

Dear National Trail Members and Friends

With the shortest day of the year behind us, I hope you are faring well in this unusual year and planning your next trek along the National Trail. Based on the increased number of enquiries to Karen at the National Trail office, it seems many people have used the time in isolation to progress their National Trail dreams and aspirations.

Survey Results

We had a fantastic response to our survey, with 31% of Members completing it. Thank you! The Board is now in a much better position to move forward in the knowledge our decisions reflect the views of our Members.

The Survey results showed:

1. 44% strongly approved changing the name of the Trail to “National Trail” with 31% indicating they approved. 15% neither approved or disapproved and only about 7% were not in favour of the name change.
2. With regard to modifying our logo, 70% opted to retain the current logo without the word “Bicentennial” with support for the other two options being roughly equal.
3. The move to making our maps more accurate and easier to update and available via a web-based App or download was overwhelmingly supported with 90% either approving or strongly approving the move to a digital based mapping platform.
4. To gain a better understanding of how Members use or intend to use the Trail, we asked which description best described their use of the Trail, and multiple descriptions could be chosen. 50% of respondents described themselves as horse riders, 40% walkers, 33% cyclist, 13% walker with pack animal and 12% philosophical/intrinsic supporters.
5. 52% of respondents had used the Trail in the last year, 30% during the last one to five years and 18% longer than five years ago.
6. 90% of respondents intend to use the Trail in the next two years.
7. Respondents indicated that guidebooks 5 to 12 were the areas where the highest use was likely.
8. 33% described the Trail signage as adequate, 27% said it was poor or very poor and 14% described it as good. Only 1% said the signage was very good.
9. We received numerous comments on how the signage could be improved; such as, *‘Signs should be regular distance apart, before and after change in route, consistent height’*, *‘The Trail signage should only be a support to the Trail Notes. Trail Signage should NEVER allow non BNT members to find their way onto private property’*, *‘More regular signs and at confusing points’*, *‘Make people aware of the trail marking guidelines. It’s not a route to follow by markers. Markers are there to confirm’*. The following comment might just be the one that sums up the situation; *‘More signage. Really if you go digital mapping that resolves this issue’*.

Mapping Update

The Board, led by Rob McLaren and Kathy Ryan, have been working with our Section Coordinators and Dr Nicole Austin, our mapping specialist, to improve the accuracy and quality of our maps. Thank you everybody who has been involved to date (guidebooks 9, 10 and 11) for your prompt and experienced knowledge and input. Your incisive comments are deeply appreciated.

For the technically minded, our maps are being set up using ESRI ArcGIS, allowing them to be efficiently stored and edited online. The new maps will be downloadable from the National Trail web store and are designed to be printed as A3 map sheets.

We are aiming at having the first maps for sale later in July.

At this stage, the Board is working to keep the price of each map as low as possible. The Board has decided **not** to offer the printing and posting of maps to trekkers, as the cost is prohibitive.

While developing the first new maps, the Board tested to see if there was interest in sponsoring the production of maps. Our foray into this space has resulted in all of the maps for Guidebooks 9 and 11 being sponsored and several in Guidebook 10, meaning our mapping team has been able to proceed with updating maps for this large and contiguous stretch of the Trail .

Therefore, we are now offering individuals, families, groups and businesses the opportunity to **sponsor a map** for twelve months (a financial year) at a cost of \$200 per map. The sponsorship money offsets two thirds of the cost of initial production. Continued sponsorship will ensure maps are updated annually. The sample map sheet below shows how the maps will look and the space where the sponsorship message can be placed beneath the text directions.

Rob and other members of the Board, along with section coordinators, are taking the lead in the provision of map sponsorship. Mal and Denise Keely, long-time supporters of the National Trail and current Section Coordinators have stepped up and sponsored all the maps in Guidebook 9; a very big thank you to Mal and Denise! I encourage you all to seek sponsors, as well as consider sponsoring a map yourself. Those who gain map sponsorship will help define the priority for the next set of A3 maps to be created, once Guidebooks 9, 10 and 11 have been converted. This is offered along the length of the Trail as an incentive for all those awaiting updated mapping of their local section of the National Trail. A single map, from any section of the National Trail, can be created once sponsorship is secure, without having to wait for the whole 'Guidebook package' to be ready.

If you would like to sponsor a map, or have the name of a sponsor, please email info@nationaltrail.com.au or call myself or Rob McLaren.

The Board hopes this mapping initiative and its associated sponsorship opportunity encourages us all to contribute to the rapid creation of these A3 maps and their annual updates.

A further initiative of the Board, the compilation of a single comprehensive National Trail Manual, under Board member editor-in-chief, Lesly Haine, is also underway and will complement the individual map approach. The aim of the Manual is to create a single document, possibly divided into volumes, which the trekker can utilise for planning. Lesley is currently compiling a draft table of contents to provide a structure for all the information relevant to the National Trail. We look forward to updating you on this project and seeking your vital contributions in due course.

