastructure

**Objective 4:** Well maintained & Sustainable Local Road Network & Community Infrastructure.

**Objective 5:** Sustainable and Accessible Services.

**Objective 6:** Facilities that Meet the Needs of Our Community.

## Goal 3: A Robust Local Economy

**Objective 8:** Develop and Promote our Tourism Proposition.

## Goal 4: Preserve & Enhance Our Natural and Built Environment

**Objective 11:** Promotion and Recognition of Our Local Environmental Treasures.

There are a number of specific initiatives or key strategies outlined in the Strategic Plan which are closely linked to this trail strategy;

- Provide community facilities that meet the community, sport and recreational, cultural and historic needs of residents and tourists;
- Maintain and where appropriate, progressively improve community facilities;
- Work with community groups to support them in providing a high standard of community facilities;
- Develop and maintain places and spaces such as parks, playgrounds, sport and recreation facilities that contribute to our resident's health and well-being; and
- Explore opportunities for the further development of multi-use trails.

The creation of this Recreational Trails Strategy is delivering on many of the objectives and strategies outlined in Council's 'Uniquely Barunga' Strategic Plan.

The Barunga West Council currently has a wide variety of existing trails, however in many instances these lack promotion, are not well connected and they do not easily facilitate and encourage walking, both locally or by linking into border regional trails and pathways.

They are also in need of general infrastructure upgrades such as resurfacing, improved signage and better experiential infrastructure along the trails such as seating, boardwalks, bird hides etc.

Notwithstanding that, the broader Council area does offer a range of natural assets and environments, local and cultural heritage product, stories, and destinations that lend themselves to recreational use for walking, running, cycling and paddling and other forms of riding such as scooters, mobility scooters and horses.

This Recreational Trails Strategy identifies:

- Activating identified trails with consistent branding, signage and marketing concepts.
- Consolidate trails into an experience product for tourism initiatives.
- Creation and Integration of an interactive trails map, as part of the new "Top of the Yorke" website.
- Existing trails throughout the Council area that would benefit from upgrades and improvements;
- Potential new trails that link with Council's "Top of the Yorke" branding and Council's Strategic Plan and vision; and
- Recommends Council, stakeholder and community engagement prior to the future development of an implementation plan.



# BARUNGA WEST COUNCIL'S CURRENT AND PROPOSED TRAILS



\* All distances are approximate

## 2. STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

In addition to its own Strategic Plan, the Barunga West Council has developed this trails strategy in the context of the following strategic resources and plans.

### (i) South Australia Recreational Trails 10-Year Master Plan 2015-2025

The Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing developed its 10 Year Trails Masterplan which provides a strategic framework to guide the development and promotion of the State's trail sector over the next decade.

The Master Plan states that recreational trails are;

*A pathway for people to explore the natural world, to connect communities together with place and to enhance peoples' lives through new perspectives gained as we bring humanity out-of-doors.*

Trails are described as providing pathways to beautiful natural experiences as they improve health and wellbeing of land and people, as they benefit local residents and visitors through shared positive outdoor experiences.

In most cases, recreational trails are used for non-motorised recreational pursuits such as walking, running, cycling, horse riding, canoeing / paddling, or scuba diving. In some circumstances, trails can be designed and modified for use by small-wheeled vehicles such as motorised wheelchairs to enable access for people with mobility impairments.

Importantly, the majority of trails are focused around areas of environmental and cultural interest or near major population centres.

Recreational trails are drivers of economic development by creating new recreational opportunities and attractions and therefore increasing the visitor appeal of locations, growing visitor numbers and acting as a catalyst for local communities to recreate in their own towns and local areas. They facilitate exploration, movement, well-being and public health generally.

The plan provides tools and a framework, guiding the direction of trail development from policy level through to building community level trails. The plan categorises trail users into user groups:

- Walkers;
- Off-road cyclists;
- Horse riders;
- Canoeists/kayakers; and
- Aquatic users.



**(ii) Trails SA**

Trails SA is a website assisting residents and visitors to South Australia to experience the State’s numerous recreational trails, and to build cultural and environmental awareness, fitness levels and social interaction. The site enables its users to search by regions and also by trail activities including walking, cycling, horse riding, scuba diving and paddling.

This site does not showcase many existing trails, including trails that have opened up in recent years in and around SA Water land and existing reservoirs such Myponga in the Fleurieu Peninsula, Hope Valley, north-east of Adelaide, Warren Reservoir south east of Williamstown in the Barossa Valley to name a few.

**(iii) Guidelines for the planning, design, construction and maintenance of recreational trails in South Australia (Revised 2016)**

The above guidelines report by Recreation SA has been prepared to assist all trail stakeholders.

While the document acknowledges that South Australia has a strong and diverse network of trails across the State, there are many aspects of the current trail systems that can be improved through enhancements to trail design, better linkages between trails and other community assets and attractions, consistent trail policy, management, promotion and marketing and support for on-going expansion of the network.

These guidelines have been prepared to provide a comprehensive and coordinated document to outline standards for trails or guidelines to assist with the planning, development, construction, management, and promotion of recreational trails.







#### (iv) South Australian Regional Visitor Strategy 2025

The second iteration Regional Visitor Strategy for South Australia through to 2025 provides a roadmap for the visitor economy and makes recommendations for each tourism region relating to marketing, experience and supply development, collaboration, industry capability and leisure and business events.

In comparison to the first 2020 Regional Strategy there have been substantial improvements for the Yorke Peninsula Tourism region including;

- Visitor expenditure up from \$198M to \$220M;
- Employment in tourism up from 1600 jobs to 2000 jobs;
- Increases in day trip and overnight stays (particularly from the local intrastate market); and
- 1 in 11 jobs now supported by the tourism industry, up from 1 in 15.

However, the occupancy rates and overnight expenditure rates have remained similar, as such one can draw the conclusion that more tourism and consumer product and attractions are needed to increase visitor appeal and to convert that appeal into actual visitation in order to grow the visitor economy, in particular overnight visitation and length of stay.

