GRAMPIANS RDV CYCLING BRAND AND MARKETING FRAMEWORK



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In the quest to elevate the Grampians RDV region toward being recognised as a premiere cycling destination by 2028 a ten year Masterplan has been written.

This project entitled the' Brand and Marketing framework' was identified in the Masterplan with the specific aim of creating a platform for marketing action plans across the region. Specifically the task was to:

"Develop direction for the Grampians wide cycling and trails brand and positioning potential, including a marketing plan for promotion of completed projects and determine **very high level ideas** around whether the three clusters/hubs identified in the Masterplan could work better **cohesively** or **separately** to position the Grampians as a cycling destination. "

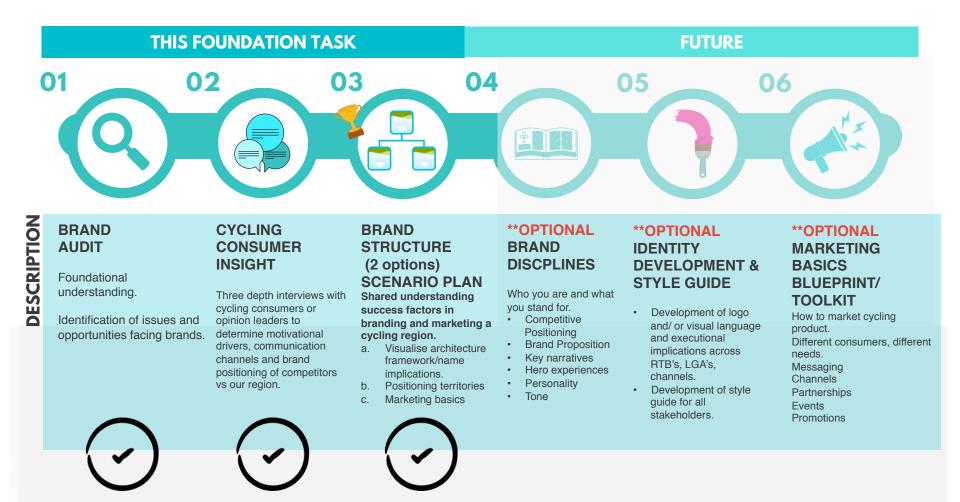
These clusters were broadly identified as: Ballarat/Hepburn, Halls Gap, Ararat and Stawell, Horsham/Natimuk.

This document delivers a strategic blueprint that will build consistency across marketing of all products and create a bigger, more recognisable footprint for cycling in the Grampians RDV region. Via :

- A Campaign Brand architecture model identifying THE WEST as the geography for consumer purposes. This collective terminology will enable the region to compete effectively against bigger and more established players in cycling. The region has opted for a brand structure that has the flexibility to embrace all sub-regions through the development of a hub website which targets cyclists by 'tribe' (road, MTB or leisure) and importantly directs and disperses the consumer to the region that will best meet their needs.
- 2. Positioning for the Cycle West campaign brand (working title only) needs narrative development (part of the next step and not within this scope). Regardless the construct works to embrace the sub-regions and allows the destination brands operated by RTB's (and LGA's) i.e. Visit Ballarat, Visit Horsham, Visit Grampians etc to co-own cycling content and distribute new interest from cyclists into their regions, while optimising interest from the leisure tourist who wants to enjoy a bike ride.
- 3. A marketing framework that allows the custodian of trails in the respective regions to employ as their products hit the market. The coordinated consistency and professionalism of delivery will work to enhance the whole region's cycling credentials.

This framework allows the region to compete in the cycling market now while the product is still evolving. Like all campaign brands it can eventually dissolve when the regional markets establish their maturity in cycling; which will give them the visible ROI to continue to invest in their own product and marketing. The diagram below sets the approved process and the six key steps, covering this task (first three steps) and any future tasks (steps 4-6).

iSPY's Process



BACKGROUND



BACKGROUND: THE MASTER PLAN

MASTERPLAN PROJECT VISION - GRAMPIANS RDV REGION

" By 2028 the Grampians RDV region will be recognised as a premier destination for cycling

cycling related experiences for road cyclists, mountain bikers and recreational path cyclists. Investment in cycle tourism trail infrastructure supporting tourism product and improved visitor information and marketing will lead to substantial growth in cycle visitors to the region.

It is envisaged that the profile of the cycling offer will increase substantially with much improved information specific to cycling in each of the region's destinations and a cohesive approach to cycling development and marketing."¹

The Region

- Wimmera Southern Mallee [RDV Partnership Area];
- Central Highlands [RDV Partnership Area];

The region intersects the following tourism regions:

- Grampians Tourism [Regional Tourism Board];
- Visit Ballarat [Regional Tourism];
- Daylesford and Macedon Ranges Tourism [Regional Tourism Board];
- Geelong and the Bellarine Tourism [Regional Tourism Board];
 - Wimmera Mallee Tourism [Regional Tourism Organisation].



1. Grampians RDV Project Vision.



THE BIG QUESTION

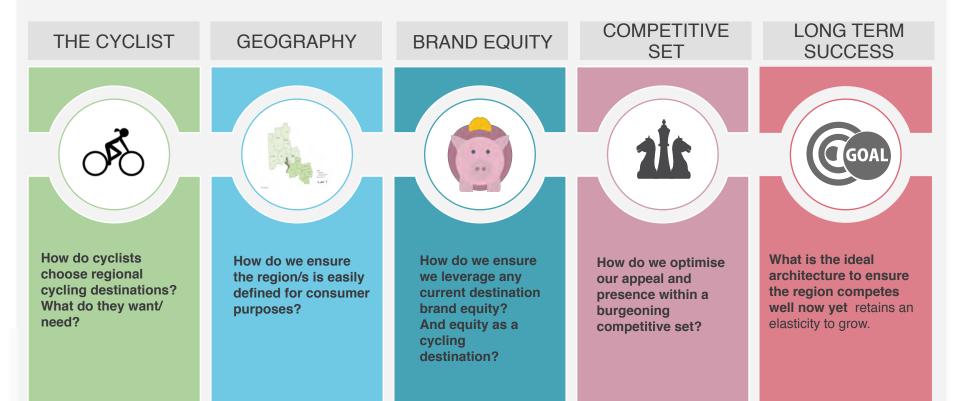
HOW SHOULD WE ORGANISE OUR PRODUCT AND OUR REGIONS TO BUILD REPUTATION WITH CYCLISTS?



KEY CONSIDERATIONS



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Factors that will impact on the success must be examined including:

1. Characteristics of consumer decision making.

2.Geography and naming: The region must be easily identifiable for consumers and not add complexity

3. Current Brands and their relative equity: What is known , what do they mean and what value they add.

4. The Competitive set. In a vacuum, anything will stand out: How focused are competitors and how do we go to battle?

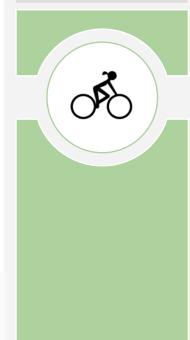
5. The long term architecture implications. Branding, naming, identity and marketing will only be as good as the people prepared to implement them and the budgets behind them.

CONSUMER/CYCLIST INSIGHT

THE CYCLIST

1. TRIBAL: ROAD IS DIFFERENT TO MTB

LEISURE





Road Cyclists

SPORT

- Love the science and data of it all and love Strava.
- Fashion, what they wear and even how high their socks are, is important.

CLIMBERS

FLAT, DISTANCE



Mountain Bikers

SPORT

- Have a more 'extreme' sensibility. Often coming from road cycling or dirt biking.
- Love the wilds, tough, grit.
- All about adrenaline.





Tourists

FUN & INDULGENCE

- Use bikes as a novel form of transport between destinations or culinary draw-cards.
- Most connected to destination websites in the region i.e. Visitballarat

2. WESTERN REGIONS STRUGGLE FOR TRACTION

CONSUMER/CYCLIST INSIGHT

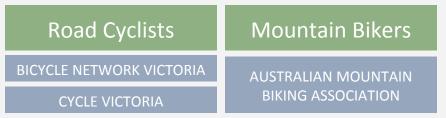
THE CYCLIST



Road Cyclists	Mountain Bikers	Tourists		
E.g Icons of High Country.	Icons of North Tasmania	Growing appeal of HC		
 7 Peaks Place and route 3 Peaks Challenge event Great Alpine Adventure event 	Blue Derby PlaceBlue Tier TrackEnduro Event	Murray to Mountain Rail TrailTweed Ride Myrtleford		

3. SPECIFIC CYCLING DESTINATIONS, EVENTS AND EXPERIENCES BUILD PROFILE

- 4. REPUTATION: Events are the Trojan horse
- 5. AWARENESS: Strong use of social media is vital along with easy to find information through digital channels.
- 6. LEGITIMACY AND INFLUENCE: Is attained through cycling clubs and official cycling networks.



• 7. EVIDENCE OF A CYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY: Creates appeal (safety signs, infrastructure and bike facilities and hubs).

THE REGION IS LARGER THAN SWITZERLAND

Victorian cycling regions are seen to be coastal, Dandenongs and NE Victoria



FIVE 'Tourist' areas of renown but less connected to cycling reputation:

Ballarat, Grampians, Horsham, Wimmera, Daylesford: Plus: -Bendigo (Goldfields Track) -Geelong and the Bellarine (Ballarat to Skipton Rail Trail)

The most renown regions in Victoria are: The Great Ocean Road High Country (includes Buller/ Mansfield/Bright) Dandenong ranges Yarra Valley

HOW DO WE COMPARE?

