

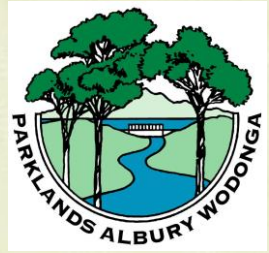
An aerial photograph of a large reservoir, likely a dam, with a long concrete dam structure in the foreground. The water is a deep blue-grey color, and the surrounding landscape is a mix of green and brown, indicating some dry areas. In the background, there are rolling hills under a clear sky.

PEOPLE POWER

20 years Community Managed Bushlands
\$20 million donated time
20 events to celebrate

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is currently managed by 5 community group partners...

- *Friends of Wodonga Rail Trail (various partners)*
- *Bonegilla Rail Trail Advisory Group Inc.*
- *Tallangatta Rail Trail Advisory Group Inc.*
- *Koetong Shelley Development Association Inc.*
- *Parklands Albury Wodonga Ltd (appointed Trustee).*



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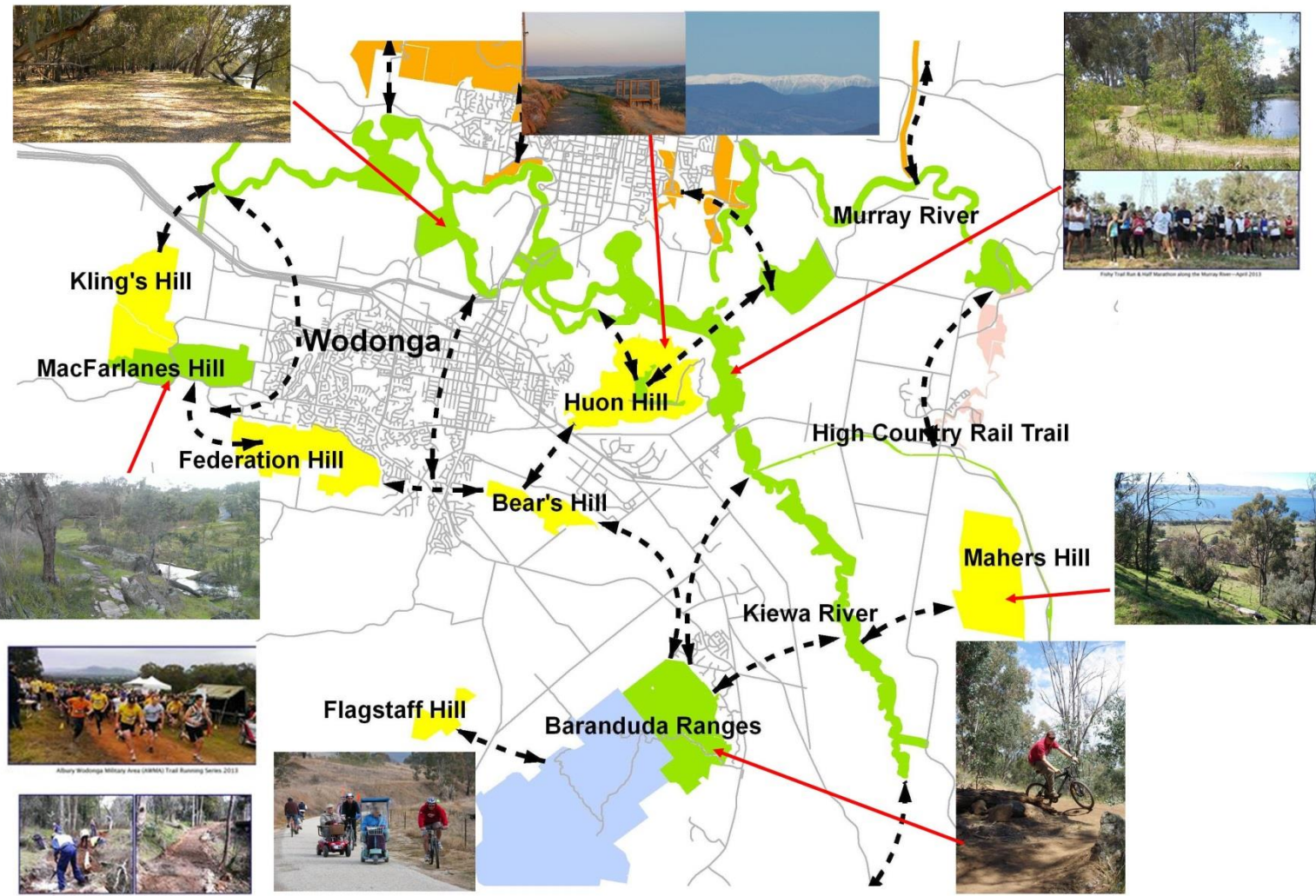
- *Not-for-profit*
- *Community-managed*
- *Deductible gift recipient*
- *Social Enterprise*



