

In the early 1920's, a tramway was constructed extending south from the Jandakot Railway Station to Karnup to facilitate the development of the Group Settlement Scheme in the Peel Estate.

Timber harvested in the Peel Estate region was transported out, and materials to support the Group Settlement Scheme transported in. However, by late 1925, the need for the tramway had passed and the rails were pulled up.

The enduring legacy of the tramway is a long, narrow reserve running parallel to the west of the Kwinana Freeway, that remains largely intact to this day. This approximately 32km long reserve connects the Cities of Cockburn, Kwinana and Rockingham and provides the opportunity for connectivity between these areas as a multi-use trail.

The Tramway Reserve Trail connects through natural bushland, containing habitat for fauna such as the Black Cockatoos, and is adjacent to natural and culturally important features including the lakes, wetlands and bushland of the Beeliar Regional Park.

The trail route also intersects and links with a variety of existing trails, significantly expanding the options and experiences available to users.

The Vision

The Cities of Cockburn, Kwinana and Rockingham are hoping to re-imagine the Tramway Reserve Trail as a multi-use trail stretching 32km from Yangebup in the north to Karnup in the south. It would aim to provide a relaxed and shady route to explore the regions' wetlands and bushland and safely connecting local residents with the nearby facilities.

The re-imagined trail would be a regional attraction for adventurers and explorers to get out in nature and explore the region whether it be through hiking, cycling or just a leisurely stroll. It could be the future site for many adventure races and events, educational trips and scouting excursions, the opportunities are plentiful.

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Status

It's already happening! One beautiful section of trail has been developed in Baldivis that provides local walking and cycling opportunities. This section was delivered by private developers in accordance with the City of Rockingham's Tramway Trail Masterplan.

Perth Southern West Metropolitan Alliance is looking for partners and funds to develop unconstructed sections of the trail, develop signage for community users, and restore natural values where required.

We have a Development Plan that has been endorsed by all the relevant Councils. The Group is now working towards seeking funding to bring this vision to life.

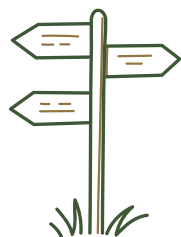




Yangebup



Karnup



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Explore the trail for yourself, take a photo, and share your ideas at nrm@perthsouthwest.com.au



Let us know

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For more information

To view the history of the Tramway visit [Wikipedia - Baldivis Tramway](#)



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To view the first complete sections of the new Tramway Reserve Trail in Baldivis, visit the [City of Rockingham](#).



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