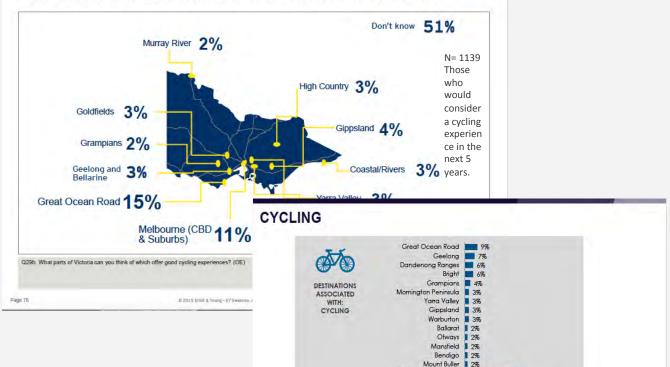
BRAND EQUITY



Our region sits 'mid field' amongst all potential visitors (not just the cycling tribes).

Best cycling destinations in Victoria - unprompted

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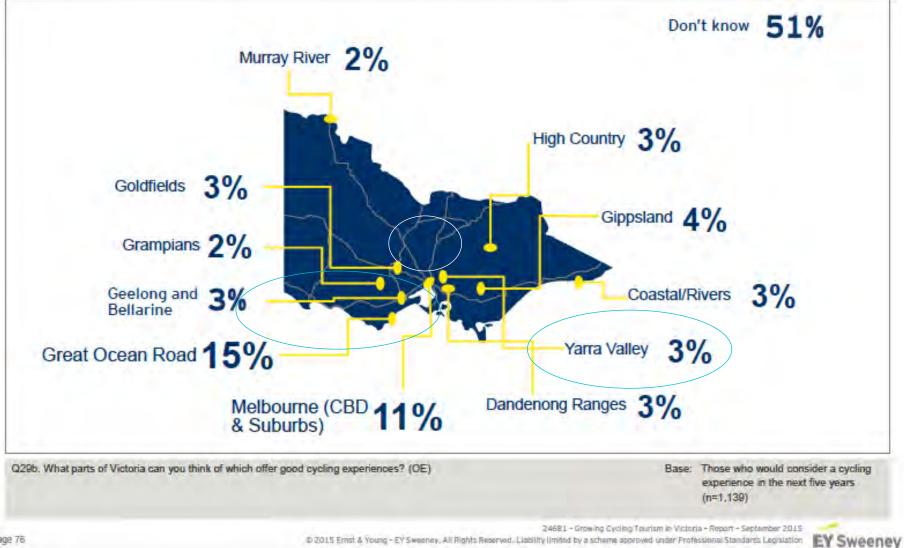
Other (1% and lower) Don't know/nothing

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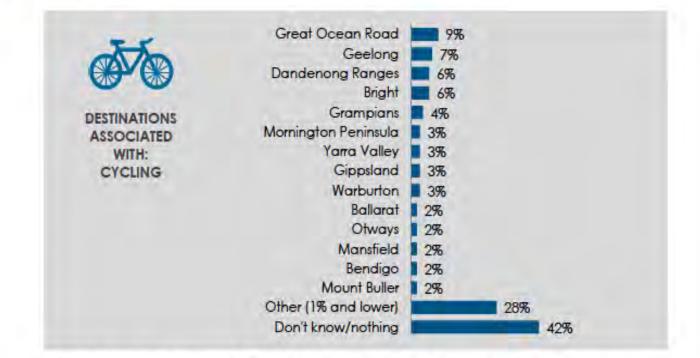
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COMPETITORS ARE WELL STRUCTURED

For identification by cycling 'tribes'

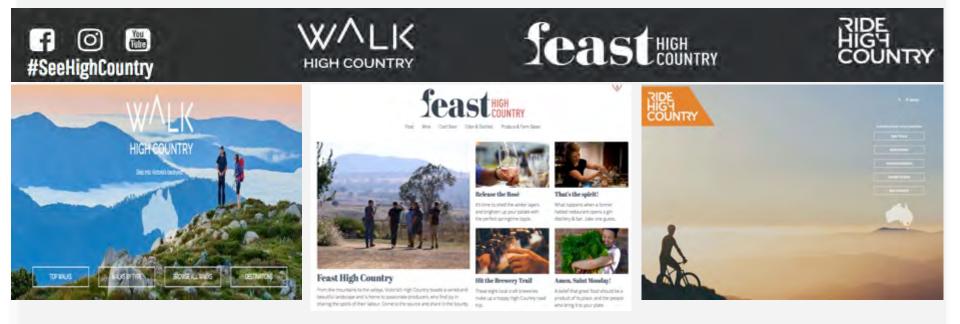
COMPETITIVE SET Product is curated for and focussed on their tribe of choice.



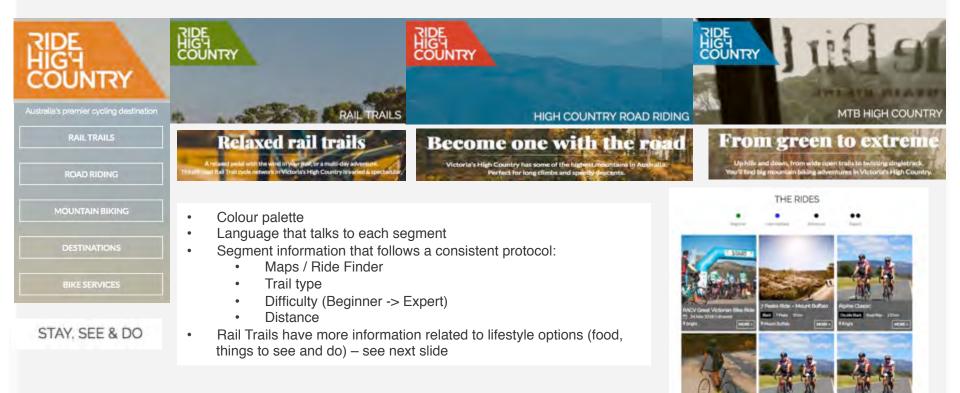


HIGH COUNTRY: DEVELOP BRANDED EXPERIENCES CONTEXT: A SUITE OF BRANDED EXPERIENCES

Aiming to create ownable properties for otherwise generic experiences



RIDE HIGH COUNTRY – Curated to connect with the tribes



Each cycling discipline is addressed in the appropriate manner. And each has 1-2 iconic rides and destinations to become 'must do' drawcards within the region. The icons and associated events bring people to the region and create currency through word of mouth, use of Strava and cycling groups.



Murray to Mountain

- 116km of sealed off-road trails
- Links popular tourist towns
- All abilities

Pedal to Produce

- Gourmet cycling adventure
- Various cycling routes
- Combines sightseeing with beer, wine & produce
- All abilities



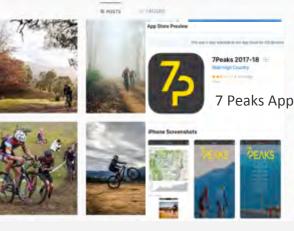


7 Peaks Ride

Ride to the top of seven of Victoria's •



ridehighcountry 187 posts 1,367 followers 231 following **Ride High Country** Flan your ultimate cycling holiday in Victoria's High Country | MTB | Road | Rail Tap #ridehiphcountry for permission to share www.ridehiohcountry.com.au





Terra Australia MTB Epic

· Attracts riders from all over Australia and O/S and high credentialed teams

Bright Mystic Mountain Bike Park

- Purpose built
- · Part of a 'cycling town'

Mt Buller Bike Park

 World-class destination (see later slides - 'Bike Buller')









http://www.mtbuller.com.au/Summer/resort-info/latest-news/details/7-peaks-ride-201617-set-for-grand-depart https://www.ridehighcountry.com.au/7-peaks/ https://www.railtrails.org.au/trail-descriptions/victoria https://rideonmagazine.com.au/australias-top-50-bike-riding-experiences/

https://www.bicyclenetwork.com.au/rides-and-events/peaks-challenge/

https://www.visitvictoria.com/regions/High-Country/Things-to-do/Outdoor-activities/Cycling/Recreational-riding/Pedal-to-Produce

INFLUENTIAL CHANNELS

- ridehighcountry has almost 1.3K followers on Instagram
- More that 3.5K posts with #ridehighcountry
- App for 7 Peaks Ride



RIDE HIGH COUNTRY: MT BULLER

20 IF YOU'VE GOT THE LEGS, THE TIME, AND THE INCLINATION, YOU CAN MAD DO ROOM OF VERTICAL DISCENDING AT MT BULLER, ALL WITHOUT REPEATING A TRAIL, YES, IT'S REDICULOUS, ISN'T IT Females to conquer the highest cycling peaks at High Country Women's Cycling Festival



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Cycling Enthusiasts Prepare for the Annual High Country Cycling Classic Coming Up April 7-8

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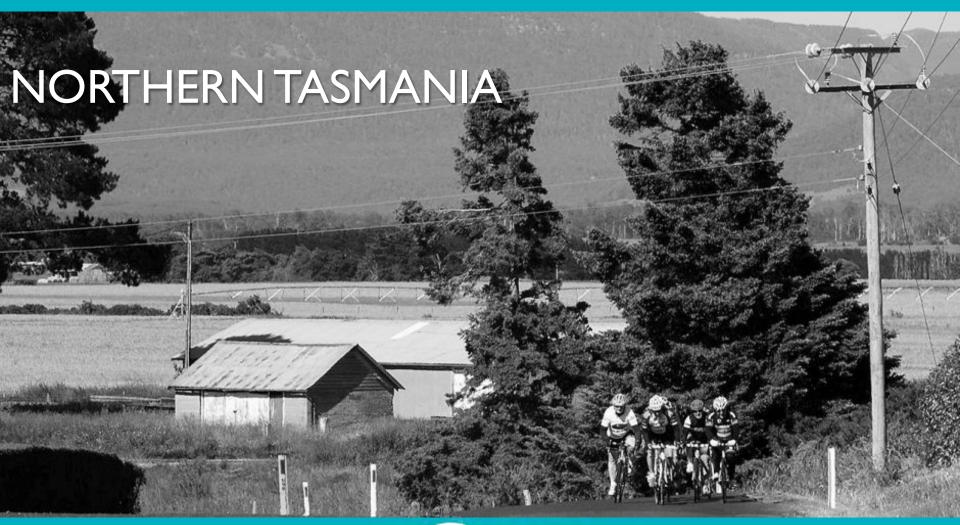
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Most mainstream media articles relate to cycling events

Recreational trails link strongly to either food and wine events, experiences or specific village destinations.