...and over the past year...

- **12 “Friends” Groups**
- **3,107 volunteers**
- **107 partner organisations and groups**
- **\$911,000 worth of time** invested by the community

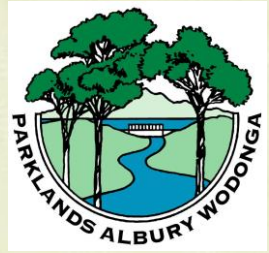
WHERE: river, mountain bike & rail trails



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MAKING THE IMPOSSIBLE POSSIBLE...

THE CHALLENGE:

- 112km rail trail with 33 bridges

WHAT WE HAVE DONE:

No feasibility study, no recurrent income
... just lots of people & persistence.

86km fenced, revegetated, gravelled & accessible Wodonga to Shelley

86km of 112km publicly accessible for \$337,000 in surfacing

- 18km sealed (1.5metre wide)
- 24km gravelled
- 26km working to establish horse trail

19 of 33 bridges replaced, restored or benched around for \$395,000 plus \$1.3 million for 600 metre Sandy Creek bridge

- 4 bridges to restore (one underway)
- 7 bridges to bench tracks around
- 3 bridges requiring safety hand rails (underway)



GOVERNANCE = partner with local groups

LEGAL

MANAGE

SURFACE

PROJECT

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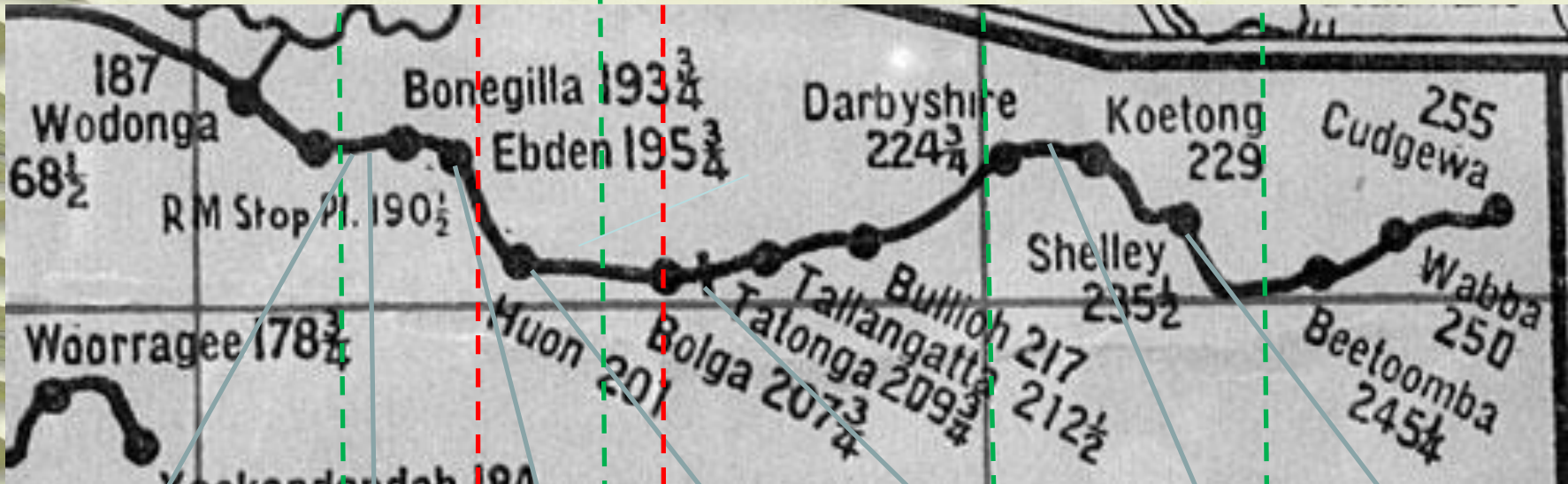
Wodonga Rail Working Group
to be formalised

