

THE *Great Burragorang Valley Walk*

Connecting the Blue Mountains, Wollondilly and the Southern Highlands



In Partnership With



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THE Great Burragorang Valley Walk

The Great Burragorang Valley Walk is a truly unprecedented opportunity to connect three neighbouring Councils, their communities, towns and villages. This Council collaboration will highlight iconic areas of unique natural beauty including the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Areas, National Parks and conservation areas.

The potential for The Great Walk to become a leading attraction is enormous, enabling both community and visitors to enjoy and appreciate this immense natural landscape with its abundance of Australian native flora and fauna.

Through a partnership led by Wollondilly Shire Council and in conjunction with Blue Mountains Council and Wingecarribee Shire Council, the Great Walk initiative is an opportunity to connect our communities, attract visitors and tourism, grow the local and regional economy and ensure our environment and heritage is valued and protected.

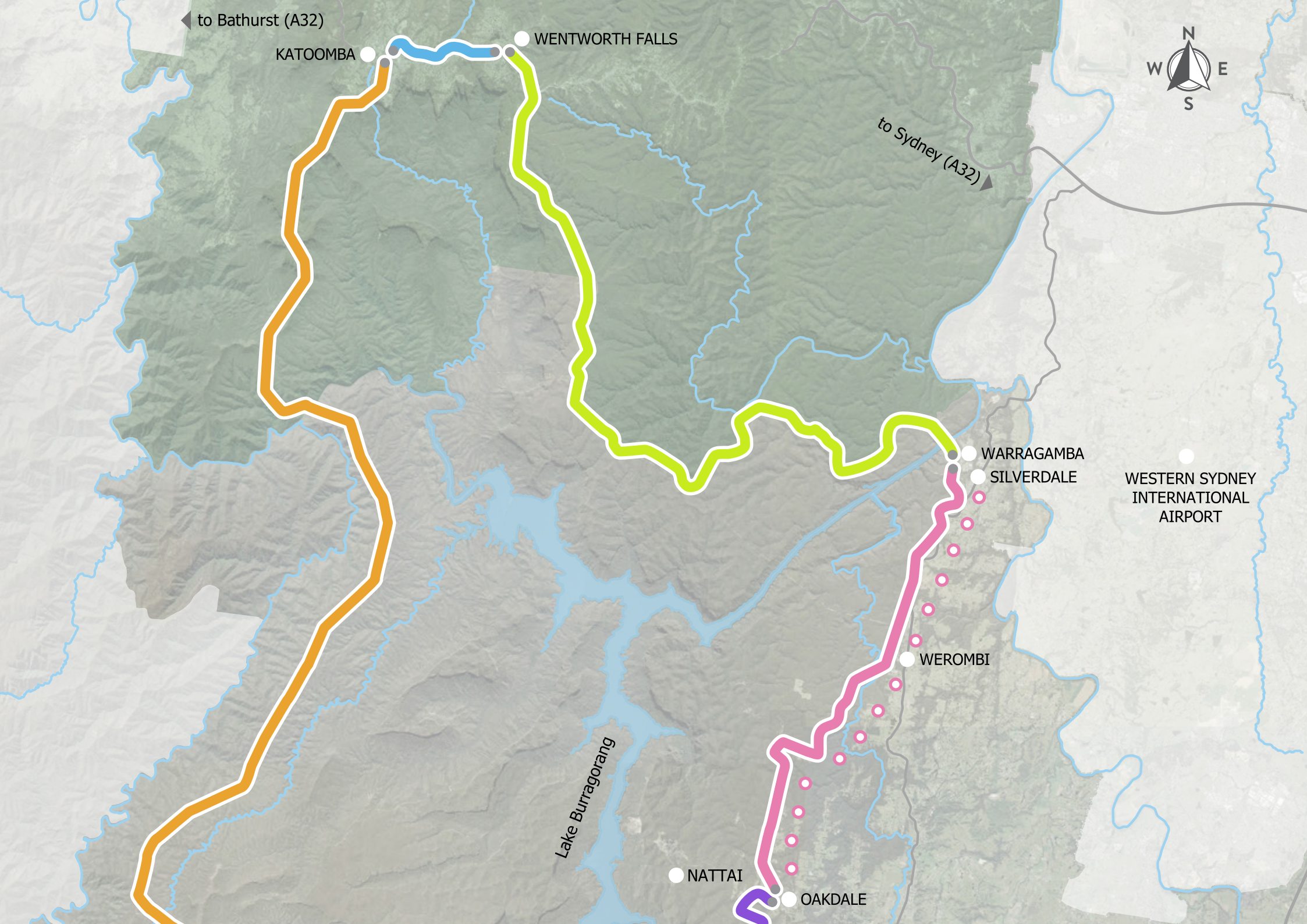
The Great Walk will offer a setting to attract small group-guided tours and self-guided tours across a series of designated stages to suit individual experience and ability. Walk and nature enthusiasts can choose from a selection of shorter day walks or overnight experiences.