Trail Open

The National Trail is currently open in alignment with State Government Covid-19 Restrictions.

Our understanding is that hiking, camping and other recreational activities in National and State Parks is permitted. We believe other public land is being treated similarly. Current restrictions allow recreational travel, camping and accommodation in Queensland, NSW, ACT and Victoria, although this may change, so please be mindful of State restrictions.

The following Public Health rules remain:

- Physical distancing
- 4 square metres per person when indoors
- Hand hygiene
- Respiratory hygiene
- Frequent environmental cleaning and disinfection

As you know, many sections of the National Trail pass through private land, so it will be necessary to ensure you contact relevant Trail Coordinators to ensure landholders are prepared to have trekkers using their land.

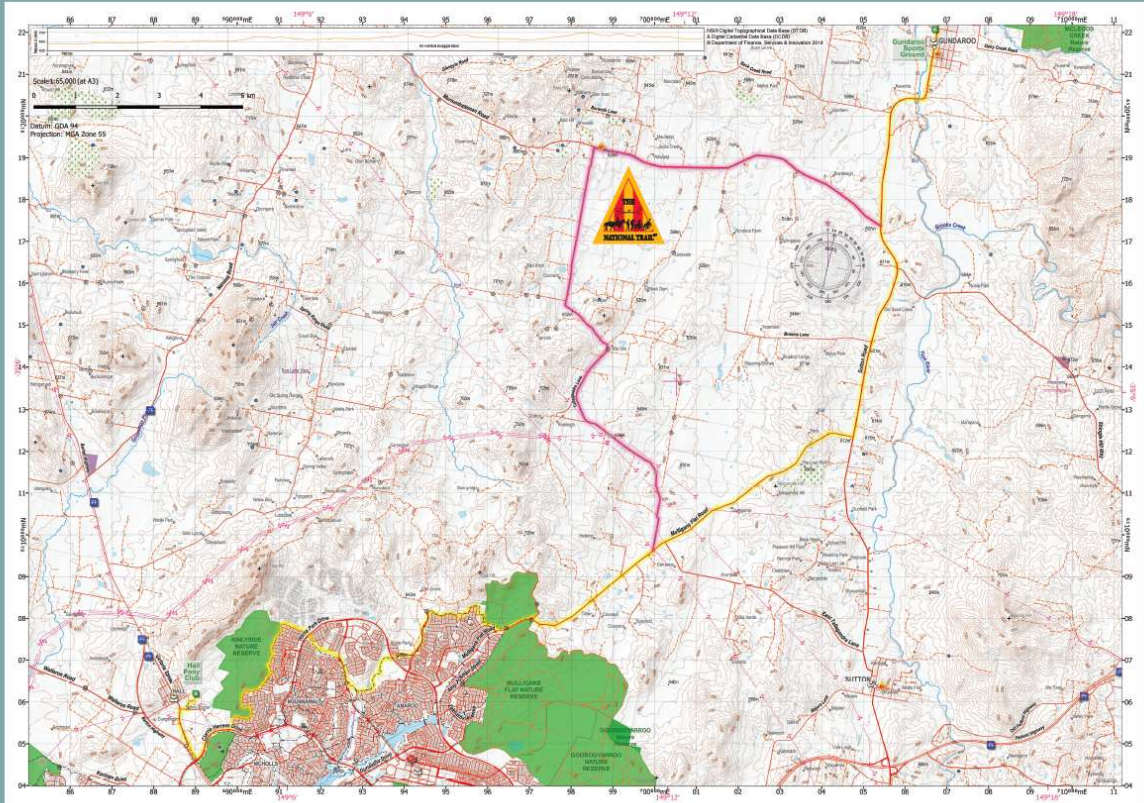
I apologise for the length of this communique; however, we were keen to share the important progress being made.

All the best

Neil Ward,

Chairperson
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SECTION 10 - MAP 12, updated 1 June 2020



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Do you have feedback on this map? Send updates to info@nationaltrail.com.au

The National Trail acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which the National Trail passes across, and recognises their continuing connection to land, water and community.
The National Trail pays respect to Elders past, present and emerging.



North to South

Gundaroo to Hall

Pre-trip contact

- Hall Rural Centre 02 6207 5141 or ranger 0409 791 523 for access to Hall Pony Club
- Section coordinator Jenny Costin 0412 274 810 • National Trail 1300 138 274

Sutton Road, connecting Canberra to Gundaroo, has a speed limit of 100kph and is very busy during commuter periods. Consider arranging horse transport between Gundaroo Sports Ground and Mulligans Flat carpark, on Mulligans Flat Rd, 1km south of ACT border (20km).