NORTHERN TASMANIA

NOTHERN TASMANIA CYCLING – NAMING



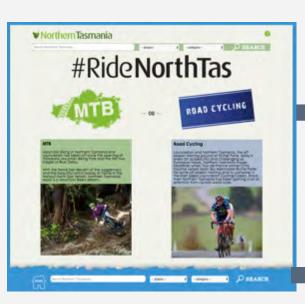


Naming convention similar to other destinations such as 'Ride High Country' and 'Bike Buller'

Cycling in Northern Tasmania falls under 'Ride North Tas' Priority (in terms of navigation) given to Mountain Biking segment

NORTHERN TASMANIA

RIDE NORTH TAS: NO OVERARCHING POSITIONING BUT MTB FOCUS





MTB and Road Cycling NOT UNIFIED and have very different feels with visual language and colour palette/font





Prominent reference to #RideNorthTas to encourage sharing/ promoting on Instagram



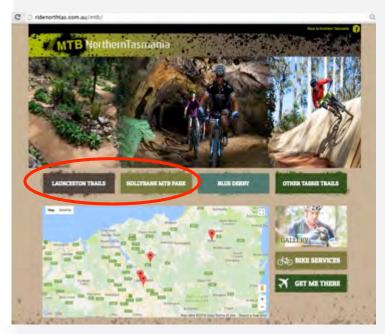


'Ridenorthtas' uses a hashtag BUT doesn't have a Facebook or Instagram page, relying on Northern Tasmania's which has more that 6.5K followers. Most posts focus on Blue Derby MTB trail.



NORTHERN TASMANIA

STRONG MOUNTAIN BIKING FOCUS & BRAND ID





'Bike Services' page provides a list of bike shops in the local area, as well as rental shops, tours and bike wash areas

'Get Me There' has the same three tabs that appear on the Road Cycling section - links to www.northerntasmania.com.au

Other Links on the Website:

https://www.tassietrails.org/ http://www.ridetassie.com/

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Hollybank Tracks named to reflect type of experience/degree of challenge:

'No sweat' (easy)

'Tall timbers' (grade circuit)

'Juggernaut' (extreme/challenging)

Each of the trails has the same layout as above.

The three tabs at the bottom (circled) directly link to

http://www.northerntasmania.com.au THE TOURISM AND VISITOR WEBSITE

OUR RDV REGION HOW DOES IT COMPARE?



SEE FULL DOCUMENT

Regional differences explored: Connection of region to cycling promotion and product.



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EXISTING EQUITY

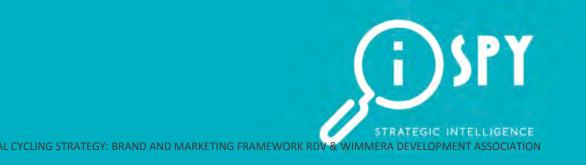
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OUR CYCLE-SCAPE: CYCLING PRODUCT, BRANDS AND MARKETING WITHIN OUR REGION



GEOGRAPHY AND NAMING EXISTING EQUITY GRAMPIANS

CURRENT BRAND AND PRODUCT

GRAMPIANS



We know consumers associate the name **The Grampians** (*Consumer research conducted by Grampians for Destination Management Plan 2013*) with the immediate surrounds of the mountains: the untouched nature, the space, ancient geology, un-commercialised space, towns and villages; these include Halls Gap, Stawell, Ararat, Dunkeld (due to the restaurant).

CYCLING PRODUCT: While the Grampians has a good 'ready to go' road cycling product **(see page 33 Masterplan)**. It lacks awareness and connection to road cyclist's key decision making drivers.

CURRENT CYCLING MARKETING: Is not apparent and quite disjointed. The Visit Grampians website shows recreational cycling (likely a turn off to the road cyclists) and doesn't connect anywhere to cycling product.

Grampians Cycling independent website doesn't connect to the Visit Grampians website and is helpful but could be further optimised to align with consumer needs, linking back to Grampians website and using ROAD CYCLING language to elevate relevance and appeal.

BRAND AND MARKETING RECOMMENDATION:

Mountainous Road cycling in particular should be the focus to create an 'icon' attraction. Long flat loops can support.

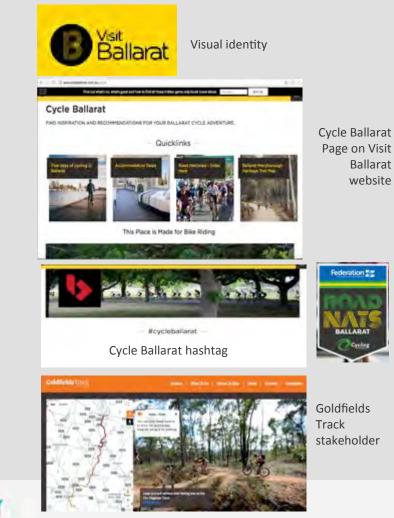
Target audience is the highly involved road cyclist 'climbers'. Recreational cycling and Mountain Biking product should be marketed as they come into the Grampians inventory in the appropriate way.

All tracks and trails within the Grampians tourism region should sit with the Grampians tourism product /website <u>AND be promoted as distinct cycling offer that provides an</u> <u>Alpine alternative. (see page 40 Masterplan)</u>



CURRENT BRAND AND PRODUCT

BALLARAT AND SURROUNDS/HEPBURN CLUSTER



& Marketing Inventory

Ballarat Brand

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Visit Ballarat has made a move (as has Bendigo Tourism) to dampen associations with the overarching 'Goldfields' regional name originally set up by Tourism Victoria some twenty years ago. Its not that consumers don't understand the notion of Goldfields, but rather that the name limits the opportunity for both Ballarat and Bendigo to decouple and promote their own destinations and move away from the one dimensional ' old, cold and gold' offer.

CYCLING PRODUCT: Ballarat and surrounds has a solid multi-dimensional cycling offer and in the short terms provides a focal point for a range of options in the RDV region. Mountain Bike (MTB tracks) are ready to go and a strong opportunity exists with the Goldfields Track & Ararat trails as their business cases progress: Notwithstanding there are good tracks in Creswick Hills and Black Hills Bike Park.

Ballarat also has a good road cycling offer being close to Melbourne with long flat or undulating rides and this is capped off with the national road cycling championships that must be leveraged locally and interstate.

CURRENT CYCLING MARKETING: A disjointed approach. Visit Ballarat promotes cycling and provides quick links under #Cycleballarat but isnt arranged in a way that road cyclists nor mountain-bikers would necessarily connect with.

The Goldfields track promotes the track itself but doesn't link back to the tourism site. Mountain biking must be the focus for promotion.

BRAND AND MARKETING RECOMMENDATION:

Mountain Biking should be the focus for Ballarat's offer to compete with emerging You Yangs region.

All tracks and trails within the Ballarat tourism region should be bound together by the Ballarat name and organised to connect with their interests, including the Goldfields track. Where the tracks merge into other regions a connected cycling solution must be found to allow them to identify with both regions.

GEOGRAPHY AND NAMING EXISTING EQUITY BALLARAT

CURRENT BRAND AND PRODUCT

HEPBURN CLUSTER



The Hepburn area including Daylesford is well known for its 'wellness' proposition. There are a number of visitor directed web sites variously telling the same story; so whilst the overarching brand identity is weak, the narrative and brand meaning is strong.

At this stage we would presume the area fits with a recreational mindset more so than a sport mindset aside from the Daylesford Gran Fondo

CYCLING PRODUCT:

The cycling product sits within the Ballarat cluster but the main product is the Ride Daylesford Gran Fondo. In the future the Daylesford to Hanging Rock recreational cycling product will be a strong draw-card.

CURRENT CYCLING MARKETING: A disjointed approach. Similar to Ballarat, Daylesford marketers provide some information of their websites could be optimised to connect more strongly with the indulgence and food and wine of the region especially for the recreational offer.

BRAND AND MARKETING RECOMMENDATION:

Recreational cycling to compete with the trails of the Bellarine and High Country. All tracks and trails within the tourism region should be marketed according to 'classification' and bound together by the Daylesford and Hepburn springs tourism name.

CURRENT BRAND AND PRODUCT

HORSHAM NATIMUK/WIMMERA





Visual identity - Horsham

Visual identity – Wimmera Mallee

No cycling product on either website or connection to cycling websites

Visit Horsham connects to both Grampians product and website and mentions Wimmera product and silo art trails.