Several of the priorities highlighted in the strategy for the Yorke Peninsula region align well with the opportunities presented through this Recreational Trail Strategy and in particular the potential for new future trails to be developed to grow the tourism product in the Council area.

These Yorke Peninsula priorities in the State strategy include;

- Creating awareness of Yorke Peninsula's accessibility, open space and coastal landscapes with a focus on nature, wildlife, aquatic, Aboriginal, agritourism, art and heritage experiences;
- Create additional experiences and increase online bookable and commissionable products for the infrastructure markets; and
- Maintain coastal infrastructure such as jetties and ramps.



#### (v) Yorke Peninsula Tourism

Yorke Peninsula Tourism (YPT) is the key organisation assigned with the responsibility of marketing and communicating the benefits of visiting the Yorke Peninsula region to achieve increased visitation.

The organisation's goal is to integrate the region's diverse mix of coast, culture, heritage, unspoilt nature, local produce, and rural communities to develop the destination and increase visitation and yield.

The Yorke Peninsula Tourism Business Plan 2021 – 2024 aims to ensure the region maximises opportunities and that its local regional strategies are aligned with the South Australian Tourism Plan 2030 and the new 2025 South Australian Regional Visitor Strategy.

The key focus areas of Yorke Peninsula Tourism include;

- Increase the profile of Yorke Peninsula as a holiday destination;
- Provide and promote cooperative opportunities and maximise industry participation;
- Identify regional opportunities to fill state product gaps and increase industry's ability to promote and sell Yorke Peninsula;
- Encourage new investment; and
- Build and foster relationships and partnerships with industry and key stakeholders.

The business plan also identifies, coastal and marine tourism, walking, infrastructure and 'Walk the Yorke' as opportunities for the region going forward.

Trails such as existing coastal, nature-based and town walks and "Walk the Yorke' are considered to be significant selling points for the region going forward.

#### (vi) Walking SA

Walking SA is the not-for-profit peak body that leads, promotes and supports all forms of walking in South Australia, including walking for recreation, transport, health, wellbeing, formal organised events, adventure, environmental appreciation and fun experiences.

Their vision is...

*"To see more people walking more often".*

Walking SA highlights the benefits to the mind, body and environment we create by walking instead of using other means of transport.

From a health and wellbeing perspective the organisation focuses on the benefits to the body from walking, benefits such as;

- Helps to maintain bone density, reducing the risk of osteoporosis and fractures;
- Helps to manage weight, blood pressure and blood cholesterol;
- Reduces the risk of heart disease and stroke;
- Helps to prevent and control diabetes; and
- Reduces the risk of developing some cancers.



(vii) Signage as described in Section 7.3, AS 2156.1 - 2001 Walking Tracks: Classification and Signage which provides a classification system for walking tracks. The Standard also provides guidance on the design, fabrication and use of trail markers, and information signs to be used for walking trails.

There is as great deal of synergy between the Barunga West Council's Recreational Trail Strategy and future opportunities already identified for new nature based and coastal tourism product and infrastructure to support the experience for locals and visitors to the 'Top of the Yorke' region.







## 3. EXISTING TRAILS

To follow is a series of existing trails and walks which are dispersed throughout the Council area. These include walks within townships and trails that traverse wider localities within the region.

Each of these existing trails has been reviewed with recommendations made as to any upgrades and or improvements that maybe needed. It is recommended that some trails be merged for effective management and consumer appeal.

### PORT BROUGHTON AND FISHERMAN BAY

With three smaller trails – **Encounter Walking Trail**, **Snook Road Nature Trail** and **Port Broughton to Fisherman Bay Walk** in the same proximity it is recommended to merge the trails into one larger and useable trail. By merging these trails, a pilot project can be developed to create a consistent brand, signage and marketing concepts. This consolidated approach can then be rolled out to all future trail opportunities within the region. New Trail head signage can be integrated into the new Civic Square masterplan.

#### Encounter Walking Trail

The Encounter Walking Trail is an approximate 3 kilometre return loop walk from the jetty along West Terrace and along John Lewis Drive.

There are five signs along the route that passes north along:

- **Mundoora Arm** – a description of the mangroves, dunes, ridges, salt marshes, tidal flats and salt flats.
- **Station without a train** – tells the story of the train, which ran 16 km to Port Broughton from Mundoora.
- **Buried at Sea** – the story of Dr Mathwin who, South Australia’s last citizen buried at sea in 1926.
- **Unusual Facts** – about Port Broughton including “Upper Spencer Gulf is one of the only three places in the world to experience the phenomenon of dodge tides. The sea dodges its normal tide, ceasing to move from mid-level for approximately 18 hours. The only other places where dodge tides occur are the Gulf of Mexico and along the North African Coast.

While the trail is signposted, it lacks a trail-head and the signs need an upgrade and refresh. This trail doesn’t appear on the Yorke Peninsula Tourism, Trails SA or Walking SA websites.

#### Recommendations

- Improved promotion including listing on Walking SA, Trails SA and the Yorke Peninsula Tourism websites;
- Installation of trail head;
- Refresh signage infrastructure through installation of new more modern signage; and
- Review of trail surfaces.

## Snook Road Nature Trail

Snook Road Nature Trail in Fisherman Bay is a 6 kilometre return walking trail. It is a relatively flat shared-use trail for both walkers and cyclists.

Native birdlife species can be seen along the trail including the White-bellied Sea Eagle, Rainbow Bee-eater, Red-capped Robin and Great Egret. With the walk passing through mangrove forest and samphire scrubland, native flora species include varieties of saltbush, pigface and mangrove.

The trail has been recently sign-posted (including a trail-head) and is promoted on Yorke Peninsula Tourism's website and a brochure is available at Visitor Information Offices and Centres in the region. The trail doesn't appear on Trails SA website.

### Recommendations

- Improved promotion including listing on Trails SA website; and
- Investigate opportunities to value add to the existing trails with new infrastructure such as adding board walks, viewing platforms, and bird hides to appeal to bird watchers and nature based tourism markets.