When travelling around Canberra's pathways with horses and pack animals, be aware of cyclists.

- 0.0 0.0 From Gundaroo Sports Ground, turn right onto Cork St to continue S.
- 1.1 1.1 Gundaroo bridge across the Yass River.
- 4.2 3.1 At intersection of Sutton and Murrumbateman Rds, cyclist and walkers can turn right onto a cycle lane (alternate pink route). Horses and pack animals must remain on Sutton Rd. Be careful as Sutton Rd's verge is narrow, unmon with occasional culverts.
- 9.4 5.2 Turn right on Mulligans Flat Rd to continue E then SE.
Be careful, Mulligans Flat Rd's verge is narrow.
- 15.1 5.7 At Tallagandra Lane alternate pink route for cyclists and walkers rejoins main trail.
- 18.6 3.5 At ACT border, turn right onto Dukes Rd, cross cavaletti to travel inside fence along Mulligans Flat Rd.
- 19.3 0.7 Turn right along fence/line, behind suburban homes on Henry Williams Dve, to continue W.
- 20.6 1.3 Turn left onto Roden Cutler Dve to continue S.
- 21.7 1.1 Turn right onto Appleford Ave to continue W.
- 22.2 0.5 After the playground, pass under Horse Park Dve to continue SW.
- 24.0 1.8 Turn right at Mirrabee Dve to continue N.
- 24.7 0.7 Cross Mirrabee Dve after Crackerjack Way to Moncrieff sign after roundabout to continue NW into the green space.
- 25.7 1.0 Pass under Horse Park Dve to continue NW then S along the green space behind the suburbs.
- 30.3 4.6 Turn right onto Clarrie Hermes Dve to continue SW
- 31.6 1.3 Turn right at Barton Hwy to continue NW.
- 32.0 0.4 Turn right along Victoria St to continue N.
- 33.4 1.4 Hall Showground.

Camp

Hall Pony Club (GR 890 062).

- Stock water and shelter
- Contact Hall Rural Centre 02 6207 5141 or ranger 0409 791 523 to open shower and toilets
- Hall is a well serviced village with shops, cafes and stockfeed.

South to North

Hall to Gundaroo

Pre-trip contact

- Rural Land Protection Board (Yass) 02 6226 1155 for access to Lerrida TSR 48 hours prior
- Section coordinator Jenny Costin 0412 274 810 • National Trail 1300 138 274

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When travelling around Canberra's pathways with horses and pack animals, be aware of cyclists.

- 0.0 0.0 From Hall Showground, turn left onto Victoria St to continue S.
- 1.4 1.4 Turn left at Barton Hwy to continue SE.
- 1.8 0.4 Turn left onto Clarrie Hermes Dve to continue NE on either side of wide verge
- 3.1 1.3 Turn left to continue N behind suburb along rural fence.
- 6.9 3.8 Turn right along inter-suburban green space between Hyslop Cres and Greg Irwin Cct.
- 7.7 0.8 Pass under Horse Park Dve to continue SE.
- 8.7 1.0 Once beyond roundabout on Mirrabee Dve, turn right to continue S.
- 9.4 0.7 Before Wanderer Cres, turn left away from Mirrabee Dve onto trails before continuing NE.
- 11.2 1.8 Pass under Horse Park Dve to continue E, past a playground then along Appleford Ave.
- 11.7 0.5 Turn left onto Roden Cutler Dve to continue N.
- 12.8 1.1 Turn right along fence/line, behind suburban homes on Henry Williams Dve, to continue E.
- 14.1 1.3 Turn left across cavaletti inside of fence along Mulligans Flat Rd to continue NE.
- 14.8 0.7 At Dukes Rd turn right to cross cavaletti and Mulligans Flat Rd continue NE.
Be careful, Mulligans Flat Rd's verge is narrow.
- 18.3 3.5 At Tallagandra Lane cyclist and walkers can turn left onto a cycle lane (alternate pink route).
Horses and pack animals must remain on Sutton Rd.
Be careful, Sutton Rd's verge is narrow, unmon with occasional culverts.
- 24.0 5.7 Turn left onto Sutton Rd to continue N.
- 29.2 5.2 Pass intersection with Murrumbateman Rd to continue N.
Alternate pink route for cyclists and walkers rejoins main trail.
- 32.3 3.1 Gundaroo Bridge over Yass River.
- 33.4 1.1 Continue along Sutton Rd-Cork St to Gundaroo Sports Ground.

Camp

Gundaroo Sports Ground (GR 067 221).

- Stock water, shelter, tables, toilets.
- Keep horses and pack animals off the cricket pitch and out of the tennis courts
- Gundaroo is well serviced with a store, wine bar, post office and vet.

The National Trail gratefully acknowledges the sponsorship of this map by Jenny and Graydon Costin, Canberra, ACT.