Wimmera website doesn't mention Horsham.

GREAT OUTDOORS - GUIDE

Explore, Discover, Uncover - Grampians North West Region

Base yourself in transhare located half way between Molecurrys and Adelaide with all the attractions and activities that a vibrant regional city can offer. The Grampians North West guide provides an inregist of outdoor activities to suit the vester.

For further information about the region corracting the Horsthart and Grampions Value information Centre on 1800 Kilh 218.

Download your copy of the Great Outdoors Guide The suide features a cumber of varied activities

- 4 Wheel Driving
- Grampians National Park Self Drive
- Grampians Black Range Self Drive
 Western Grampians Self Drive
- Western Grampians Self Drive
 Little Detart National Park Self Drive
- Recreational Fishing & Waterway
- + Minimary Root



Horsham, Natimuk, Wimmera

This region is lesser known by tourism standards and faces a couple of challenges. Horsham is connected to The Grampians but less connected to Wimmera.

Wimmera tends to stand alone.

CYCLING PRODUCT: At this stage is limited to road cycling in the Horsham area with large flat stretches and some undulating rides. The Wimmera Mallee area has some road cycling and also some recreational style cycling and trails. The area is earmarked to benefit from the Wimmera Rail Trail.

CURRENT CYCLING MARKETING

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BRAND AND MARKETING RECOMMENDATION

Both regions should work together to build a more cohesive tourism story as a start point especially given the Wimmera River Trail will feature in both. The focus for the region should be on the recreational cyclist and use the trail as a deliberate ploy to attract tourists. The region can also leverage the Grampians region for the serious 'climber' with Horsham acting as a base.

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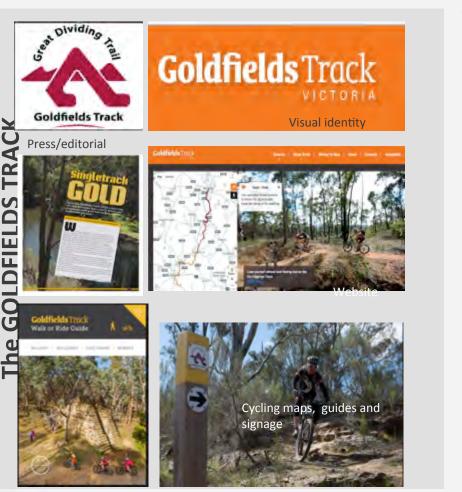
EXISTING EQUITY

HORSHAM/NATIMUK/WIMMERA



CURRENT BRAND AND PRODUCT

NAMING CONSIDERATIONS



The Goldfields Track

CYCLING: Provides a coherent presence across many touchpoints however doesn't connect to any tourism 'base' or behaviour.

BRAND AND MARKETING RECOMMENDATION:

This track will be an iconic MTB track and must maintain its name but be underpinned by its route anchors (Ballarat/Bendigo – and others) for promotional purposes.

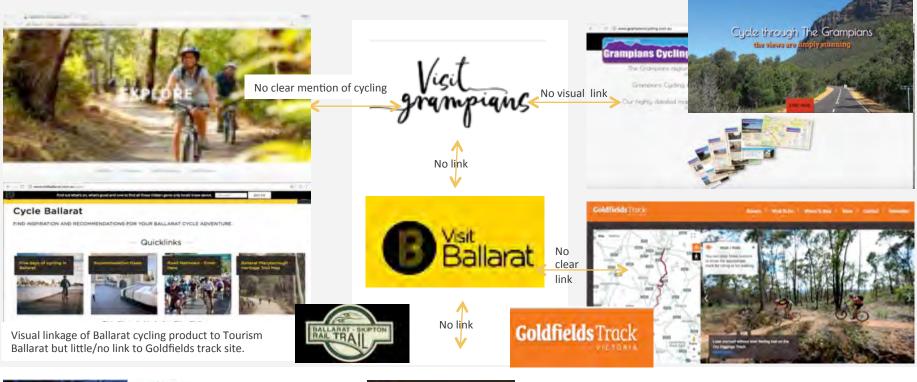
Goldfields Track: Bendigo- Ballarat

It must show a connection/link to Visit Ballarat through website linkage, cross promotion and potentially style triggers (visual triggers) AND to Bendigo Tourism.

This product should be a key focus for building mountain-biking reputation of the region and be ear-marked for 'launch activity' post the upgrades.

A SUMMARY OF OUR (RDV) BRAND-SCAPE

Little connection between or within regions to a consistent story type of cycling or sophistication of product. Both Ballarat and Grampians tourism bodies use the word CYCLE or CYCLING rather than ride





IMPLICATIONS: STRUCTURING FOR SUCCESS

LONG TERM SUCCESS



THE REGION COULD DO WITH A STRONG CYCLING STATEMENT OF INTENT.

A platform THAT CLEARLY SAYS cycling is a priority.

One that builds a set of shared resources to give smaller tracks a leg up and the bigger tracks the opportunity to build the reputation of the region through icons and events. Recommendations:

- 1. Create a cycling campaign framework that all regions can participate in.
- Lead the region with a 'cycling development' body that oversees the campaign framework and provides tools and guidelines/training for RTB's and LGA's to 'onboard' cycling related process/marketing/strategy. Implementation and consistency is key.
- 3. Over time this overarching framework and development body could dissolve letting the regions progress their own cycling strategies having been set up.

BRAND SCENARIOS



ISOLATING SUCCESS FACTORS

		SUCCESS FACTORS Examining the 'branding' nmonalities of strong cycling destinations.				GREAT OCEAN ROAD	OUR REGION NOT APPARENT EMERGING COMPETITIVE
BRAND FACTORS	1.	Solid naming protocols connecting to bike, ride or cycle experience.					
	1A.	Name anchors to a tourism body or a geographic descriptor	As Above	North Tasmania	Mt. Buller	Great Ocean Road Region Forrest for Mountain Biking	Cycle Ballarat Cycle Grampians
	2	Visual consistency (look, feel)					
	3.	Focused on owning a cycling 'specialty'	Road	MTB	МТВ	Road Forrest = MTB	
	4.	Brand name can stretch to other ancillary or complementary cycling segments	Road MTB Recreational 7 Peaks	MTB Road	Not apparent	No CYCLING name but relies on iconic destination and events.	

THE OPTIONS:

Campaign Brand Or Destination led 'Family' brand.



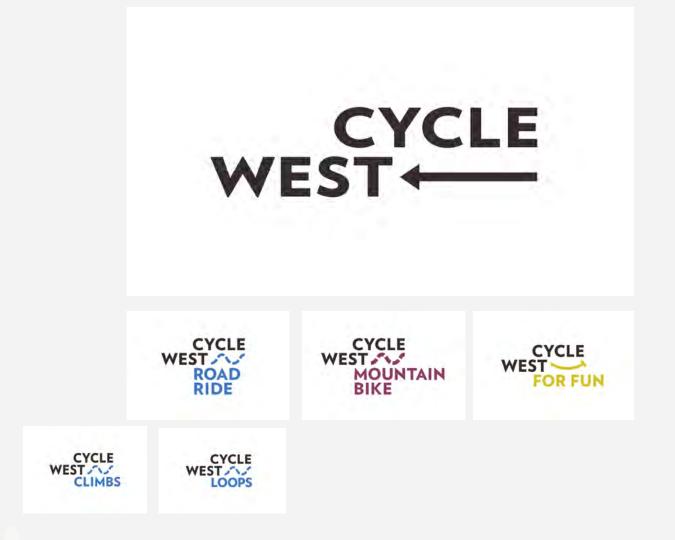
A CAMPAIGN BRAND



OPTION I: CAMPAIGN BRAND "Campaign Brand" facilitated through a 'HUB' website and shared consumer marketing resource **CYCLE WEST BY CLASSIFICATION** CYCLEWEST ROAD CYCLING CYCLEWEST MOUNTAIN BIKING CYCLEWEST FOR FUN **#CYCLEWESTMOUNTAINBIKE #CYCLEWESTROADRIDE #CYCLEWESTFORFUN** FEATURED ICONS AND OTHER **GOLDFIELDS BALLARAT TO FRACK/TRAL TYPES CYCLE WEST** TRACK **SKIPTON CLIMBS** FOOD & WINE TRAILRIDE **CROSS COUNTRY RAIL TRAILS** CYCLE WEST **CYCLE SEEING** LOOPS **ITINERIES & ENDURO** DOWNHILL PACKAGES LINK TO TOURISM SITES, ACCOM AND EVENTS. From here - consumers are sent to destinations mpigns Ballarat 39

Grampians RDV Cycling Brand and Marketing Framework for WDA: iSPY Strategic Intelligence

