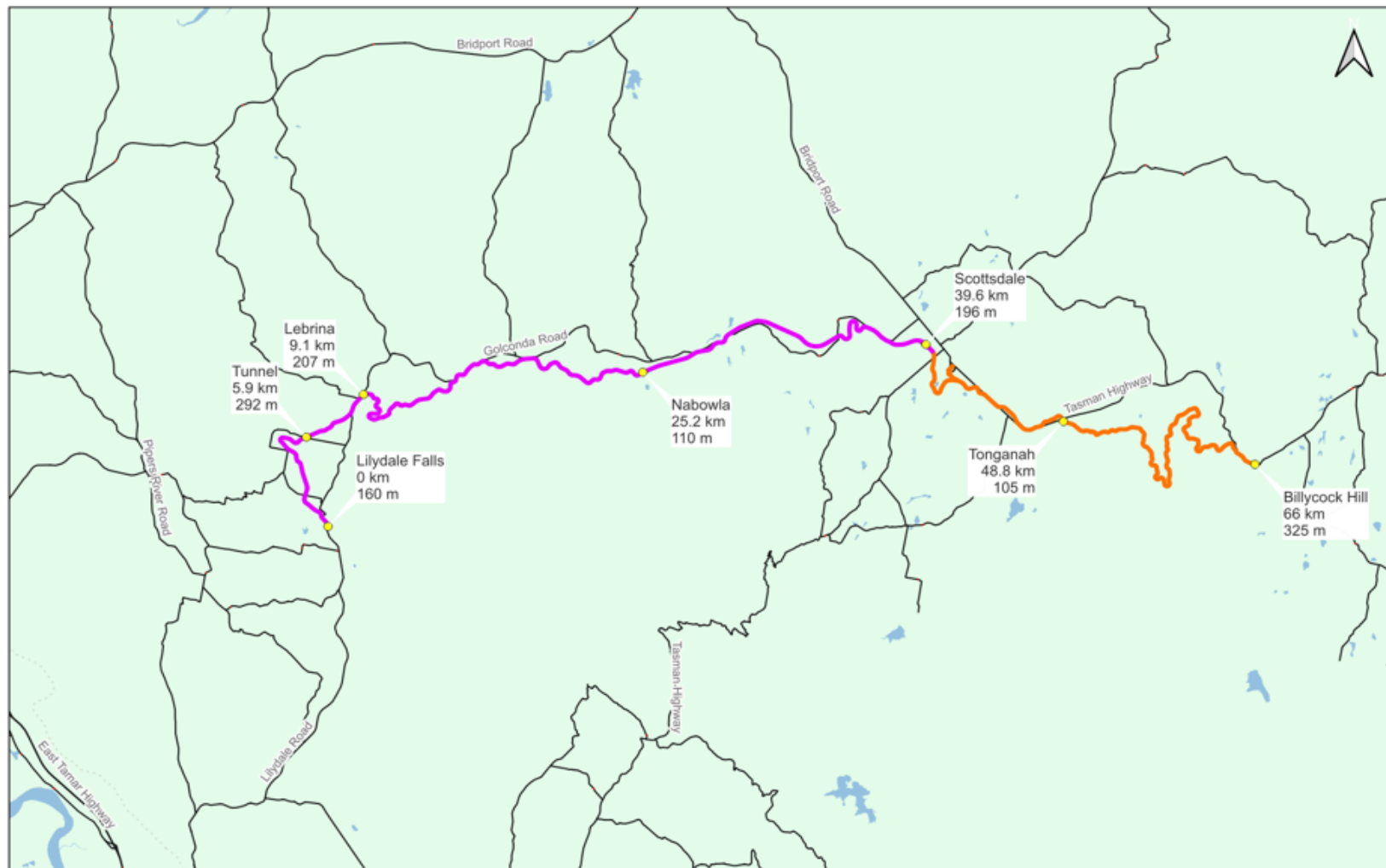




SCOTTSDALE TO LILYDALE FALLS

NORTH EAST TASMANIA RAIL TRAIL STAGE 3

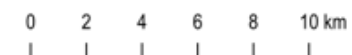
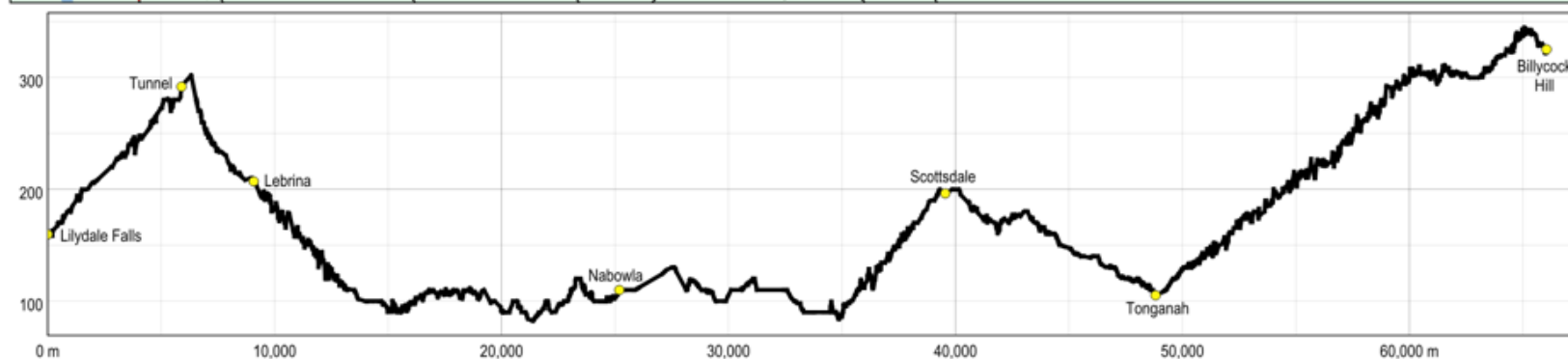


NORTH EAST TASMANIA PROPOSED RAIL TRAIL DEVELOPMENT ROUTE & PROFILE



Legend

- Proposed trail extension
- Existing trail
- Sites
 - # km - Distance from trail start
 - # m - Elevation



Base data from theLIST © State of Tasmania

SHARED PATHWAY

40km of shared pathway for walkers, runners and riders. Trail will be on average a 2.5m wide flat (or low gradient) pathway. Main access points at Scottsdale and Lilydale with additional access at smaller towns along the way.



TASMANIA'S LONGEST RT

Connecting in with the existing 26km from Scottsdale to Billycock Hill, this project will create Tasmania's longest rail trail at 66km.



THE EXPERIENCE



FLORA AND FAUNA

The trail will travel through an array of natural features including rolling hills, farmland, and native forests and over bridges spanning rivers and creeks. Lilydale Falls, the tunnel at Tunnel and the Denison Gorge will be special features along the trail.

Wildlife is abundant and will provide a further point of interest for trail users.

TUNNEL

Built in 1888 and lined with a million bricks, the tunnel at Tunnel and is one of the longest rail tunnels in Tasmania at over 700 metres in length.



SMALLER SEGMENTS

Chose a smaller section of the trail or complete the full 60km trip from Tonganah to Lilydale Falls (and back if you are keen!). You can even base yourself at Scottsdale and complete the trail in each direction over two days.

HISTORICAL CONNECTIONS

The trail provides the opportunity to showcase the regions history and stories. Trailheads at Scottsdale and Lilydale will provide the perfect canvas to tell the stories of the North East.

TOWNS AND VILLAGES

The trail will connect through smaller towns and villages along the way allowing users to experience local food and wine, visit a community market or stay a while longer in Tasmania's hidden gem, the North East.