With a variety of start and finish points in close proximity to Sydney, Wollongong and the Illawarra, the Southern Highlands, Western Sydney, Western Sydney International Airport, Macarthur and Canberra, there are easy access points from major roads, making the area accessible to large populations.

Visitors will experience the Australian landscape in an amazing setting of giant, craggy sandstone cliffs and unspoilt bushland nestled amidst the peace and tranquillity of nature.

Nattai National Park by photographer John Spencer/DPE





to Bathurst (A32)

KATOOMBA

WENTWORTH FALLS

to Sydney (A32)

WARRAGAMBA

SILVERDALE

WESTERN SYDNEY
INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT

WEROMBI

NATTAI

OAKDALE

Lake Burragorang

THE GREAT BURRAGORANG VALLEY WALK

Katoomba to Wentworth Falls 7 km

Wentworth Falls to Warragamba 55 km

Warragamba to Oakdale 31 km

Oakdale to Thirlmere 20 km

Thirlmere to Balmoral 15 km

Balmoral to Hill Top 6 km

Hill Top to Colo Vale 5 km

Colo Vale to Mittagong 9 km

Mittagong to Yerranderie 85 km

Yerranderie to Katoomba 115 km

Linking track 15 km

TOTAL DISTANCE 363 k

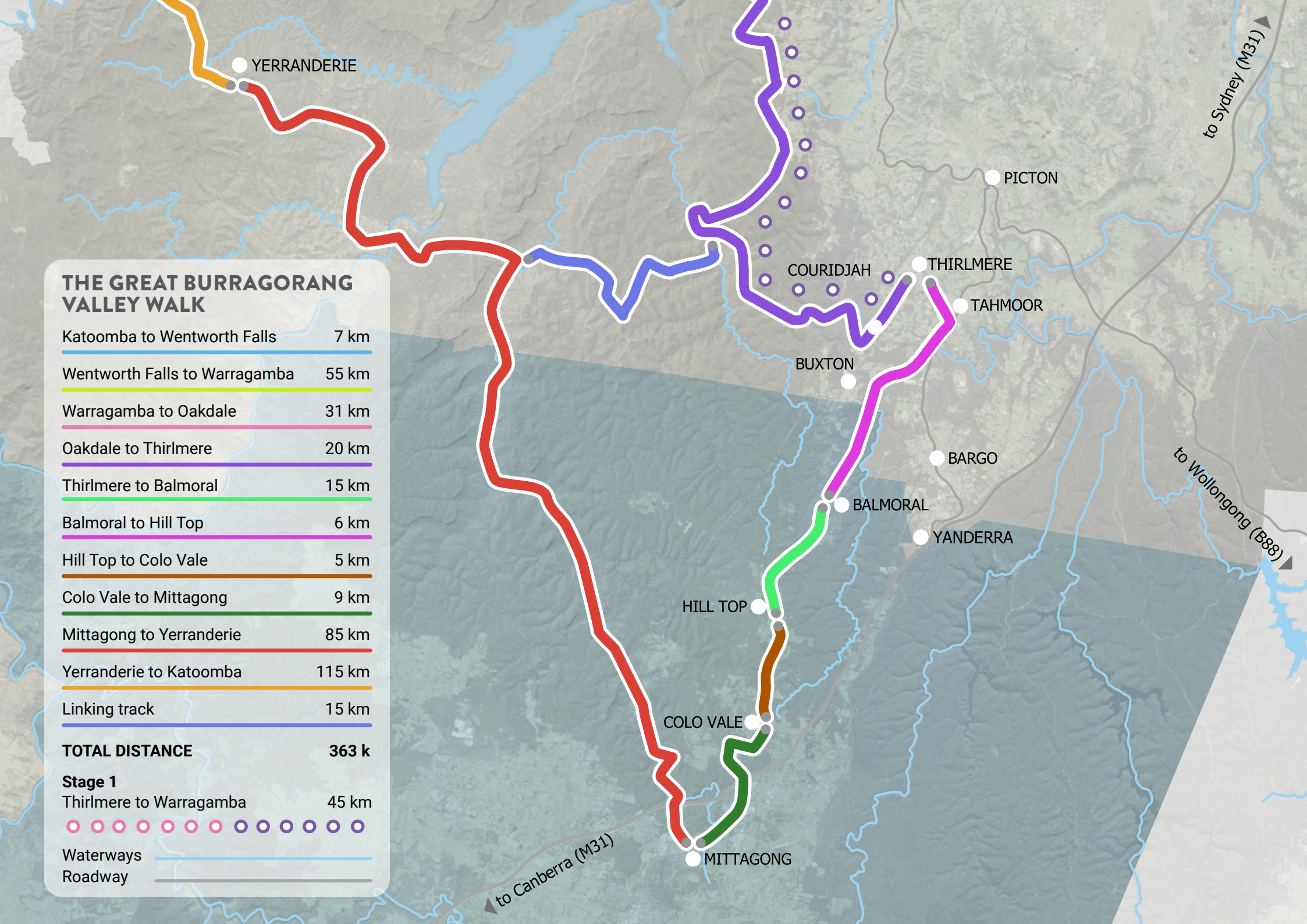
Stage 1

Thirlmere to Warragamba 45 km



Waterways

Roadway



PLACES OF *Interest*

Kookaburra by photographer John Spencer/DPE

BLUE MOUNTAINS

- A World Heritage-listed area of diverse plants, wildlife, caves and rock formations
- Covers more than a million hectares of National Park dominated by Eucalypt forest
- Inhabited by Aboriginal people for at least 12,000 years
- Made up of eight adjoining conservation reserves including Nattai, and Thirlmere Lakes National Park

WARRAGAMBA DAM

- A heritage-listed dam which provides vital water to more than 3.7 million people living in Sydney and the lower Blue Mountains
- Lake Burragorang, which is formed behind the dam, holds about four times more water than Sydney Harbour

NATTAI NATIONAL PARK

- The beauty of this park includes the Nattai River, dominant sandstone cliffs and inspiring views from Mount Jellore
- Home to a large variety of native animals including wallaroos, emus, wallabies, grey kangaroos, wombats, dingos and more than 160 species of birds

