

REMOVING THE GIPPS ST STEPS



The Issue

Cyclists on the Main Yarra Trail in Abbotsford currently have to negotiate three sets of very steep steps, two narrow bridges and a long steep hill.

- The current trail restricts
- access for families
 - anyone unable to carry their bike up or down the staircase
 - frail walkers
 - wheelchair users

The best way to overcome this inadequate situation is to realign the trail along the south bank of the river behind the CUB brewery.



What is happening now?

After lobbying from the community, Bicycle Victoria and Richard Wynne, Minister Thwaites, the Deputy Premier, announced \$50,000 funding for a detailed design of the alignment from Gipps Street to Walmer Street.

The City of Yarra will be providing an additional \$50,000 for the design and will be managing the project, which will be conducted in the new year.

What needs to happen?

While the funding of the design is a commendable step, current government funding will not be able to build this connection.

A commitment of significant additional funding will be required within the next year to ensure the delivery of this project.

What you can do

Let Richard Wynne, (richard.wynne@parliament.vic.gov.au) know that he should keep lobbying Minister Thwaites for the funds to build the new trail.

Keep up to date with the campaign by registering for email updates at www.bv.com.au (search: Main Yarra Trail Abbotsford).



Aerial photograph showing the proposed changes.