## Port Broughton to Fisherman Bay Walk

This is a 6-kilometre walk along the coast from the Port Broughton jetty to Fisherman Bay. It passes the Bayside Caravan Park, the town's Boat Ramp, a number of tidal peninsulas and reaches the sleepy coastal village of Fisherman Bay. There are brown street signs along the way showing the way and distance.

The trail is signposted but needs an upgrade and refresh, including the inclusion of interpretative signage. The trail does not appear on the Walking SA, Trails SA or Yorke Peninsula Tourism websites.

### Recommendations

- Improved promotion including listing on Walking SA, Trails SA and the Yorke Peninsula Tourism websites;
- Installation of trail head;
- Refresh signage infrastructure through installation of new more modern signage and content; and
- Review of trail surfaces.



## Port Broughton Historical Walk

There is a short, pleasant 3-kilometre walk, which records information about 15 places of historic interest and two churches. It starts at the jetty, moves north along West Terrace to North Terrace, returns down Harvey Street to Bay Street and Edmund Street, before returning to the jetty.

The highlights include:

- the Heritage signboards near the jetty which tell the story of the town;
- the original jetty piles which Captain Henry Dale used as his private landing;
- the jetty itself; and
- the signs which record past aspects of the town – the early industry sign, the town administration sign; the station without a train sign; the Wheat Stacks sign; the Coffee Palace sign; the Flour Mill and Powerhouse sign; the Early Education sign outside the Heritage Centre and; the Port Broughton Hotel sign.

This trail is promoted on Yorke Peninsula Tourism's website but does not appear on the Trails SA or Walking SA websites. While the trail is signposted, it lacks a trail head, and the signs need an upgrade and refresh.

### Recommendations

- Improved promotion including listing on Walking SA and Trails SA websites;
- Installation of trail head; and
- Refresh signage infrastructure through installation of new more modern signage.

## Port Broughton Park Run

The Port Broughton parkrun is a free, fun, and friendly weekly 5 kilometre community event where participants can walk, jog, run, volunteer, or spectate. The run is along 2.5 kilometres of Port Broughton's foreshore and runners run up and back. The run is promoted on the Walking SA and Park Run websites and social media pages. There are no physical signposts to promote the course or community event. This trail doesn't appear on the on Yorke Peninsula Tourism, Trails SA or Walking SA websites.

### Recommendation

- Promotion of the Park Run on Council's social media pages.

## Port Broughton to Barunga by the Sea

The Port Broughton Shared Path is an approximate 1.5 kilometres of pathway connecting the town centre of Port Broughton with the Barunga by the Sea retirement village. The path can be used by pedestrians, bikes, mobility aids and scooters. This is a path specifically designed to cater for residents and visitors travelling to and from the Port Broughton township and the Barunga by the Sea retirement village. It is not promoted as a recreational trail and forms part of Port Broughton's core transport network.

### Recommendation

- Regular monitoring and review of the trail surface.

## Remembrance Walking Trail

The Remembrance Walking Trail commemorates historic events and people, and those from Port Broughton, Mundoorra, Clement's Gap and Ward's Hill who have served in the various conflicts in which Australia has been involved in the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries.

The 1 kilometre walk is well signposted with a trail-head and 103 small metal signs detailing a significant world event from each year between 1899 and 2001 have been placed on the trail.

Students researched events, with the most significant ones being recorded on the metal signs. They include events such as the JFK assassination, The Beatles breakup, the Mao uprising in China, the discovery of Machu Picchu and the release of Mein Kampf. This trail is promoted on Yorke Peninsula Tourism's website but doesn't appear on the Trails SA or Walking SA websites.

### Recommendations

- Improved promotion including listing on Walking SA and Trails SA websites; and
- Review and monitoring of the trail surface.



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## Bute Township Walk

The Bute Township walk is approximately a 2.5 kilometre loop showing places of interest around Bute including the Soldiers' Memorial Hall and garden; RSL Clubrooms; Uniting Church; Early learning and Primary School, sports oval and clubrooms, corner store, old post office, Lions Fauna Park, Catholic Church, public toilets mural, heritage shed, Gunner Bill's Heritage Centre, Hotel and the start of the Hummocks Walking and cycling trail. The trail does not appear on the Walking SA, Trails SA or Yorke Peninsula Tourism websites. While the trail is signposted, it lacks a trail-head and the signs need an upgrade and refresh.

### Recommendations

- Improved promotion including listing on Walking SA, Trails SA and the Yorke Peninsula Tourism websites;
- Installation of trail head to promote the walk;
- Refresh signage infrastructure through installation of new more modern signage; and
- Review of trail surfaces

## Hummocks Trail

The Hummocks Trail in Bute, sometimes known as the Hummocks Walking and Cycling Trail, is a shared use trail for walkers, cyclists and horse riders that follows the former Bute to Snowtown railway line from Bute towards the small town/locality of Barunga Gap.

The trail is 7.9 kilometre one-way, and 15.8 kilometre return. The trail was developed and is maintained by the Bute Lions Club. The trail is signposted but needs an upgrade and refresh. The trail appears on the Walking SA website but doesn't appear on the Trails SA or Yorke Peninsula Tourism websites.

### Recommendations

- Improved promotion including listing on Trails SA and the Yorke Peninsula Tourism websites;
- Refresh signage infrastructure through installation of new more modern signage; and
- Upgrades and improvements to trail surfaces.



Bute area

## MUNDOORA

### Mundoora Historic Town Walk

The Mundoora Historic Town Walk is an approximate 1.3 kilometre walk throughout the township featuring 22 signs with information and pictures allowing visitors to learn more about the area.

While there are many signs near locations and properties there is not a trail-head that promotes the walk. The trail does not appear on the Walking SA, Trails SA or Yorke Peninsula Tourism websites.

#### Recommendations

- Improved promotion including listing on Walking SA, Trails SA and the Yorke Peninsula Tourism websites;
- Installation of trail head to promote the walk; and
- Review of trail surfaces.

