



CONFERENCE VENUE
 Alice Springs Desert Park
 871 Larapinta Drive

Final Program

Tuesday June 1st

1.30 pm approx. Bus pick up for conference as per map and timetable

2.00 pm	Introduction and welcome	Janet Mackay Director TRC Tourism
	Welcome to Country	Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation

Creating Successful Trail Experiences

2.30 pm	Creating exceptional visitor experiences	Heath Garratt Tasmanian Walking Company
3.00 pm	A look at the 7-stanes Trail network story	Amanda Layden Project Manager, Trails - Tourism and Economic Development Department for Environment and Water SA
3.30 pm	Afternoon tea	
4.00 pm	What's happening in great walks	Janet Mackay Director TRC Tourism
4.30 pm	Linking products and trails – examples from the wineries	VIRTUAL PRESENTATION Chris Rose Senior Consultant TRC Tourism
5.00 pm	Forum – Exceptional trail experiences	
5.40 pm	Conference Close	
	Grab a drink and confirm field trip selection for tomorrow with Donna/Lisa	
6.00 pm	Move to Courtyard for drinks and nibbles followed by BBQ dinner at the Desert Park	
8.30 pm	Bus departs – return to Alice Springs	



Wednesday June 2nd

8.20-8.30 am approx. Bus pick up for conference as per map and timetable

8.50 am	Introduction to the day	Penny Spoelder Senior Consultant TRC Tourism
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Planning, Management and Maintenance

8.55 am	Carsick Snails - Planning the Creswick Trails Network and navigating complex land managers and difficult stakeholders	VIRTUAL PRESENTATION Alison Breach Project Manager Hepburn Shire Council
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9.15 am	M & Ms of Trails (Management, Marketing, Maintenance)	VIRTUAL PRESENTATION Cormac McCarthy Senior Open Space Development Officer Manningham Council
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9.35 am	UK trail building and urban trails	VIRTUAL PRESENTATION Phil Saxena Director Velo Solutions
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9.55 am	The essentials of successful maintenance regimes	Kain Gardner Consultant TRC Tourism
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10.15 am	St Helens Trails Ambassador program overview	John Brown General Manager Break O Day District Council
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10.35 am	Panel discussion	
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11.00 am	Field trip instructions	Penny Spoelder Senior Consultant TRC Tourism
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11.05 am	Morning Tea (and pick up packed lunch)	
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Field Trips

11.20 am	Depart for field trips	
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Field trip 1 <i>Approx. return 6 pm</i>	Larapinta Trail: Construction and Management (15-20 people max) Chris Day, Phil Cowan and Janet Mackay	<i>Delegates will view a range of different track construction techniques on this iconic walking track and will understand the challenges of working in an arid environment (Visit Simpsons Gap and Ormiston Gorge and points of interest along the way).</i>
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Field trip 2 <i>Approx. return 4.30 – 5.30 pm</i>	MTB Trail construction and maintenance Overview inspection of mountain bike network on MTBs limited to 25 people Kain Gardner and Marty Krieg	<i>Delegates will explore the extensive MTB trail network around Alice Springs and observe the different techniques that have been applied and the opportunities the network presents for visitor experience. This will include discussions with a number of trail planners and builders on the applicability and feasibility of machine-based construction versus hand based builds and the choices trail builders face. Bus from Desert Park to Telegraph station – start and finish location.</i>
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Field trip 3 <i>Approx. return 4.30 – 5.30 pm</i>	A new trail experience on Yeperenye country Yeperenye Traditional Owners, Sanchia Scott, Beth Campbell and Chris Halstead	<i>The Yeperenye Traditional Owners will share their story on country of a new walking experience they are developing in the East MacDonnell Ranges (between Emily and Jessie Gap). The field trip will include some walking and will also include consideration of arid zone trail design & construction techniques</i>
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4.30 – 6.30 pm	Field trips complete	Field trip busses will return you to Alice Springs at varying times between 4.30 pm and 6.30 pm depending on field trip location. Dinner own choice and delegate own expense.
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Thursday June 3rd

