

# Omeo Mountain Bike Trails

Project update – April 2023



## Test out the trails

Are you heading to Mount Hotham or Falls Creek, why not stop off at Omeo and test out the first 10km of stage 1 of the trails?

The trails have been well used since Easter weekend, with mountain bike enthusiasts getting into nature for fitness or getting their adrenaline rush.

The first 10km are just a 'taster' of what is to come and are a blend of fun beginner and intermediate cross-country and gravity trails with great views over Livingstone Creek and Omeo. All can be accessed from the trail head at Livingstone Park.



## Trails open

- Weigh In, 500m
- Weigh Out, 500m
- Geddy Up, 630m
- Prospector, 980m
- Creek (Walking) Track, 1020m
- Flomeo, 450m
- Diggers Run, 620m
- Rodeo, 600m
- Dig Deep, 400m
- Oriental Express, 1570m
- Mine Bender, 925m
- Livingstone Park Track, 1340m

**Stage 1 - 56.7km:** 17% of Stage 1 trail length open.

## Did you know?

We recently hosted a desktop training exercise with emergency service partners to test response capabilities in the event of an emergency on the trails.

Victoria Police, Ambulance Victoria, DEECA, SES and CFA were amongst the participants that worked through a scenario of an injured rider. The scenario worked through the initial 000 call and the roles each agency would play in the response.

Agencies discussed access, communication, multi-agency cooperation, community involvement and patient care.

The exercise gave great insight what agencies may face during an emergency event and the strategies and procedures required to ensure the best possible outcome.

This desktop exercise will serve as a prelude to an on-ground exercise later in the year.

## Trail building continues

It was a big effort by everyone involved to get the first 10km of trails ready for Easter.

It was great to see a big turnout at the community barbecue on 6 April and the public riding the trails.

Feedback coming in from riders and walkers has been overwhelmingly positive. There was lots of great feedback from local walkers who were excited to be able to walk along the southern side of Livingstone Creek for the first time.

Common Ground continues trail building, including on Mt Mesley and Mt Sam.



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*Our community barbecue was well attended by locals and contractors as we marked the completion of the first 10km of trails prior to Easter. Thank-you to everyone who attended and the local volunteers who helped with the barbecue.*

## Omeo Streetscape consultation

Thank-you to the more than 30 people who viewed and discussed streetscape plans at our consultation session on 20 April.

The aim of the streetscape project is to enhance the public spaces with upgraded urban amenity to activate the commercial centre of Omeo for the community, and encourage visitors and travellers to stop, stay and spend.

This upgrade will also accommodate the increased tourism generated by the Omeo MTB Destination project.

A survey is open until **7 May**. More on our Your Say website at [Omeo - Streetscape Revitalisation | Your Say East Gippsland](#)

## Tourism summit - save the date

We are hosting the very first Inspire East Gippsland Tourism Summit to be held at Metung Country Club on **Thursday 25 May**.

Tickets go on sale in early May, but spaces are limited so book early.

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