Bonegilla Rail Trail Group

Tallangatta Rail Trail Group

Koetong Shelley Development Association

Cudgewa Rail Working Group
to be formalised



City of Wodonga Indigo Shire T o w o n g S h i r e

Rocla, Rancho Holdings, SJE & MacIntosh, etc
Kiewa footbridges

Mungabareena Aboriginal Corp & Wilson Transformers
600m boardwalk

Wodonga APEX
Ebden Station

Tangambalanga Lions
Huon Station

Tallangatta Rotary & CWA
Tatonga Lookout

Puffing Billy Assoc.
Trestle Bridge restoration

Hancock Plantations
Shelley Station



PEOPLE FIRST APPROACH:

Individuals share their gifts when they are in association with one another.

TRACKS AROUND: eight bridges





**SMALLER
BRIDGES:
around big
bridges**



RESTORE SIX BRIDGES: mill timber & rebuild

FROM:



TO:



Koetong Creek



Darbyshire Creek



Dry Forest Creek

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PLATFORM SIGNS



Laser-cut steel lettering

The longer the name, the heavier the sign!



parklands the benefits are endless...

VISITOR ATTRACTION: bike rides



Whistlestop High Tea (Sandy Creek to Tallangatta)

- Attracts 160 people x 3 years



Tallangatta Tall Trestle Treadle (Corryong to Tallangatta)

- Attracts 90 people x 10 years

VISITOR ATTRACTION: trail runs

EXISTING (5+ years)

- Riverina Trail Running Series
- Milk Run (Tangambalanga Lions)

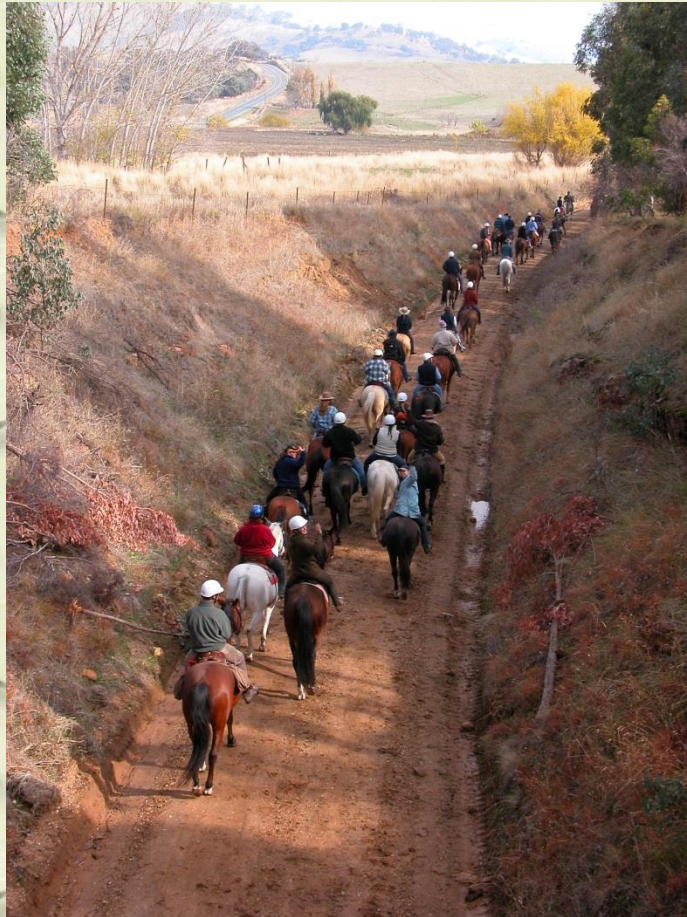
FROM 2018

- Marathon running festival



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GRADED SURFACE: horse trail riding