EXAMPLE FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY



۲ Road Riding | Victoria's High Country | Hill Climbs | Alpine Ascents Town Walks | Walk High Country, Victoria

iii visitgrampians.com.au

Accommodation | Stay | Feast High Country, Victoria

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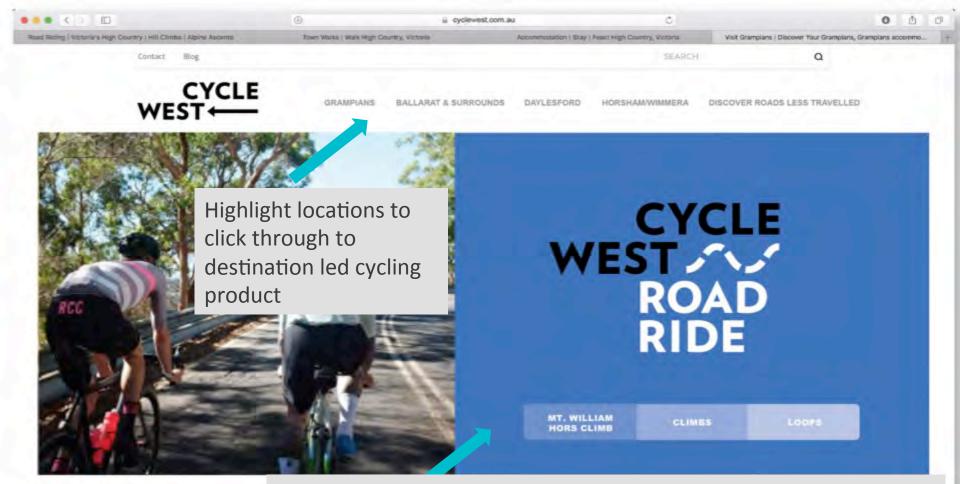
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SEARCH



CYCLE WEST

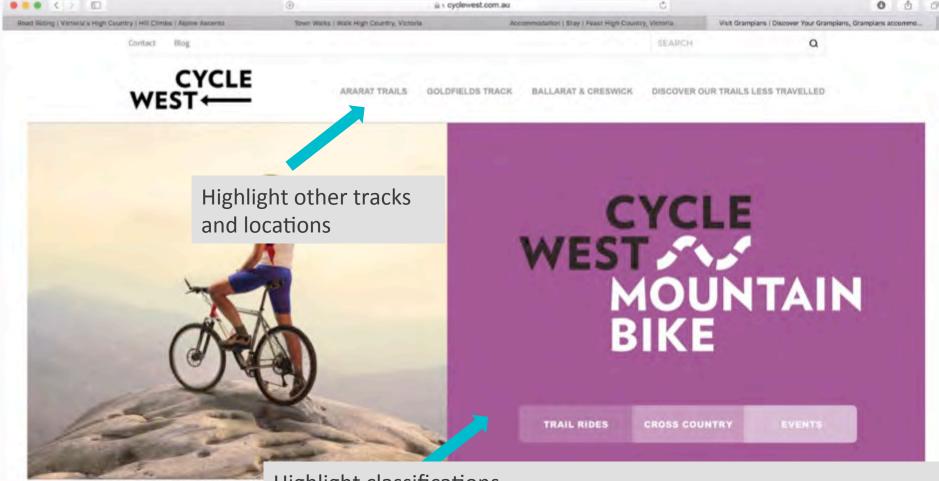
CYCLE WEST



Highlight 'icon tracks, events, climbs vs. loops (or other)



Out our way the roads are less travelled. They're fresh with clean highland air and challenges to be met. From Ballarat to Ararat, Halls Gap and onto Horsham you'll discover steep climbs, training loops, magnificent scenery and villages waiting to welcome you with wine and local fare.



Highlight classifications



Positioning promise

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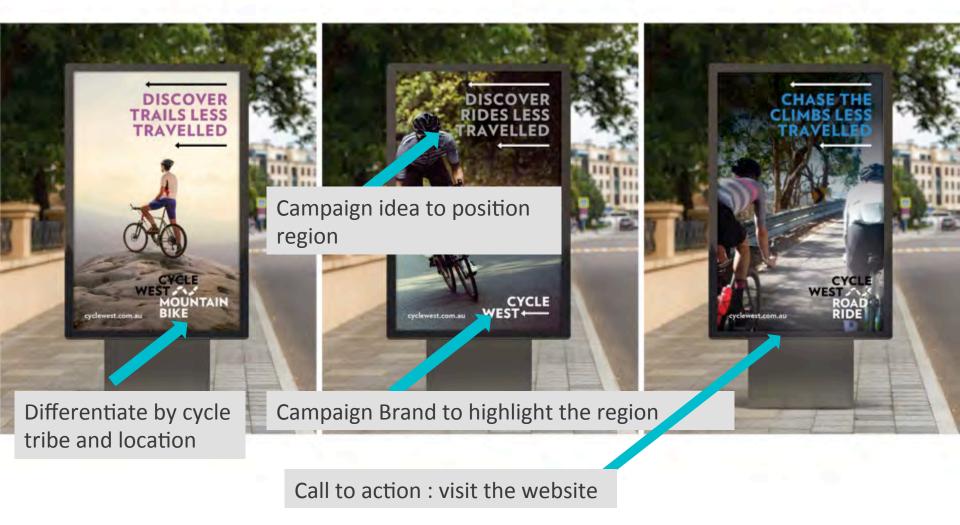
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Highlight recreational cycling activity and package product in a new and fun way.

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WHAT WOULD THIS BE LIKE? How the architecture works in practice



MARKETING OUR REGION

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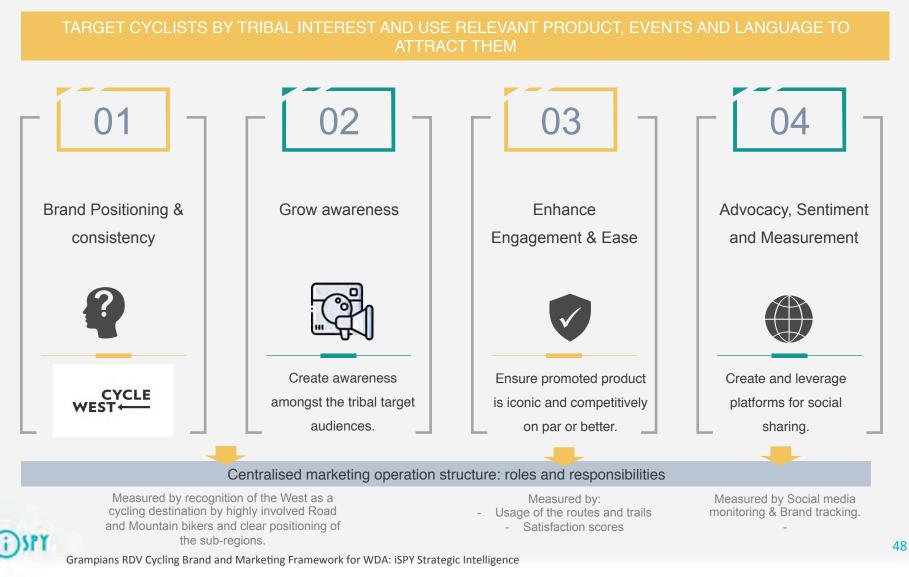


KEY SUCCESS FACTORS MARKETING 'CYCLING' REGIONS

		SUCCESS FACTORS nining 'marketing' commonalities of strong cycling destinations.			MT. BULLER	GREAT OCEAN ROAD	OUR REGION
	1.	Dedicated cycling website outside OF AND linked to tourism websites	Links to multiple tourism and experiential websites.	Connected through Tourism website	Connected to Mt. Buller website	Linked through Visit Vic	
	1a.	Provides consumer multiple access po	ints to cycling either via cycling	g or via tourism through	Search Engine Optimisatior	ı	
ßS	2	Create and promote 'icon tracks' by cycling specialty. One specialty per sub region.	7 Peaks Mtns To Murray Rail Trail Mtb: Bright and Mt. Buller	Mtb: Blue Derby	MT. Buller Bike Park	Event tracks Forrest Single Tracks	Intended
MARKETING FACTORS	3.	Create influencer partnerships	Bicycle Network Vic	Enduro and World Trail Network	IMBA	Amy Gillet Foundation/ Cadel Evans	
DNIT	4.	Marketing & content programmes by cycling tribe	Tracks trails and routes defir	ned in appropriate langu	age and detail		
MARK	5.	Bespoke social media platforms and hash-tags	#Ride High Country Facebook and Instagram	#RideNorthTas hashtag	#BikeBuller Facebook and Instagram	Use of Hashtags and Facebook for events	Not consistent
	6.	Marque world class event	7 Peaks experience 3 Peaks Bicycle network event	Enduro	Australian Alpine Epic	Cadel Evans RR Amy's Grand Fondo Giant Odyssey Mtb Marathon	Planned but requires focus
	7.	Portable cross platform content	Content Pushed Into Third P Videos and images provided				
	8.	Cross promotion/packaging with attractions, events by season and leveraging RTB's resources.	Strong	Average	Good	Link to Tourism Geelong and the Bellarine, Great Ocean Road and Visit Vic	
	9.	On the ground visibility and care for riders.	✓ Signage	✓ Shuttles	✓ Signage and bike racks	✓ Signage	