## TICKERA

### Tickera Historical Township Trail

An approximate 0.8 kilometre township trail celebrates the heritage of the area including interpretative signs with images of buildings that no longer exist such as the old school, shop, hotel, church and historical well. A section of the Tickera foreshore also has a designated walking trail but it is not currently connected to the historical township trail.

The historic well was established on the Pastoral Lease of Parnell and Bowman providing water to cattle and supplying Moonta Mines and dates back to the 1850's and is the key destination on this walk. The interpretive signs are ageing and could be improved and upgraded. The trail does not appear on the Walking SA website, Trails SA or Yorke Peninsula Tourism websites.

#### Recommendations

- Improved promotion including listing on Walking SA, Trails SA and the Yorke Peninsula Tourism websites;
- Installation of trail head;
- Refresh signage infrastructure through installation of new more modern signage; and
- Review of trail surfaces.

Furthermore, it is recommended that a priority list is developed for the above trails to determine which trails are the most in need of upgrades and improvements and so that Council can work its way through these proposed improvements overtime.



Tickera



# 4. POTENTIAL NEW TRAILS

## Alford Historical Township Trail

An approximate 3.1 kilometre trail to celebrate the heritage and natural environment of Alford is envisaged, similar to the heritage walk in Mundoorra; destinations including locations of where significant buildings were located including the first Alford Hotel; Blacksmiths general store; Methodist church and the history behind the small blocks surrounding Alford.

### Recommendations

- Develop an Alford Historical Township trail which includes wayfinding for the key local sites articulated above;
- The trail to feature a trail-head and signs including information and pictures allowing visitors to learn more about the area;
- The trail to be promoted and marketed on the Walking SA, Trails SA and Yorke Peninsula Tourism websites; and
- The signage for any new proposed trail should have a similar brand and style to new signage recommended for existing trail upgrades.

## Bute to Kadina

There is a 65 kilometre disused rail corridor between Snowtown and Wallaroo. There is an opportunity to utilise the section between Bute and Kadina and turn it into a 45 kilometre shared use trail of which 13 kilometres is within the Council area. The first 7.9 kilometres of Bute to Snowtown section to the Council's boundary is already a trail (Hummocks Trail) created and maintained by the Bute Lion's club.

### Recommendations

Implement the upgrades suggested to the 7.9 kilometre one-way, and 15.8 kilometre return Hummocks Trail, including;

- Improved promotion including listing on Trails SA site and the Yorke Peninsula Tourism website;
- Refresh signage infrastructure through installation of new more modern signage; and
- Upgrades and improvements to trail surfaces.

In addition to the existing upgrades proposed, this trail should be further developed as follows;

- Extend the current 7.9 kilometre section of trail from Bute to Snowtown to the Council boundary to create a 13 kilometre (one-way) trail section;
- Work with the Copper Coast Council to encourage them to extend the trail from the Barunga West Council boundary through to Kadina;
- The trail to feature a trail-head at each town and signs along the way including information and pictures allowing visitors to learn more about the area;
- The trail to be promoted and marketed on the Walking SA, Trails SA and Yorke Peninsula Tourism websites; and
- The signage for any new proposed trail extension should have the same brand and style to the new signage recommended for existing section of trail earmarked for an upgrade and refresh.



Bute area



## Bute's Outdoor Play Spaces Connector Trail

The Connecting Bute's Outdoor Play Spaces project is an initiative of the Bute Onwards 2000 Progress Committee. It aims to connect and improve Bute's outdoor play spaces including the Bute Lions' Fauna Park, Hummock's Walking Trail, playground and skate park with a new proposed road safety bike track and silo art viewing area. The areas will be connected by a 2.2 kilometre shared use track. This will encourage more children and families from Bute and surrounding towns to safely be active outside for longer, understand more about the local history of the township and become more connected to their community.

### Recommendations

- Create a 2.2 kilometre shared use track to better connect the outdoor play spaces of Bute;
- Include a trail head and new signage which has a similar brand and style to other new signage recommended for upgrade and refresh in the locality; and
- The trail to be promoted and marketed on the Walking SA, Trails SA and Yorke Peninsula Tourism websites.

## Port Broughton to Mundooro – Pie Cart Track

The Port Broughton railway line was a 16 kilometre line opened in 1876 and closed in 1942. It brought grain, passengers and mail from Mundooro to Port Broughton. For 40 years a single horse-drawn vehicle, commonly known as the 'Pie Cart', ran daily from Port Broughton to Mundooro and carried passengers and mail which arrived by coach from Brinkworth. A recreational trail could follow the tramway route with interpretive signage regarding the railways history and surrounding areas provided along the way.

### Recommendations

- Consider naming this new trail the Pie Cart track based on its historical name;
- Create a 16 kilometre shared use track to celebrate the former railway's history and heritage;
- Include a trail head and new interpretive signage which has a similar brand and style to other new signage recommended for upgrade and refresh in the locality; and
- The trail to be promoted and marketed on the Walking SA, Trails SA and Yorke Peninsula Tourism websites.





Port Broughton Jetty

## Walk the Yorke

Walk the Yorke is a continuous leisure trail between Port Wakefield and Moonta Bay approximately 500 kilometres long which traverses inland, along the beach and in sensitive coastal environments. The trail showcases the Yorke Peninsula's spectacular coastline, diverse coastal communities and unique landscape environment. A 51 kilometre section of the Walk the Yorke between Tickera and Port Broughton has been identified by staff as a potential addition to this popular regional trail.

To enable this connection, Barunga West council will need to work on the coastal trails network between Port Broughton and Tickera. The following strategic partnerships will be required to enable the project success.

- Copper Coast Council strategic partnership, facilitating trail connection from their council border;
- Department of Environment, Water and natural Resources, and Landscape South Australia Northern and Yorke- land use agreements for where the trail enters crown land (including leased crown land);
- Land use license agreements with private landholders;
- Land use agreements with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT);
- Australian Government Department of the Environment;
- Management of sites of Aboriginal significance with Narungga Nations Aboriginal Corporation (NNAC) and the Adjahdura Narungga Heritage Group (ANHG), with advice from the Department of Premier and Cabinet – Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation; and
- Development of interpretive signage with local progress associations and community groups.

