



eNewsletter

Moore to Blackbutt Rail Trail

Calling all Sculptural Artists:

The Blooming Beautiful Blackbutt Festival is seeking artists to participate in the celebrations of the festival through artwork by creating sculptural works based on the theme "All Trails lead to Blackbutt."

All entries will be displayed on the Rail Trail during the festival, with the winning entry becoming a permanent fixture.

For further information and entry forms visit:

www.bloominbeautifulblackbuttfestival.com.au

Visit the new website for Brisbane Valley Rail Trail:

Find out the latest news on the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail by visiting:

www.brisbanevalleyrailtrail.org.au

Download the Moore to Blackbutt brochure which includes hints, history and trails or leave your testimony to your unique trail experience.

We want your photos!

If you have photos of your Moore to Blackbutt Trail experience please send them through to:

suebergang@southburnett.qld.gov.au

Key Historic Dates:

- **1910:** The first train arrives in Linville
- **1989:** The last train leaves Linville.
- **1995:** The removal of the line and bridges.
- **2006:** The rail trail between Linville and Blackbutt is opened for recreational use.
- **2012:** The proposed completion of Brisbane Valley Rail Trail.

Trail Distance:

- Moore to Blackbutt (Nukku Road): 33.5km
- Moore to Linville Station: 7 km
- Linville Station to Benarkin: 18 km
- Benarkin to Blackbutt: 4.6 km
- Blackbutt to Nukku Overhead Bridge: 3.9 km

For further information call:
(07) 4189 9100.



Welcome to South Burnett Regional Councils second quarterly eNewsletter for the Moore to Blackbutt Rail Trail. The purpose of this eNewsletter is to keep our community up to date with the latest news, trail information and events.

Exploring the Raw Bushland

Staff tour the Rail Trail

Have you visited the Rail Trail? If you haven't, you should - it's a wonderful place to spend a day or a weekend.

A group of staff from the Wondai Office were arranged via Rail Trail Ambassador Kerry Mercer, to experience the Moore to Blackbutt journey. On Saturday we drove to Benarkin and met up with Kerry Mercer, Reg McCallum, Clare Mathews and a number of the Rail Trail Ambassadors who provided us with a welcoming morning tea.

Once we were all mounted on horseback, and with a comfort car following, we rode up the rail trail where we were able to really experience the sounds and stillness of our local bushland. It was therapeutic to be able to travel along the trail, to hear the bellbirds and see the wonderful variety of tall and stately trees.

Unknown to us the Rail Trail Ambassadors had taken a short route and met us for lunch, this time a very tender BBQ steak, salad and cakes.

After lunch Reg McCallum took us down to the local creek and showed us a tunnel drain, man-made back around 1899. It was approximately 30 metres long and nearly double the height of a man. It was quite extraordinary to see the work that has gone into the concrete tunnel, which clearly showed the high water mark from the recent floods. Reg and other Rail Trail ambassadors then told us of the history of the Rail Trail and of its' development to a walking/riding/cycling trail, now a major visitor attraction.

The long ride back to Benarkin was by a different route along forestry roads, up and down hills and beside plantation forests, showing another side of the natural bushland in the area.



One of the many gullies on the Rail Trail.



The Tunnel Drain showcasing the water level of the recent floods.



Trotting down the Blackbutt to Moore Rail Trail

We would like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Kerry Mercer, Clare Mathews and the Rail Trail Ambassadors for the journey and experience - all of whom helped to make our day a very special one.

walk, cycle, horse ride