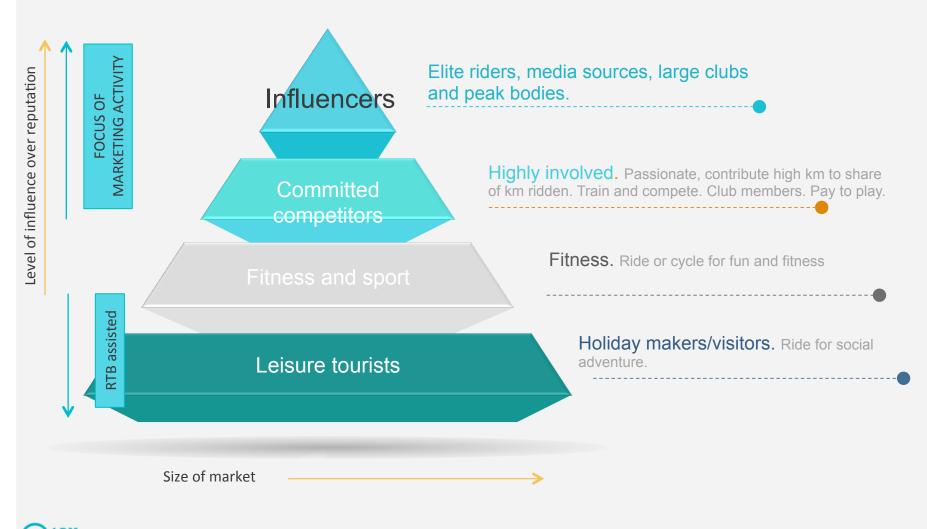
MARKETING & COMMUNICATION OBJECTIVES

Overarching objectives



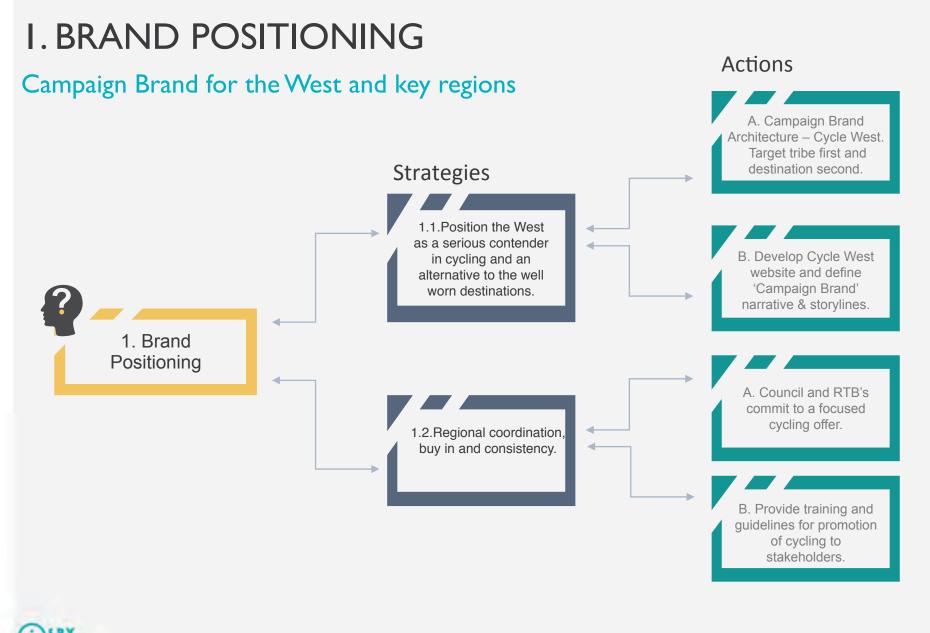
TARGET AUDIENCE

The hierarchy of road and mountain biking segments



KEY STRATEGIES

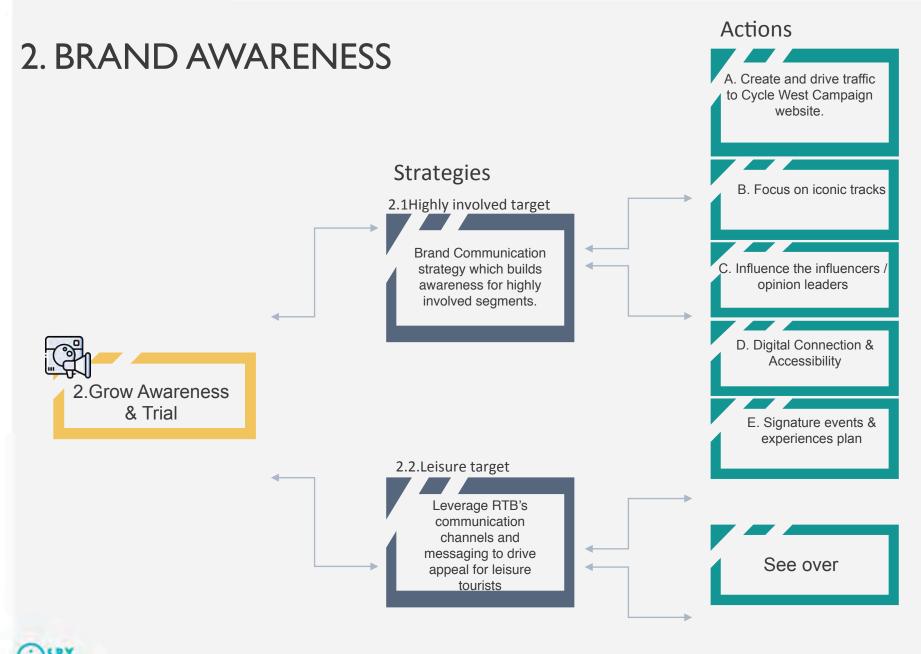




I. BRAND POSITIONING

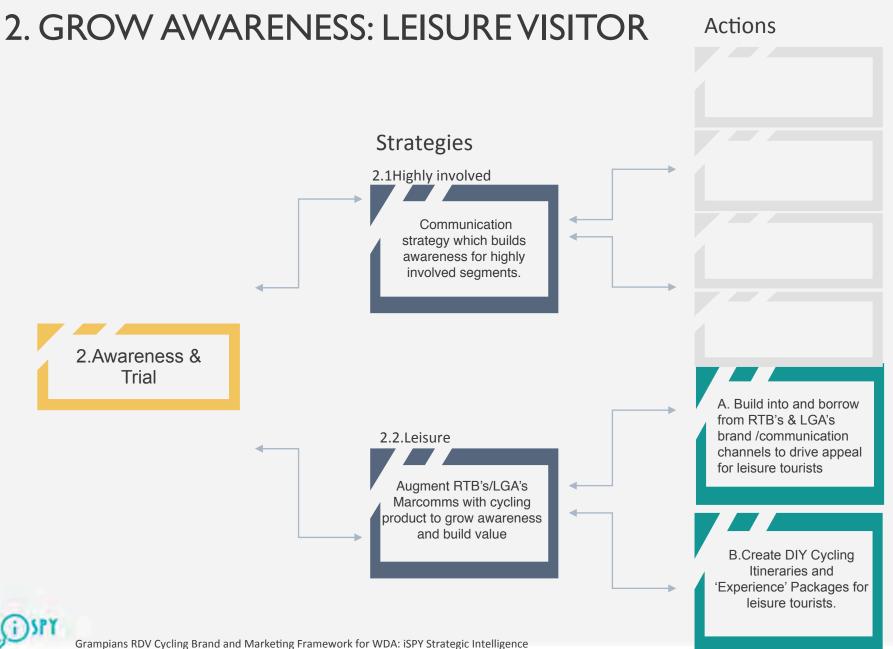
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ACTIONS	WHO	TIMING	RELEVANCE TO PRIORITY PROJECTS /BUSINESS CASES
A.DEVELOP AND AGREE NAME FOR 'CYCLE WEST' (WORKING TITLE) BRAND IDENTITY	Project Team	YEAR I	Overarching relevance
B.APPOINT 'CYCLE WEST' MARKETING LEADERSHIP TEAM	Project Team	YEAR I	High
C. DEVELOP 'CYCLE WEST' WEBSITE. Build an overarching web based entry point for consumers into the west of Victoria.	Marketing project team	YEAR I	Highlight the priority projects, icons, tier ones and events as they are launched. Highlight on the home page or the related sub pages: - Road - MTB - Leisure
D. DEVELOP CAMPAIGN BRAND NARRATIVE AND STORYLINES.	Marketing Project team		
I.2. REGIONAL BU	Y IN AND CONSISTEN	ICY: FOCUS AS A 'CYCLI ROAD- MTB- LEISURE	NG TRIBE SPECIALIST' BY SUB REGION.
A. REGIONAL BUY-IN: TO OVERARCHING FRAMEWORK	Project Team,LGA's and RTB's	IMMEDIATE	Identify the LGA's and RTB's with the Priority projects and Tier One projects to assist in developing appropriate visitor/cyclist collateral. - AGREE who owns the marketing /brand promise of the trails.
B. UPSKILL LGA'S AND RTB'S REGARDING CYCLING PROMOTION.	Project team	YEAR I	Launch/promotion of each of the Priority Tracks should follow the communication basics. Agree how this is funded and who manages.