### Recommendations

- That council take a strategic view to trail design which with successful trail activations will contribute to the long term connection goal to Walk the Yorke;
- Extend the current 500 kilometre section of Walk to Yorke trail by 51 kilometres from Tickera through to Port Broughton;
- The trail to feature a trail-head at each town and signs along the way including information consistent with the existing Walk the Yorke trail branding and style; and
- The trail extension to be promoted and marketed on the Walking SA, Trails SA and Yorke Peninsula Tourism websites and Walk the Yorke pages.

## Tickera Recreational Trail

A recreational trail for Tickera will provide pathways to the township's natural environment, important history and will also encourage physical fitness and healthy lifestyles for the local community. A 2 kilometre walking/running trail could connect the current Tickera foreshore trail with the natural environment around the oval, community centre and foreshore area.

### Recommendations

- Create a 2 kilometre track to encourage fitness, activity and healthy lifestyles for locals and visitors to Tickera;
- Include a trail head and new signage which has a similar brand and style to other new signage recommended for upgrade and refresh in the area;
- The trail to be promoted and marketed on the Walking SA, Trails SA and Yorke Peninsula Tourism websites; and
- The 2 km track could also be developed into a Parkrun for Tickera and promoted accordingly on Council's website and social media.





## Port Broughton Foreshore & Aquatic Trails

The Port Broughton foreshore adjacent West Terrace is a much loved and popular gathering place for the local community and for the visitors that flock to the region during holiday periods and long weekends.

The foreshore is well serviced with playgrounds and active areas of open space.

The proposal for new foreshore and aquatic trail provides the opportunities to create new activities that are targeted towards children and the family market, including local families and visitors to the area.

The intention being that signs or icon images are installed along the coastline and in the shallow water for children and their families and friends to find. The signs along the foreshore could feature local coastal birds, fauna and flora e.g. White-bellied Sea Eagle, Rainbow Bee-eater, Red-capped Robin and Great Egret and the aquatic signs could feature local marine life e.g. crabs, whiting, leafy sea dragons etc. Some of the foreshore signs could include QR codes that provide additional information and teach children about the various animals in more detail.

### Recommendation

- Identify key sights along the foreshore and in water that can be accessed safely and conveniently and appeal to younger children (areas along the foreshore and shallows) and those accessible to more experienced swimmers (e.g. the pontoon near the jetty);
- Create a map for a new foreshore and in water aquatic trail;
- Identify key local flora, land and aquatic animals to feature on the signage trail; and
- The new foreshore and in water trail to be promoted and marketed on the Walking SA, Trails SA and Yorke Peninsula Tourism websites.

## On Water Eco Trail

Ecotourism is an alternative form of tourism and one of the most important consumer trends which benefit the environment as well as the local economic market. Tourists are increasingly looking to travel to pristine and aesthetically pleasing locations to experience something new and beautiful. Ecotourism operations promote sustainable experiences which benefit local communities, culture, and heritage while minimising impacts on the environment.

An opportunity exists to develop a Kayak/ Paddleboard tour trail concept that could guide visitors through the intricate mangrove ecosystem of Port Broughton and Fisherman bay. Cruising the protected bay waters will be a family friendly visitor experience that embraces the local natural marine attributes.

Exploring the peaceful Port Broughton Bay by Kayak or Paddle board will create awareness of Yorke Peninsula's natural beauty and leverage the growing sector of eco-tourism. The promotion of an On Water Eco Trail will highlight a self-propelled activity which will result in minimal impact on the environment. Features within the new "Top of the Yorke" website will enable an interactive digital trail to promote digitally guided map markers through an area that cannot be easily sign posted.

The potential On Water Eco Trail will highlight local environmental features, mangroves, jetty structures, tidal flats and Osprey nesting platform, while activating tourism experiences and local economic development opportunities.

### Recommendations

- Creation of an Interactive trails map which incorporates on water activities within the "Top of the Yorke" tourism website for use as a self-guided tour;
- Explore opportunities for self-propelled Water hire equipment;
- Promote local tourism economic development with an Expression of Interest for a local business opportunity for a 'Kayak guiding experience';
- Establishment of a bookable tourism experience within the Tourism and Events centre; and
- Creation of a Kayak based Eco tourism event concept.



### Off road cycling trails

Riding is an enjoyable and safe recreational sport and with the addition of some cycling infrastructure it will enable more people to ride in our region. Off road trails and in particular mountain biking is diversifying and there are lots of different disciplines and tourism market segments. Nationally cycle tourism contributes 2.4 billion dollars, council has an opportunity to add some cycling trail assets to the Top of the Yorke tourism experience.

#### Recommendations

- Identify key locations for a pilot off road cycling track;
- Learn best practise trail construction from key cycling tourism locations, eg: Mount Remarkable region; and
- Potentially look at multiuse trail integration.

### Night-time Trails

Areas along the foreshore and mangrove provide great habitats for birds and marine animals. Many of these animals become active at night. There is also a lack of activities for locals and visitors to the region after hours and after dark.

The night-time trails could include areas that are earmarked for potential board walks, viewing platform and bird hides that are lit up at night to encourage use of day-time trails at night-time and to see marine and other animals that you may not see during day light hours.

In addition, night-time trails could be established in other areas through the use of reflective low volatile organic compounds (VOC) paint to delineate the trails areas or through solar lighting.

Opportunities for different types of night-trails should be identified and their locations assessed for suitability.

#### Recommendations

- Identify key sights along the foreshore, mangroves and over water that can be accessed safely and conveniently to create night time trails e.g. in an around the mangroves;
- Create a map for a new night time foreshore and mangrove trail;
- Identify key local flora, land and aquatic animals to feature on the signage trail;
- Look at incorporating boardwalks, bird hides and seating areas and solar lighting which is sited so as to not impact on flora and fauna night time activities; and
- The new night-time trail to be promoted and marketed on the Walking SA, Trails SA and Yorke Peninsula Tourism websites.