Basic graded trail, gates & creek crossings

Establish multi-day supported family friendly horse ride(s) with potential for new equestrian businesses to operate year round

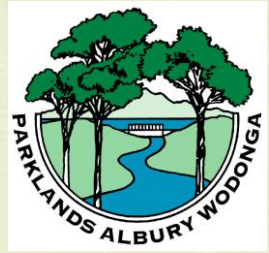
Build the Upper Murray's brand "*Man From Snowy River Bush Festival*"



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IMPACT: Youth Employment



OUR IMPACT LAST YEAR:

- 18 youths employed
- 2 refugees employed



OUR 20 YEAR IMPACT:

- 31 Indigenous employees
- 56 casuals (youths & unemployed)
- 160+ youth traineeships (six months)
- 1,000+ people recovering from mental illness or unemployed involved in six month training programs



IMPACT: health benefits of connecting with nature



disAbility involvement: 10 year volunteer program with Murray Valley Centre & procure revegetation materials
Also youths at Job Centre, SITE & TAFE



Healthy Active Ageing : being physically active and socialising help to live healthy, happy and active life as you get older.



Balancing farming and recreation: pedestrian stock grids to keep stock off roads

IMPACT: create jobs & growth



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IMPACT: landscape scale conservation

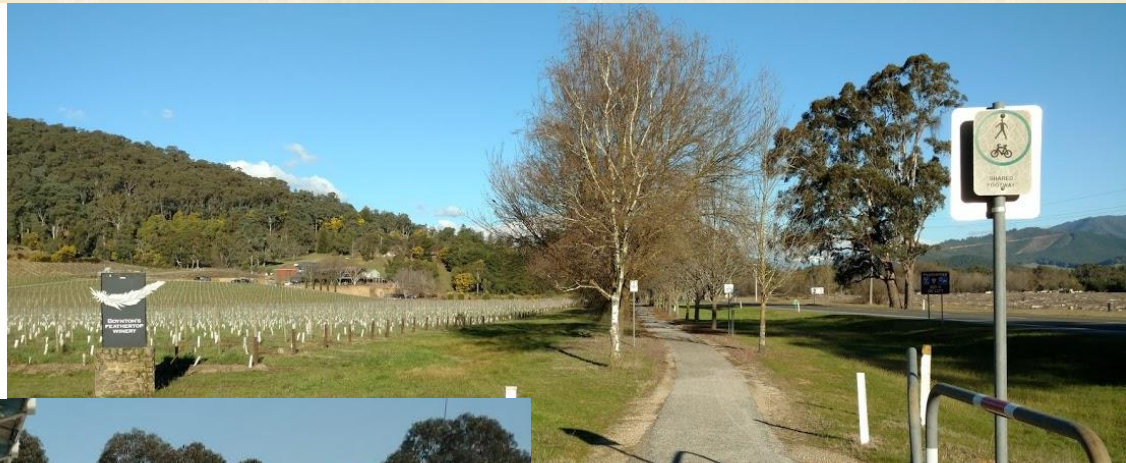


Slopes to Summit Great Eastern Ranges partnership.. Over 700 nestboxes installed for threatened species (eg gliders)

Hunter Valley Great Eastern Ranges partners...Regent Honeyeater recovery along Merriwa to Sandy Hollow railway corridor.



LOCALIZE FOOD SYSTEM: bike food trail



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A photograph of a long, curved wooden trestle bridge spanning a grassy valley. The bridge is made of weathered wood and has a series of vertical supports. The surrounding area is lush with green grass and trees. The text 'KEY TO SUCCESS = PARTNERSHIPS' is overlaid in red on the left side of the image.

**KEY TO SUCCESS
= PARTNERSHIPS**

- **Neighbours**
- **Community**
- **Business**
- **Council**
- **Government**