



## Friends of the Great Victorian Rail Trail (GVRT)

The 'Friends of the GVRT' was formed at the end of 2017. We are a volunteer group who recognise the potential of a long distance rail trail and are interested in helping to develop this very valuable attraction.

The Friends Group acts as a community advisory body whose aim is to work in collaboration with each of the three Shire Councils around the ongoing management, development and promotion of the longest rail trail in Victoria.

This will be achieved by:

- acting as advocate for the improvements to the asset and apply for funding.
- providing community feedback on trail management issues to the Shires.
- undertaking volunteer activities towards upkeep and promotion of the rail trail.
- acting as contact point for various stakeholders with common interest in the rail trail.

We are affiliated with Up2Us, the local Landcare Alliance organisation in Mansfield.

## Want to know more? Get in touch with us

Up2Us Landcare Alliance  
24 Highett Street,  
Mansfield VIC 722

**Telephone**  
03/5779 1593

**Facebook**  
Search for 'Friends of the Great Victorian Rail Trail'

**Or contact**  
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## Membership Application Form

Friends of the Great Victorian Rail Trail is a not-for-profit organisation. By becoming a member you can support our effort to further develop and promote the trail.

**MEMBERSHIP TYPE** (Membership runs from July 1 to June 30)

Single \$30     Business \$50     Family \$50

Donation: amount \$

### CONTACT DETAILS

Last name		
First name		
Company		
Address		
Town/suburb	State	P'code
Phone (h)	Phone (m)	
Email		
If you are applying as a family, please complete the names of your other family members:		
Last name	First name	
Last name	First name	
Last name	First name	

### PAYMENT

You can pay by either:

- Direct transfer to our bank account with your last name and initial as reference  
**BSB:** 633-000 **Account No:** 161 645 445  
**Account Name:** Friends of the Great Victorian Rail Trail
- Cheque payable to **Friends of the GVRT**  
 Post payment along with form to  
 24 Highett Street, Mansfield Vic 3722

Signed	Date
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## The story so far...

The Great Victorian Rail Trail (GVRT) was opened in June 2012 and is jointly managed by three Shires; Mansfield, Murrindindi and Mitchell. Maintenance and promotion of the trail is the responsibility of each Shire Council to help facilitate a safe and enjoyable user experience.

Starting at Tallarook, the trail passes through 134kms of farming country, crossing creeks and the Goulburn River, including the Trawool Valley classified by the National Trust for its scenic beauty, finishing at Mansfield via Lake Eildon with views to the snow capped peaks of the Victorian Alps. Alexandra sits at the end of a 13-kilometre spur line.



*The Great Victorian Rail Trail is one of three rail trails that underpin the 'Ride High Country' campaign to promote our area as a premier cycling destination.*

## Why do we need a Friends Group?

Gently graded and well maintained, it's recognised that the GVRT is one of the best off-road cycling, walking and horse-riding experiences in Victoria.

It's seven years since the rail trail was opened. There's an urgent need to further develop the rail trail to increase its economic and environmental benefit to the local communities, and to improve the users' experience.

Increasing usage is essential to the sustainability of our rail trail and an important means of encouraging further development of the trail. It's also essential to the businesses that directly and indirectly benefit from, or support, rail trail users.

## A Friends Group is the ideal body to make this happen!

As a volunteer community group, recruiting volunteers to assist with our objective is crucial to our ability to carry out this community service.

*Like to know more? Get in touch for more details, or complete the membership application form and return it to us.*