## 5. NEXT STEPS

### EXISTING TRAILS

Recreational trail users are likely to come from two key groups: those living locally who can access a trail directly or almost directly from home, and those who are visitors to the region.

The following steps should be considered to encourage greater use and visitation to existing trails:

- Develop both manual and electronic promotional brochures, guides and maps for each trail;
- Ensure the new promotional material (brochure and/ or map) is distributed to all major visitor information centres in the region;
- Deliver brochures to all clubs, groups and other relevant activity associations;
- Promote the trails on Yorke Peninsula Tourism Platforms and Trail SA and Walking SA websites;
- Ensure that existing trails have trail head(s) which are clearly signposted and marked on relevant maps. Trail markers and interpretative signage should also be installed where appropriate.

### POTENTIAL TRAILS

It is preferable to design a trail system in consultation with Councillors, stakeholders and the broader community. The strategy in its current form can be used to undertake this consultation and gather further information including;

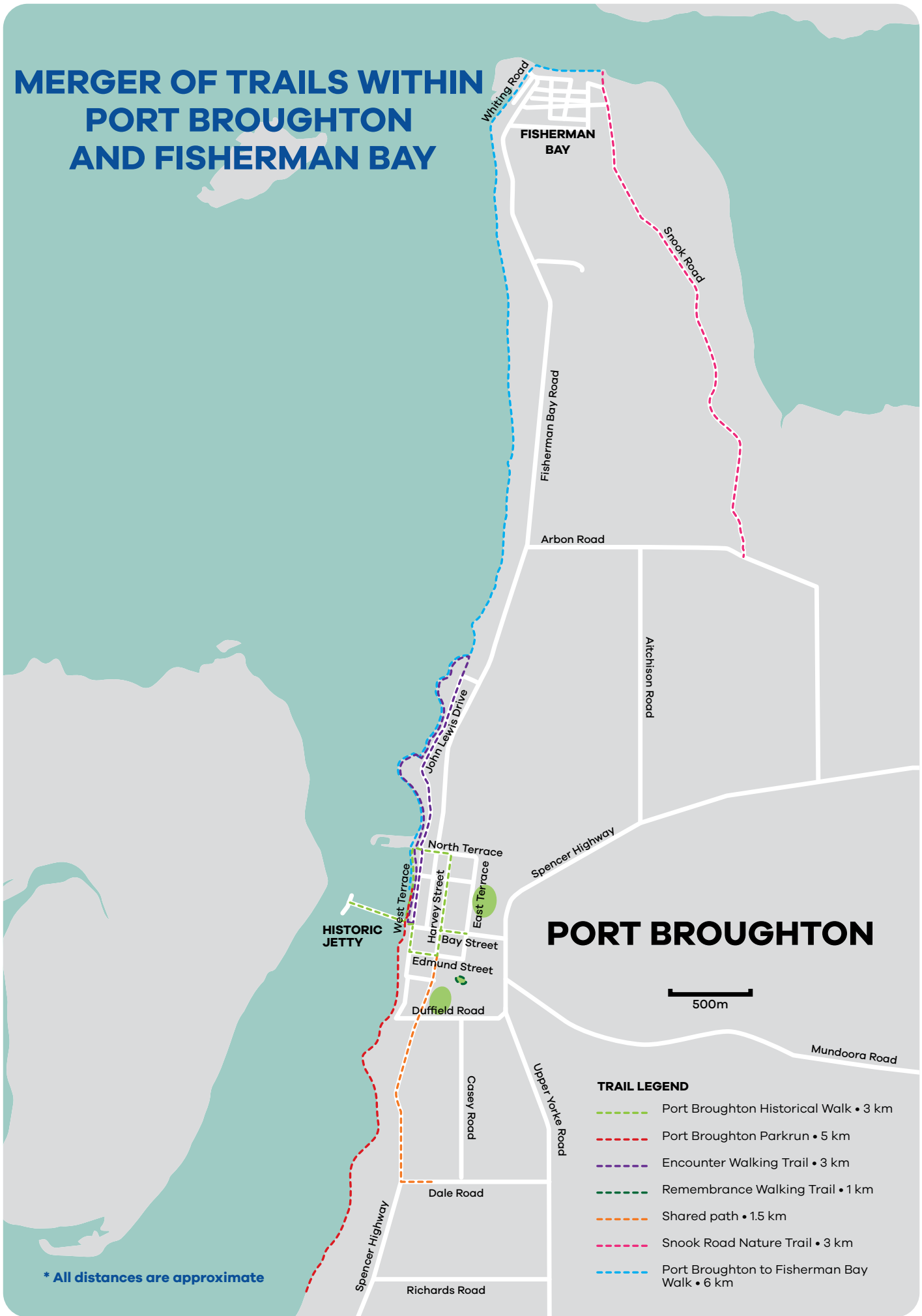
- land ownership and use;
- cadastral boundaries;
- typographic features;
- location;
- type of vegetation and natural features;
- terrestrial and aquatic locations; and
- new infrastructure and way-finding requirements.

The refinement of designs should also take into consideration the incorporation of loops that offer a number of options and a variety of experiences around the significance of areas including natural environment, local flora and fauna, culture, history and heritage history.

A set of maps and photographs depicting the existing trails and suggested improvements should be prepared and tested with the above stakeholder groups.

A set of high level maps depicting potential future trail locations with images and photos of potential trail infrastructure should be prepared and tested with the above stakeholder groups.