8.20 - 8.30 am approx. Bus pick up for conference as per map and timetable

8.50 am	Introduction to the day	Penny Spoelder Senior Consultant TRC Tourism
Spotlight on the Red Centre Adventure Ride		
9.10 am	The concept comes to life	Janet Mackay Director TRC Tourism
9.30 am	Engaging with the Traditional Owners	Chris Day Senior Director Parks and Wildlife Operations Department of Tourism Sport and Culture
9.50 am	Planning and design	Chris Halstead Senior Consultant TRC Tourism
10.10 am	Panel discussion	
10.40 am	Morning tea	
Positioning Trails For Success		
11.00 am	The benefits of trails to a destination	VIRTUAL PRESENTATION Terry Robinson CEO Destination Gippsland
11.30 am	Creating success from a jigsaw of trails – the Yarra Ranges story	VIRTUAL PRESENTATION Terry Jenvey Yarra Ranges Shire Council
11.50 am	Mountain biking in Australia - An economic and participation analysis	Denise Cox and Georgia Pelling Representing Auscycling and GHD
12.10 pm	How a compelling story and strategic community partnership transform towns into trails destinations	Dean Unsworth CEO Shire of Murray WA
12.30 pm	WA Hiking Strategy 2020-2030: New thinking on an ancient activity	Steve Bennet Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries Western Australia
12.50 pm	Lunch	
1.50 pm	Forum – Critical success factors for trails in a destination	
2.50 pm	How Trails have changed the face of Tasmania	Chris Griffin CEO Visit Northern Tasmania
3.20 pm	Afternoon tea	
3.35 pm	Conference wrap up and close	Janet Mackay/Penny Spoelder
4.00 pm sharp	Bus back to Alice Springs	<i>note: only a 20 min turn around before bus returns to pick you up for dinner</i>
4.40 pm	Bus collection from accommodation for dinner	
5.30 pm	Gala Dinner at Ooraminna Station Homestead	
10.00 pm	Bus departs Ooraminna Station Homestead to return to Alice Springs	

Conference Bus timetable

Tuesday 1st of June

Time	Pick up location	Drop off location
1.30pm SHARP Everyone to be out front of each stop by 1.30pm as the pick up order may change	Alice springs accommodation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stop 1: Quest Apartment - Stop 2: Double Tree (for Double Tree and Desert Palms people) - Stop 3: Lasseters 	Desert Park
8.30pm ish	Desert Park	Alice Springs accommodation

Wednesday 2nd of June

Time	Pick up location	Drop off location
8.20am SHARP Everyone to be out front of each stop by 8.20am as the pick up order may change	Alice springs accommodation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stop 1: Quest Apartment - Stop 2: Double Tree (for Double Tree and Desert Palms people) - Stop 3: Lasseters 	Desert Park
11am	Desert Park	Field trip locations
4.30-6pm	Return to Alice from various field tips	

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4pm	Desert Park	Alice Springs Accommodation
Drop back from Desert Park to Alice Springs Accommodation IN 20 MINUTES THE BUS WILL BE BACK TO PICK YOU UP.	Alice Springs Accommodation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stop 1: Alice Springs Tourist Park - Stop 2: The Diplomat - Stop 3: Alice on Todd - Stop 4: Quest Apartment - Stop 5: DoubleTree (for DoubleTree and Desert Palms people) - Stop 6: Lasseters - Stop 7: Big 4 (TBC) 	
Pick up from Accommodation to go to Ooraminna 4.40pm – SHARP Everyone to be out front of each stop by 4.40pm as the pick up order may change	Alice Springs Accommodation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stop 1: Alice Springs Tourist Park - Stop 2: The Diplomat - Stop 3: Alice on Todd - Stop 4: Quest Apartment - Stop 5: DoubleTree (for DoubleTree and Desert Palms people) - Stop 6: Lasseters - Stop 7: Big 4 (TBC) 	Ooraminna Station
10.0 pm ish	Ooraminna Station	Alice Springs Accommodation

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