2. GROW AWARENESS- HIGHLY INVOLVED

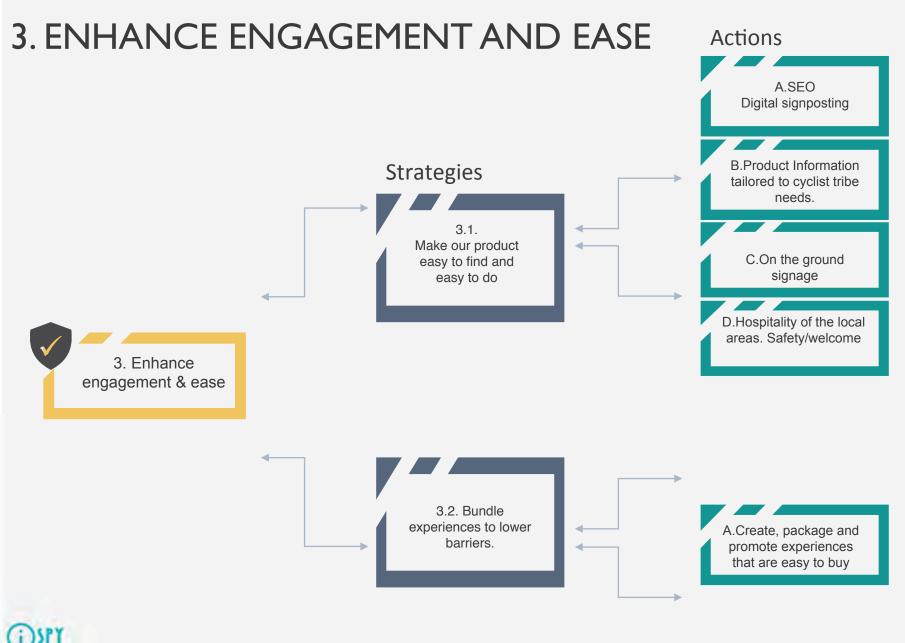
2.1. BRAND COMMUNICATIO	N STRATEGY WHICH	BUILDS AWARENESS F	OR HIGHLY INVOLVED SEGMENTS. (See Appendix 1)
ACTIONS	WHO	TIMING	RELEVANCE TO PRIORITY PROJECTS /BUSINESS CASES
 A. CYCLE WEST CAMPAIGN BRAND WEBSITE & OPERATING FRAMEWORK AI. Drive consumers/cyclist to website through strategic touch points. Outdoor advertising in significant cycling corridors & digital/social strategy (see D. below) 	Project Team	YEAR I	High overarching relevance
B. PROMOTE THE ICONIC AND TIER ONE TRACKS. RELENTLESS PRODUCT FOCUS.	Marketing	YEAR 1/2	High relevance : Product focus.
C. INFLUENCE THE INFLUENCERS: BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE CYCLING /MTB OPINION LEADERS AND DRIVE ENDORSEMENT.	Marketing	YEAR 1& 2	High relevance: Iconic track focus. Points of difference
D.AT THE FINGERTIPS: DIGITAL/SOCIAL REACH AND INFLUENCE THROUGH COMPREHENSIVE DIGITAL STRATEGY.	As above	YEAR I	Highlight the priority projects, icons, tier ones and events as they are launched. Highlight on the home page or the related sub pages: - Road - MTB - Leisure
E. SIGNATURE EVENT STRATEGY	Marketing/RTB's/ LGA's	YEAR 2	- Each of the icon tracks should have a signature event supported by the local community and RTB.



2. GROW AWARENESS- LEISURE

2.2. AUGMENT RTB'S /LGA'S MARCOMMS WITH CYCLING PRODUCT TO GROW AWARENESS AND BUILD VALUE

ACTIONS	WHO	TIMING	RELEVANCE TO PRIORITY PROJECTS /BUSINESS CASES.
A. LEVERAGE RTB'S & LGA'S COMMUNICATION CHANNELS AND MESSAGING TO DRIVE APPEAL FOR LEISURE TOURISTS	Project Team	YEAR I-3	Immediate for 'Ready to Go' product and vital for icons and tier ones.
B. CYCLING ITINERARIES	Marketing	YEAR 1/2	High relevance : Product focus.
C. CYCLING EXPERIENCES & PACKAGES	Marketing	YEAR I-3	High relevance: Iconic & Tier One tracks Wimmera River Trail Daylesford to Hanging Rock Grampians Trail Pyrenees Wine Cycle Trail* Work with Culinary Plan to drive priority.



Most appealing ideas to encourage visiting Victoria

Three of the top four ideas that would encourage visitation relate to information about the cycling experience: downloadable maps or tracks, trails and facilities (39%), accessible information online (38%) and a website that provides comprehensive information about planning a cycle trip in Victoria (37%).

Potential Ideas	Overall	Participants	Spectators	Non-CE
Downloadable maps of Victorian tracks, trails and facilities	38	3% 44%	38%	38%
Accessible information online	37%	6 47%个	39%	36%4
Extensive cycle paths and trails	37%	6 42%	39%	37%
A website that provides comprehensive information about planning a cycle trip in Victoria	36%	40%	41%	36%
Packaged cycle tours that include accommodation, maps and places of interest	31%	38%↑	34%	30%
Bike-friendly businesses, such as cafes, restaurants, and accommodation	31%	39%个	38%	30%
Ability to book cycle-related needs online	26%	32%↑	33% ተ	22%↓
Operators or travel agents who can pre-book accommodation, tickets, transfers and bike hire	26%	35% 个	29%	22%
Bicycle storage on trains and at train stations	25%	35%↑	33%↑	22%
Ability to book online travel for your bikes on trains/buses	25%	33%个	35%↑	22%
Car hire that includes bike racks	22%	30% 个	35%↑	19%4
Buses with bike racks	20%	26%个	31%7	15%
Bike share schemes around metropolitan Melbourne	19%	33%↑	33%个	13%

Q30. How appealing do you find each of the following ideas? - VERY APPEALING ONLY

Note: Green text/arrow indicates significantly higher than the total and red text/arrow indicates significantly lower than the total

Base: Considerers (n=1,138), Participant Considerers (n=382), Spectator Considerers (n=256), Non-CE (n=489)

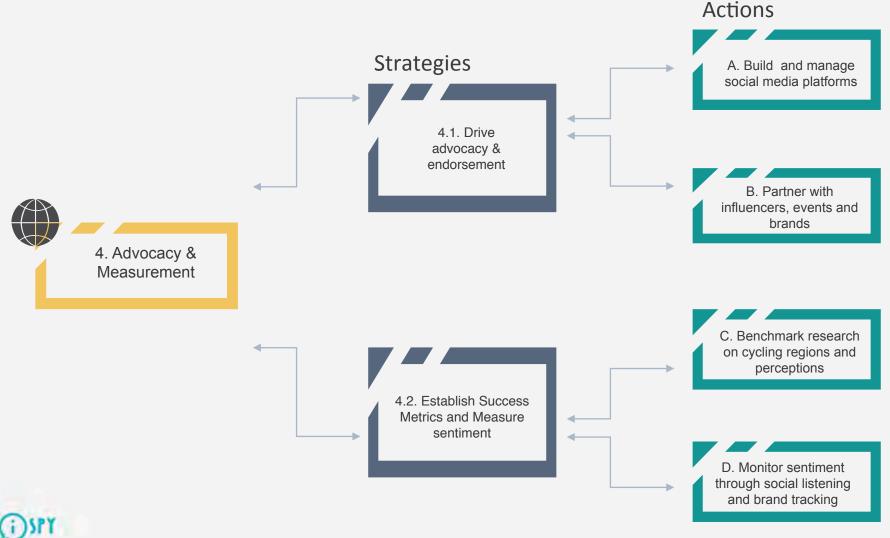




3. ENHANCE ENGAGEMENT AND EASE

	3.1. MAKE OUR PRODUCT EASY TO FIND AND EASY TO DO			
ACTIONS	WHO	TIMING	RELEVANCE TO PRIORITY PROJECTS /BUSINESS CASES	
A. Search engine optimisation, Google maps, digital signposting through hash-tags and links	Marketing and local teams	YEAR I	Highly relevant to all icon and tier one tracks/routes.	
B. Product Information tailored to cyclist tribe needs. (for detail – see over)	Marketing/LGA's and local teams	YEAR 1/2	High relevance	
C. On the ground signage	Marketing and LGA's	AS PRODUCTS BECOME AVAILABLE	High relevance: Iconic track focus as they roll out.	
D. Hospitality of the local areas. Safety/ welcome. Continue building infrastructure and services. (Also see Regional Buy In: Marketing Strategy 1.2. A&B)	As above	ONGOING Years 2-5	Highlight the priority projects, icons, tier ones and events as they are launched. Highlight on the home page or the related sub pages: - Road - MTB - Leisure	
2. BUNDLE THE EXPERIENCES TO BUILD THE REPUTATION OF THE DESTINATION/REGION				
A. Connect all trails back to practical information to promote the region as a holistic and attractive destination.	RTB's/LGA's	ONGOING	 Focus on the icon and top tier 'ready to go product' immediately. Follow up with other regional areas. 	