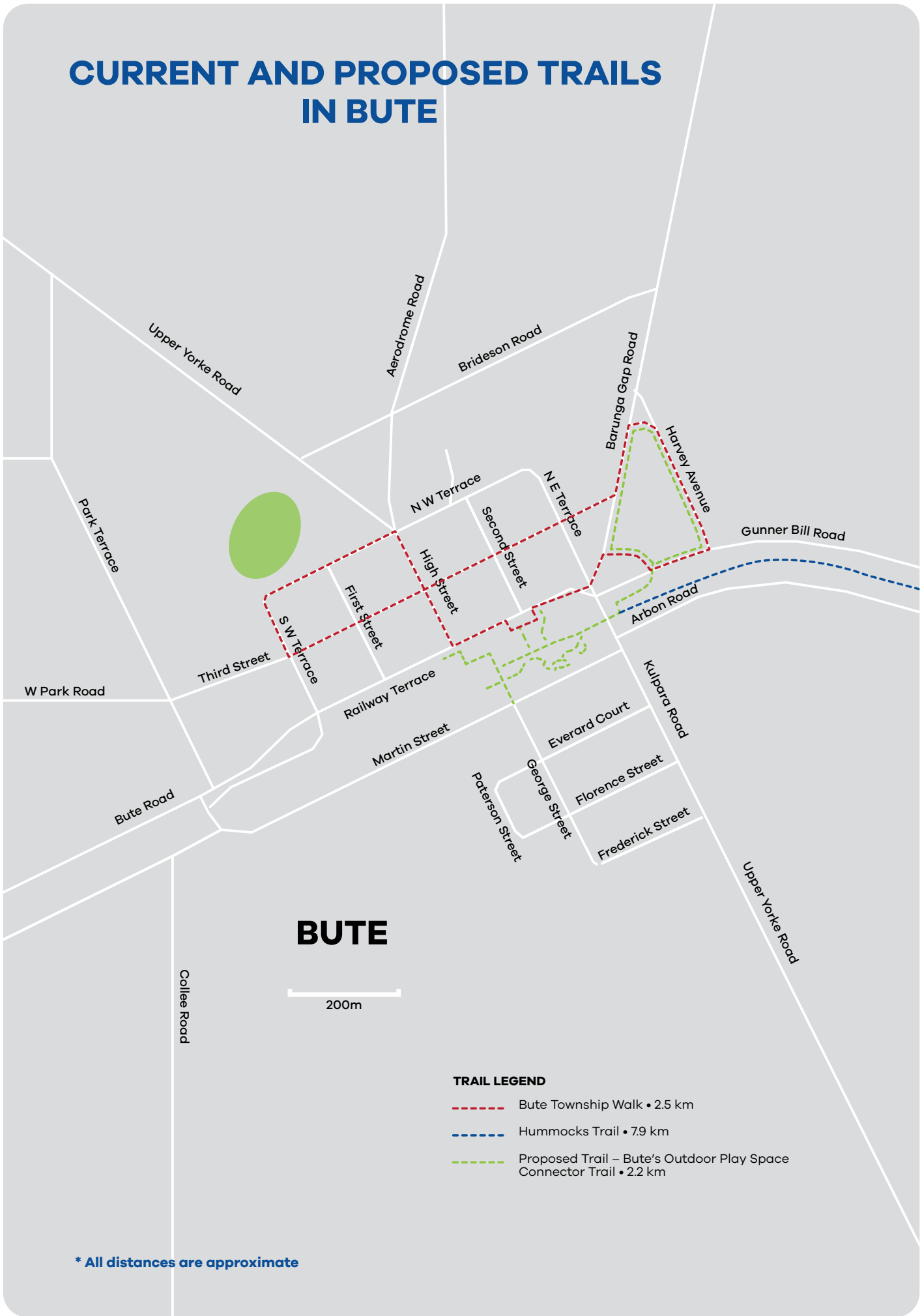
# MERGER OF TRAILS WITHIN PORT BROUGHTON AND FISHERMAN BAY



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# CURRENT AND PROPOSED TRAILS IN BUTE



**BUTE**

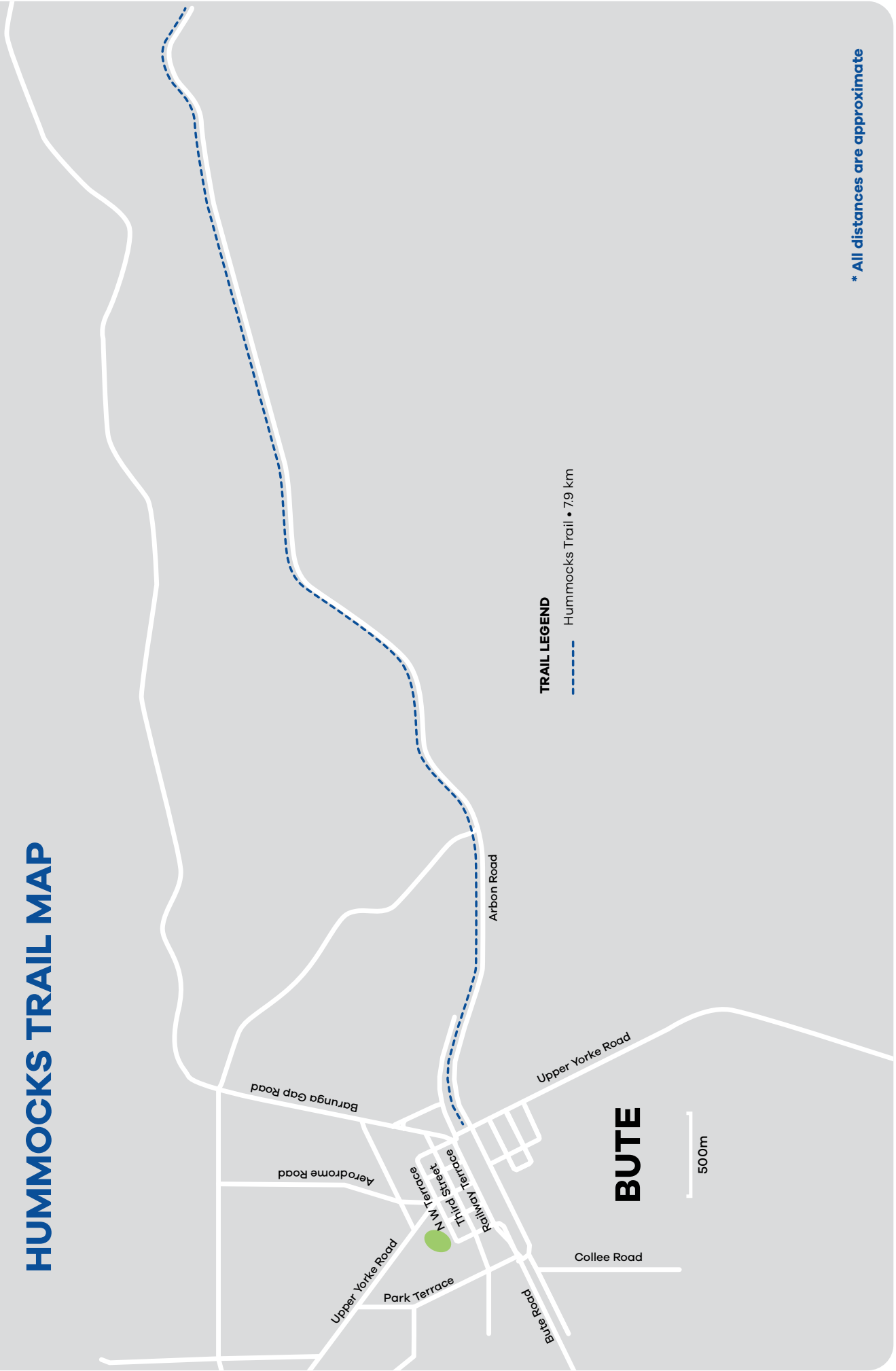
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**TRAIL LEGEND**

