

# Northern Rivers Rail Trail Casino to Bentley section

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## OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT

The Northern Rivers Rail Trail (NRRT) is 130 kilometres of proposed recreational trail that follows the disused Casino to Murwillumbah rail corridor. The trail is a significant recreational infrastructure project that has been modelled to bring a wide range of economic, environmental, and health benefits to the Northern Rivers community.

The 13.4km Casino to Bentley section represents part of Stage Two of the project, and has received Federal funding of \$7.5 million. This project will help deliver a world class recreational asset to the Richmond Valley which will significantly support the local community in Casino and surrounds, as well as generate positive environmental outcomes along the rail corridor.

▶ **Length**  
**13.4km**

▶ **Funding**  
**\$7.5M**



## KEY BENEFITS

### ENVIRONMENTAL:

- Extensive vegetation enhancement will create a highly valued conservation corridor. **Native tree and shrub planting, weed control, and landscaping** along the rail corridor will improve local biodiversity, native habitat, and local amenity.

### HEALTH:

- The trail will promote active living by providing a safe and level transport route for walking and cycling from Casino and outlying rural communities, encouraging nature and environmental appreciation and awareness.

### ECONOMY:

- Increase of high-value visitors to region who will stay longer and spend more locally, supporting local businesses and generating jobs.
- The business case for the Casino to Eltham stage estimated visitors would spend \$1.9 million per year locally and support an additional 15 direct jobs across the region.

### HERITAGE:

- Preservation of bridges, tunnels, and the old Casino Train Station, increasing civic pride boosting Casino's historic value and reputation for visitors and locals alike.