TRAIL SEGMENT	DISTANCE (Approx)
Scottsdale to Lietinna	5.5km
Lietinna to Blumont	5.5km
Blumont to Nabowla	3.5km
Nabowla to Golconda	6.5km
Golconda to Wyena	3.5km
Wyena to Denison Gorge	3km
Denison Gorge to Lebrina	3.5km
Lebrina to Tunnel	3.5km
Tunnel to Lilydale Falls	5.5km
	40km

ART

Imagine hidden wonders only discoverable by accessing the trail... sculptures, murals, pop up art installations. All waiting to be discovered...



HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Access to low/no cost recreational facilities are critical for improving physical and mental health and wellbeing outcomes. Running, walking or riding in the great outdoors improves mental health, and can reduce risks associated with heart disease, depression etc.



THE BENEFITS

JOBS AND MIGRATION

Increased demand on the service industry from an increase in visitors will result in more employment opportunities.

Increased career opportunities means our young people have more opportunities in their hometowns and lead to a reduction in barriers to regional living.

CONNECTED COMMUNITIES

Connecting smaller regional communities via an accessible recreation trail. Walk your dog, expend some of your toddlers energy, or ride to your mates in the neighbouring town.

GREEN SPACE

Preservation of important natural landscapes and linking fragmented habitat. Users can experience nature with minimal environmental impact.

ECONOMIC BENEFITS

The trail has the potential to benefit regional incomes by a whopping \$30 million in regional income over the first 10 years. Additional socio economic benefits include health and wellbeing benefits, user productivity benefits and user value.



Regional Income Increase (users)	\$30,125,291
Health Benefits (exercise)	\$5,265,922
Direct Benefits — User Value	\$5,554,771
Workforce Productivity	\$1,264,821
TOTAL	\$42,210,805



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

A strong calendar of events can ignite a community. Providing opportunities to the smaller communities along the trail to hold fun runs, social rides, long distance events etc or simply promote their monthly markets to a wider audience.



PRESERVE THE CORRIDOR

Rail trails enable the corridor and significant infrastructure (bridges, tunnel) to be properly maintained rather than left to deteriorate. If ever trains become viable again, the corridor will still be accessible.

VIBRANT COMMUNITIES

This project will develop a community infrastructure asset that will benefit local health and wellbeing as well as be a drawcard for tourism and visitors to the area.

THE HISTORY

- 1889—Launceston to Scottsdale Railway line opens
- 1911—Extension to Branhholm opens
- 1919—Extension to Herrick opens
- 1978—Last passenger train closed down in Tasmania
- 1992—Line closed back to Tonganah
- 2004—Scottsdale to Launceston line closed
- 2012—Stage 1 of the North East Rail Trail opens from Tonganah to Billycock Hill
- Feb 2014—Business Case developed—Scottsdale to Launceston
- 2015—Stage 2 of the North East Rail Trail opens from Scottsdale to Tonganah
- 2015—Funding for Stage 3 received
- 2015—Alternative project—heritage trains announced
- 2017—Department of Treasury and Finance assessment of Rail vs Trail finds compromise: Rail from Lilydale to Turners Marsh (Part 1) and on to Coldwater Creek (Part 2) and Trail from Scottsdale to Lilydale Falls

Rail travel diminished due to an increase in competition from road transport and slow commute times (the average trip took 2 hours and 45 minutes from Scottsdale to Launceston).



- Nov 2018—Dorset Council votes 7:2 in favour of a Notice of Motion to adopt proposed compromise solution suggested by the Tasmanian Government.
- July 2019—Legislative Council Government Administration Committee B handed down the Final Report into an Inquiry into the North East Rail Corridor. Recommendations to Government included supporting the heritage railway between Launceston and Lilydale and supporting the rail trail between Scottsdale and Lilydale Falls.
- Feb 2020—Dorset Council appointed Corridor Manager for Lilydale Falls to Tonganah
- 2021—Dorset Council Planning Approval obtained
- 2023—City of Launceston Planning Approval obtained
- 2024—Revised Business Case—Scottsdale to Launceston





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