- - - Bute Township Walk • 2.5 km
- - - Hummocks Trail • 7.9 km
- - - Proposed Trail – Bute’s Outdoor Play Space Connector Trail • 2.2 km

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# HUMMOCKS TRAIL MAP



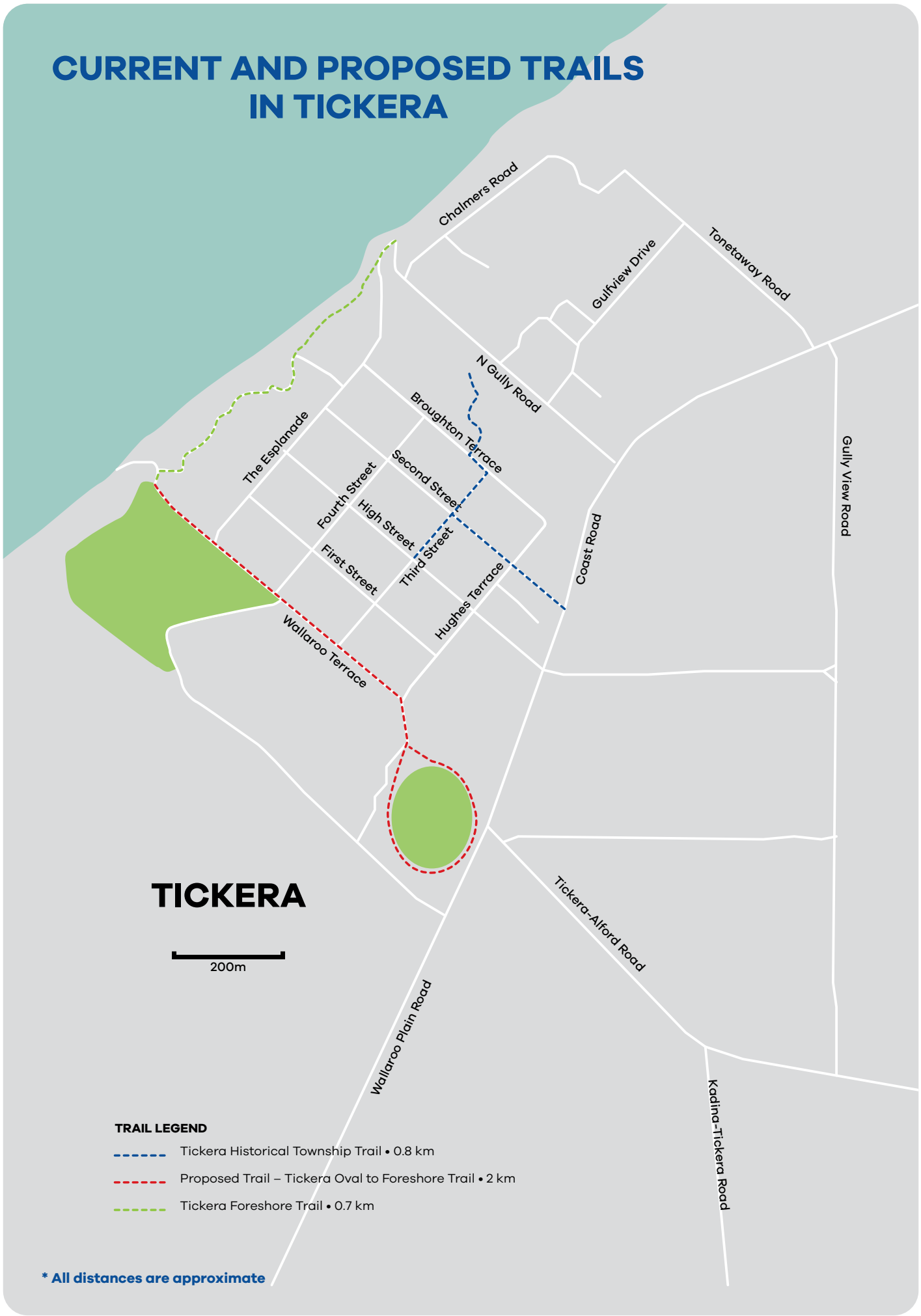
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# CURRENT TRAIL IN MUNDOORA



# CURRENT AND PROPOSED TRAILS IN TICKERA



# PROPOSED TRAIL IN ALFORD



## ALFORD

### TRAIL LEGEND

----- Proposed – Alford Historical Township Trail • 3 km

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