

Beechworth to Yackandandah Rail Trail

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Tourism North East and Regional Development Victoria are leading the North East Victorian Cycling Optimisation Project, which coordinates investment and infrastructure and supports private sector activation across Alpine, Benalla, Indigo, Towong, Wangaratta, Mansfield and Wodonga local government areas, for rail trail, road cycling and mountain bike infrastructure and marketing.



Did You Know?

North East Victoria is Australia's premier cycling tourism destination

North East Victoria boasts the two longest rail trails in Victoria: The *Great Victorian Rail Trail* and the *Murray to Mountains Rail Trail*

The *Murray to Mountains* trail is rated the best in the nation in terms of quality of trail surface, scenery, and supporting products and experiences

North East Victoria has around 50% of all formalised mountain bike single tracks in Victoria

100,000 cyclists visit North East Victoria each year, and that number is projected to rise to 255,000 by the year 2025

This stage of the NEVCO project is expected to provide more than 120 jobs and inject more than \$78 million into the local economy over 30 years.

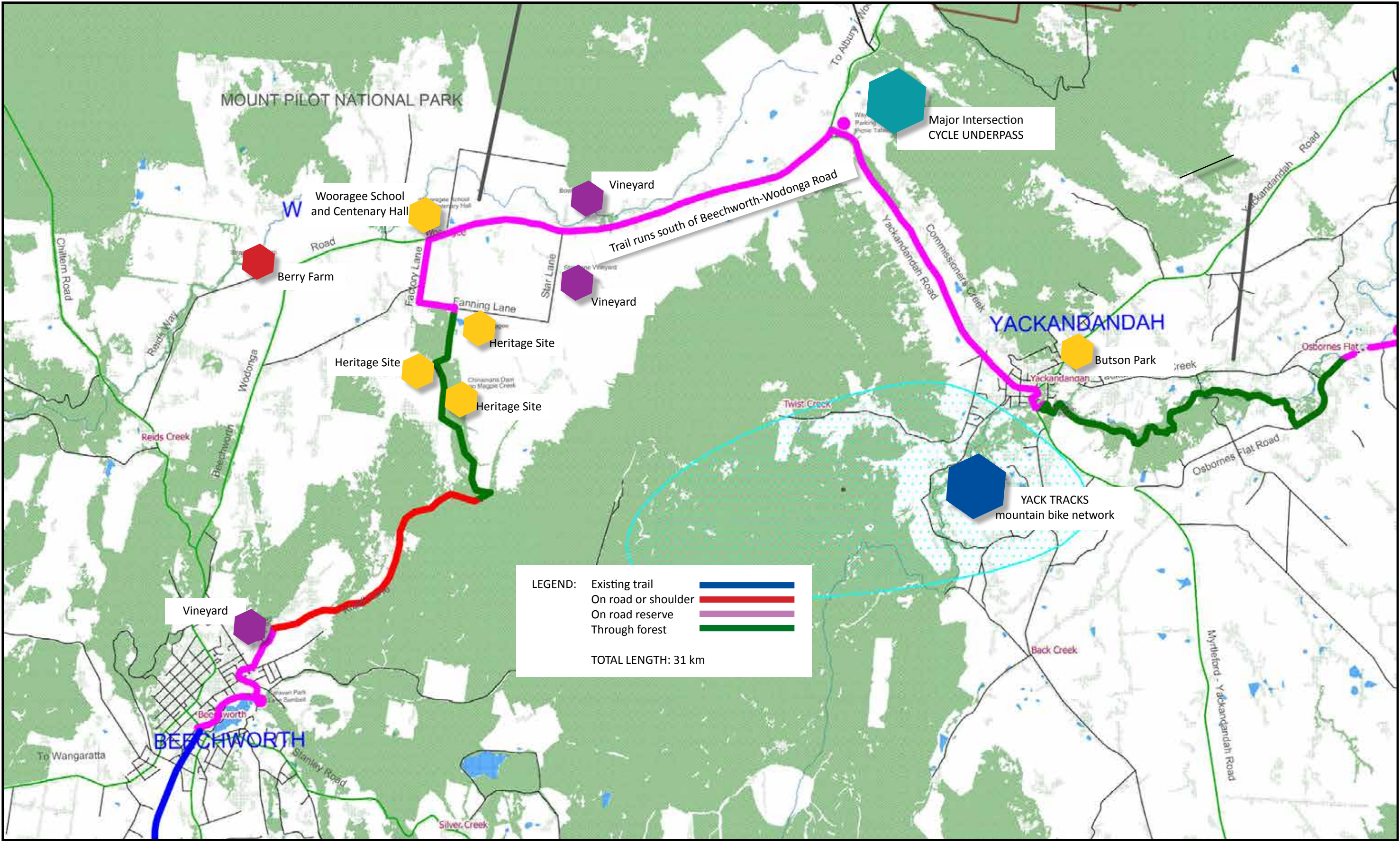
Funding allocation

The State Government recently announced \$12 million in the 2017-18 Budget for Stage 1 of the Plan, to provide:

- Extensions and enhancements for the Beechworth to Yackandandah-Osbornes Flat rail trail
- Enhancements for existing trails ("wow factor" installations, wayfinding)
- Marketing to provide broad awareness and targeted segment-specific campaigns
- Support for a cycle hub and support for other private sector business activation.

Detailed planning has been proceeding for some time, and work will begin in the 2017-18 financial year.

STAGE ONE



TO HIGH COUNTRY RAIL TRAIL and LAKE HUME

EXISTING RAIL TRAIL TO EVERTON