



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF WAGGA WAGGA

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Ms Lisa Glastonbury
Wagga Wagga Rail Trail

via email: lglastonbury@exemail.com.au

Dear Ms Glastonbury

WAGGA WAGGA RAIL TRAIL – CBD TO LADYSMITH

Thank you for meeting with me on Friday, 30 September 2016 regarding the proposed Wagga Wagga to Ladysmith rail trail.

We understand the Rail Trail will be a 20km sealed, off-road trail connecting Wagga Wagga CBD with the village of Ladysmith. Attached is the current Wagga Rail Trail brochure showing the proposed route.

We understand the management and maintenance of the rail trail will be wholly undertaken by the Rail Trail Management Committee. The management committee consists of landowners, trail users and community services.

The purpose of this correspondence is to acknowledge Councillors unanimous support for this project. We are committed to developing a city that has recreation as part of everyday life, encourages participation in sport and recreation, has connected and integrated transport networks, and creates family friendly and safe environments. Please see attached a copy of the resolution from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday, 31 October 2016.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely

Cr Greg Conkey
Mayor
City of Wagga Wagga



The Wagga Rail Trail



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Rail Trail

Grounded in our rich heritage, the Wagga Rail Trail is a gift for future generations. Creating a healthy, sustainable and connected community, this trail will make Wagga Wagga a more vibrant and liveable city.



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Wagga Wagga

Equex

Brunslea Park

Governor's Hill

Forest Hill

Ladysmith





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What is the Wagga Rail Trail?

The Wagga Rail Trail is a proposed 21km sealed, off-road trail connecting Wagga Wagga CBD with the village of Ladysmith.

Following a gentle gradient through rural countryside, the Trail passes Governor's Hill and Brunslea Park, Forest Hill and the RAAF Base, before crossing the picturesque Kyeamba Creek floodplain via historic rail bridges. **Safe and traffic free, this is a trail everyone can enjoy.**

Starting from the Visitor Information Centre, the Trail mostly follows the disused Wagga to Tumbarumba rail line. People can access the Trail at Equex and several other locations along the route.

The Trail ends at the Ladysmith Railway Station, with its unique display of heritage railway trikes.

It's planned that toilets and drinking water will be available on the route, along with signage describing local points of interest.

A Management Committee of landowners, trail users and community services will manage and maintain the Trail for the benefit of the whole community.



A great thing for our city

The Wagga Rail Trail will transform our city, making it a more connected and vibrant place to live.

The trail will enable people to choose a healthy, active lifestyle. Linking people with the places they want to go, the trail will be used to access shops, schools, work, sporting facilities, or just be used for exercising in the great outdoors.

The trail will wind through farmland, promoting the enjoyment of the beautiful environment right on our doorstep. We'll also be able to learn about

our local history and see the historic rail buildings and structures along the trail.

It is well recognised here and overseas that rail trail users want places to eat, drink, stay and explore. They spend money along the trail and visitors will often stay longer to enjoy the trail and nearby attractions. It will grow business investment and create jobs in our community.

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MM-1 SUPPORT FOR WAGGA RAIL TRAIL

16/001 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of The Mayor Councillor G Conkey OAM

That Council recommit to support for the Wagga Wagga to Ladysmith Rail Trail concept to enable interested parties to make submissions for grant funding.

CARRIED