4. ADVOCACY & MEASUREMENT

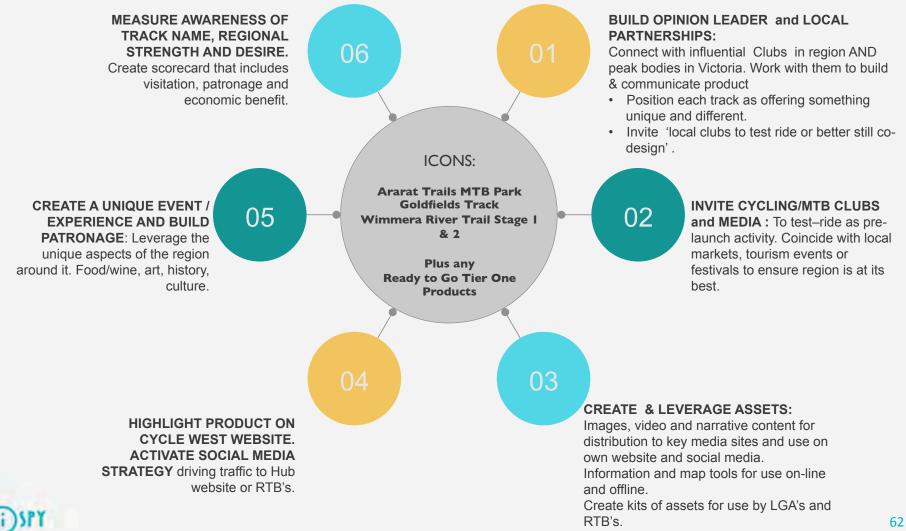


4. ADVOCACY AND MEASUREMENT

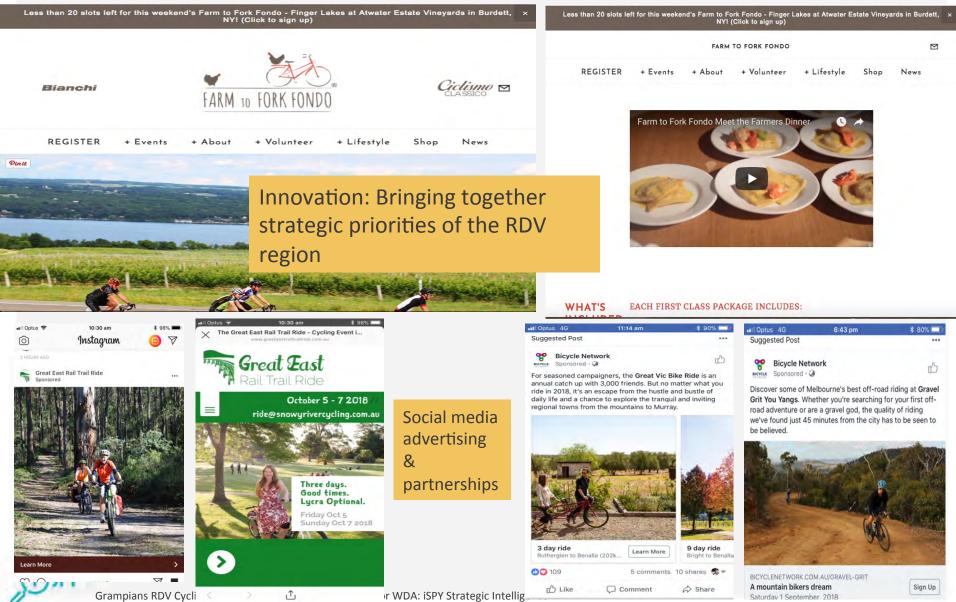
	4. I. DRIVE ADVOCACY			
ACTIONS	WHO	TIMING	RELEVANCE TO PRIORITY PROJECTS /BUSINESS CASES	
AI. BUILD AND MANAGE SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS WITHIN DIGITAL STRATEGY	Marketing and local teams.	YEAR I	Highly relevant to all icon and tier one tracks/routes.	
A2 INCENTIVISE CONSUMER SHARING AND POSTING	Marketing	YEAR 2	As icon tracks are launched	
B. PARTNER WITH INFLUENCERS (BY TRIBE) TO GENERATE TOP DOWN ADVOCACY.	Marketing & Project team	IMMEDIATE AND ONGOING	High relevance: Iconic track focus as they roll out.	
	4.2	. MEASURE SENTIMENT	г	
A. BENCHMARK RESEARCH	RTB's/LGA's	IMMEDIATE	Fundamental to understanding value to region and ROI when connected to economic impact, visitation and patronage.	
B. MONITOR SENTIMENT THROUGH SOCIAL LISTENING.	Marketing/Project team	ONGOING	Important for icon and tier one tracks: The connection to consumer sentiment and issues and barriers to product trial and advocacy can be managed in a dynamic and immediate way.	

COMMUNICATION STRATEGY BASICS

FOR THE LAUNCH OF EACH BUSINESS CASE PROJECT AND/OR SIGNIFICANT TIER ONE TRAIL/ROUTE



INSPIRATION: CULINARY CYCLE-SEEING



ACTION PLAN

Summary

- ✓ Build cycling profile through promotion of 'Cycle West' hub.
 - ✓ Connect right product to right tribe
 - ✓ Provide easy to do information and easy to buy packaging.



✓ Create a Signature Experiences and Events strategy around the Icon tracks and their local hub destinations and towns







- ✓ Focus on 'ready to go tier one trails' and introduce Icon trails as they develop.
- ✓ Build legitimacy through partnerships and relationships with clubs and opinion leaders.



 ✓ Ensure all RTB's and LGA's regions can buy in, participate and contribute to build consistency and presence. Invest in education and training on brand and marketing needs. Continue building infrastructure, services and hospitality.

What's Next?

THIS FOUNDATION TASK

FUTURE



BRAND AUDIT

DESCRIPTION

Foundational understanding.

Identification of issues and opportunities facing brands.

CYCLING CONSUMER INSIGHT

Three depth interviews with cycling consumers or opinion leaders to determine motivational drivers, communication channels and brand positioning of competitors vs our region.

BRAND STRUCTURE (2 options) SCENARIO PLAN

Shared understanding success factors in branding and marketing a cycling region.

- a. Visualise architecture framework/name implications.
- b. Positioning territories
- c. Marketing basics



Who you are and what you stand for.

Naming of the Campaign brand:

- Competitive
 Positioning
- Brand Proposition
- Key narratives
- Hero experiences
- Personality
- Tone

CAMPAIGN BRAND NARRATIVE AND ICON TRACK COMPETITIVE POSITIONING

>IDENTITY DEVELOPMENT & STYLE GUIDE

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- Development of logo and/ or visual language and executional implications across RTB's, LGA's, channels. Development of style
- guide for all stakeholders.

**OPTIONAL MARKETING ACTION PLAN

Detail around Marketing Strategy and next steps: How to market cycling product. Different consumers, different needs. Messaging (from the brand narrative)

Channels Events Promotions

APPENDICES



Grampians RDV Cycling Brand and Marketing Framework for WDA: iSPY Strategic Intelligence

Appendix I.

Top 10 sources of information for a cycling

NOTE: RESEARCH MORE ORIENTED TOWARD LEISURE CYCLISTS

When it came to planning and booking their last cycling trip, recent participants relied on word of mouth from trusted sources (family/friends) followed by a general internet search. This suggests that some recent participants did not know which relevant websites to visit when searching for cycling information online. Among those who travelled to a metro destination, online travel sites were significantly more likely to be utilised than those who visited a regional destination.

Family/Friends/Word of Mouth (not via social media)		28%
Internet search engine (e.g., Google)	25	5%
Own knowledge/previous experience	20%	
Travel and tourism brochures	18%	
Visitor Information Centre	18%	Metro origin 121%
Online travel sites for travel reviews and booking information	17%	Regional origin 🔸 5%
Social Media to get advice	16%	
Travel book or guide	16%	
Travel desk at accommodation	15%	
Tourism website	14%	
Directly with operator/provider	12%	
Advertising, travel articles or documentaries	11%	$\overline{\mathcal{O}}$
Cycling magazines	11%	The fact that there was quite a spread
Cycle club or association website and/or e-newsletter	11%	across all information sources suggests that
Online cycling community website	11%	recent participants were not just turning up at a destination and cycling but rather, they
Travel agent (in person or over the phone)	10%	were seeking information from a myriad of
Bike shop	10%	sources pre-cycle trip.

Q12. What sources did you use for planning and booking this cycling experience?

Base: Recent participants (n=369)

Note: Green arrow indicates significantly higher than the total and red arrow indicates significantly lower than the total



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Appendix 2. Deliver

 In delivering the value proposition, it is imperative that proof points align with the key drawcards for Victoria by promoting specific events, locations, and businesses.

Deliver





Things to do...

Although time and effort is not a key barrier, packaged tours may help legitimise cycling tourism and address confidence issues



Creating tours that align with specific events, times, or destinations may appeal to those with a desire for intrastate travel



Victorian regional areas that offer appealing natural features should build and promote dedicated cycling tourism facilities

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Appendix 3.

CHANNEL CONSIDERATIONS BY TARGET

	HARD CORE ENTHUSIASTS & PARTICIPATIONS	LOCALS CYCLING CLUBS AND LEADERS	LEISURE ADVENTURERS AND OPPORTUNISTS
FUNDAMENTALS	 Communicate regularly through club and social networks. Tailor offers and language to each segment. Key communication messaging should be around events and iconic tracks. Channels: Social media, partners, E- newsletters, social media, publications, editorial Invite clubs to trial the tracks and incentivise: accommodation, meals etc. Link all communications to tourism and accommodation sites and deals. Compare rides and trails with well known ones. 	 Become a critical spearhead for all track and route communication and launch. Their endorsement through networks and especially on Facebook and Instagram will drive credibility Work with clubs to trial and fine tune tracks. Communicate with them throughout the year, by season. Every season feature a new region or set of tracks. 	 These people will be drawn by the novelty of skill appropriate events and 'famous' trails combined with other leisure activities, particularly food, wine, spa and wellbeing, arts, culture, history and markets. Package cycling to include these activities and vice versa Communicate in weeks prior to event with a combination of mainstream channels like radio, posters, print and social media/on-line channels.
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THE WORLD OF **MOUNTAIN BIKING** (KEY CHANNELS AND **TOUCHPOINTS)**



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erby trails - located near the former tin mining town of Derby (population: 208) - have re of Australia's top MTB destinations, hosting the cross-country marathon ships for the last two years. With 55km of trail already built, there's another 25km due for in October 2016 - resulting in a trail network encompassing everything from beginner ble-black diamond downhill runs.

vork with the local environment to provide the perfect balance of rideability and hallenge, all while retaining a wilderness feel and preserving nods to the area's mining heck it out below.











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Welcome to the Warrandyte Mountain Bike Club.





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Our 2018 National MTB Market Profile Survey was launched in 2014 and has be run 2 yearly ever since. The survey is a...





Appendix 4.

Most appealing ideas to encourage visiting Victoria

When we prompted considerers with ideas to encourage visitation to Victoria for a cycling experience, we found that ideas like downloadable maps, online information and websites resonated.