THIRLMERE LAKES NATIONAL PARK

- Visit the Heritage Pump Station which was once used to reload steam trains on the Old Southern Railway after the long haul from Picton
- The town of Thirlmere is the home of the NSW Rail Museum, Australia's largest collection of rail exhibits

YERRANDERIE

- This private town is one of NSW's most authentic, unchanged original silver mining towns, having been carefully preserved to retain its historic past
- The town's buildings including a post office, tailor shop, general store, bank and residential cottages have been restored to their original condition

COMMUNITY *Benefits*

Blue Mountains, Wollondilly Shire and Wingecarribee Shire

- Community Engagement and Participation
- Environmental Education and Protection
- Culture – Aboriginal and European Heritage
- Health
- Recreation and Sport
- Local Business & Economy
- Regional Economy
- Tourism Offer
- Sustainable Tourism
- Ecotourism Development
- Community and Visitor Attraction
- Product Development



*Spotted Pardalote
by photographer Petar B*



Bird Watching by photographer John Spencer/DPE

COMMUNITY *Investment*

Investment in infrastructure is a key enabler of economic growth, supports the long-term sustainability of a region, boosts the health and wellbeing of communities and attracts visitation.

ESTIMATED INVESTMENT **STAGE 1** - WARRAGAMBA TO THIRLMERE

Phase 1 – Planning and Feasibility

Project feasibility study	\$100,000
Approvals, owners consent and legals	\$100,000
Detail design and routemapping	\$250,000
Technology design plan (communications/data)	\$50,000

Phase 2 – Construction and Maintenance

Trail construction and wayfinding	\$1,500,000
Vegetation and trail management	\$1,000,000

Phase 3 – Advanced Development

Carparking and amenities (Campsites, Huts, Toilets, Seating, Smart Engabled Assets, WiFi)	\$1,500,000
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Phase 4 – Publicity

PR, Marketing, Promotion & Collateral	\$150,000
Digital Route Planner	\$75,000

**The above costs are estimates only.*

TOTAL: \$4,725,000

For further details

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