



Morningson Community Safelink –

Priority 1 for completing the Bay Trail on the Morningson Peninsula



The Morningson Community Safelink is a proposed Trail that will run alongside the Heritage Railway Line, from the end of Peninsula Link Trail , at Moorooduc Station, to the Morningson Station on the corner of Yuilles and Watts Roads, and into Main St Morningson. It will connect to the Harrap Creek Trail, that runs to the Briars and Mt.Martha. The last kilometre of the Peninsula Link Trail already runs alongside the old

railway line, which the Morningson Railway Preservation Society want to restore, to extend their existing weekend steam train operation between Moorooduc and Morningson to Baxter. Its about 6km long.

The Safelink has wide support in the community with three thousand signatures on a petition to the State Transport Minister. There are many letters of support from the schools and community organisations, as not only will it provide for recreational walking and cycling but it will enable active commuting between shopping centres, homes, work places and sports precincts. That is why it's called a Safelink.

Originally conceived when the Railway closed in the 1980's it was proposed as part of the construction of the Peninsula Freeway, but not funded. Hence the current Peninsula Link path terminates at Moorooduc Station. In the early 2000's the Morningson Environmental Association campaigned for its construction. In 2018 some likeminded locals formed the Morningson Community Safelink Group to advocate for its completion. The Morningson Community Safelink Group is continuing to meet regularly with Council staff, Councillors and local members of Parliament.

All State and Federal MP's in the local electorates support it. All elected Councillors support it. The offices of our local politicians are all working to achieve it, especially those of Greg Hunt and Jane Garrett.

Morningson Peninsula Shire Council are supporting it with a budget of \$300k in 2021-22 to finalise its design. It is also pursuing State and Federal Funding. It classifies the Safelink as Priority 1 to complete the Bay Trail on the Peninsula, thanks to a very detailed study that demonstrates the significant economic benefit of it.

The Bicycle Network are advocating for it. The Morningson Railway Preservation Society are working with the Safelink Group in proposing that the Trail be the

backbone of a green nature corridor between Baxter and the Briars that enhances and protects the native vegetation and educates and engages the community with it.

Please help by

Signing the petition at <http://chnq.it/cdFytzipnK>

Following the Safelink on <https://www.facebook.com/morningtonsafelink/>)

and talking to local Councillors and Politicians .

Thanks to everyone who already has done so.

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