

The Kidman Trail will provide a range of horse trail riding experiences linking the McLaren Vale and Fleurieu to the Barossa Valley in the Mount Lofty Ranges. This brochure has been prepared to provide information to stakeholders and the community. Named after Sir Sidney Kidman, a prominent pastoralist and horse breeder, the trail will become one of South Australia's iconic trails, similar to the Heysen, Mawson, Riesling, Yurrebilla and the River Torrens Linear Trails.

The planning, development and management of the trail is a partnership project between the Office for Recreation and Sport, Horse SA, ForestrySA, local Councils and the horse community.



The Kidman Trail will utilise existing tracks and trails through Forest Reserves and other accessible public land, minor roads and unmade road reserves.

The planning of the trail is designed to link areas of existing horse-keeping and horse activity where possible. Parts of the route currently experience horse use on a regular basis.

Riders may use sections, loops, links or on some occasions the full 200 kilometres of trail. It is envisaged that it would take between five and seven days to ride the trail from start to finish. The Kidman Trail will also provide opportunities for other trail users including, walkers and mountain bike riders.

Suitable sections of the trail may be promoted for groups and organised events. Commercial opportunities for local businesses and tourism providers will be enhanced through increased visitation to regional areas.

Trails SA is an initiative of the South Australian Trails Coordinating Committee – a partnership between state and local government and peak recreational organisations and managed by the Office for Recreation and Sport.

Physical activity can benefit your health and wellbeing. There is a trail near you – go ahead, explore it.

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A HORSE TRAIL LINKING THE MCLAREN VALE AND FLEURIEU TO THE BAROSSA VALLEY, SOUTH AUSTRALIA



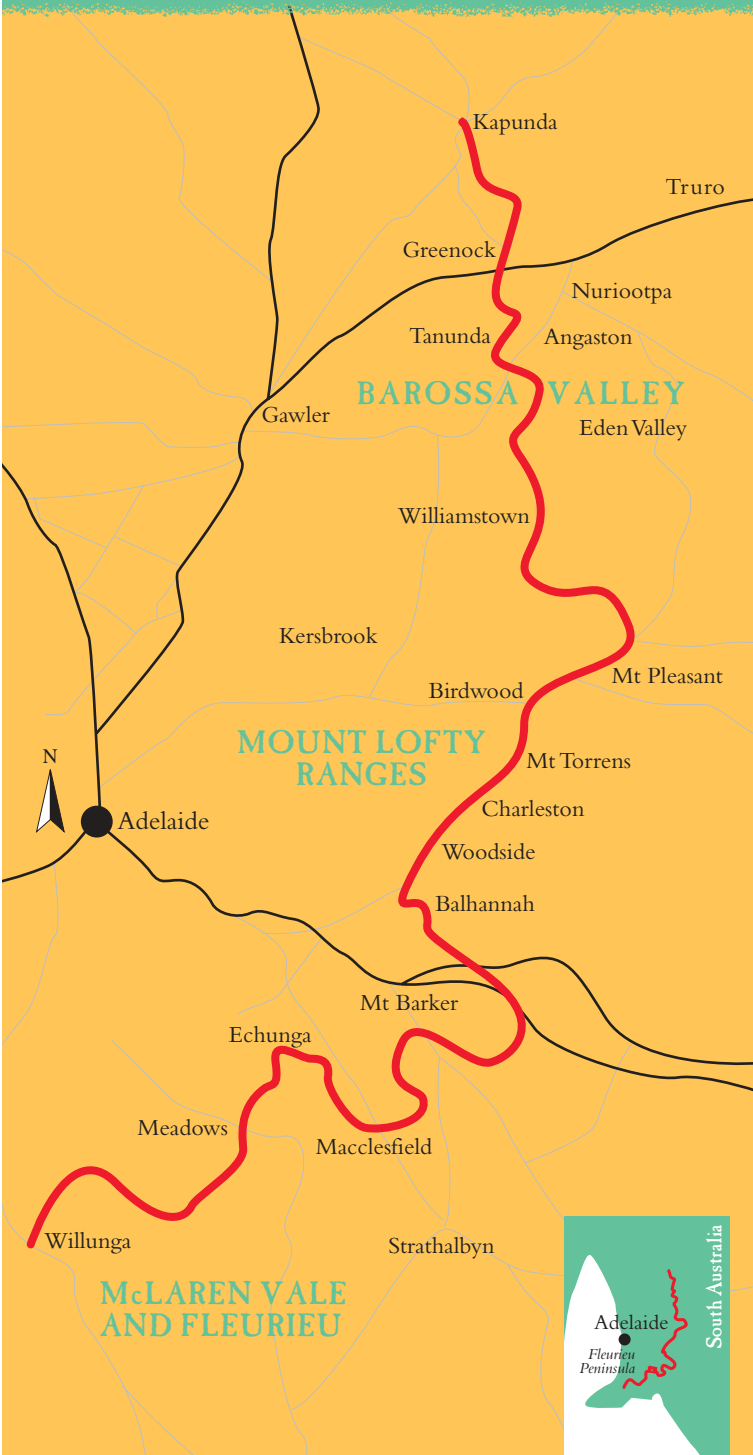
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KIDMAN TRAIL ROUTE: Concept Plan



GETTING IT RIGHT...

PLANNING THE TRAIL

Horse SA and the Office for Recreation and Sport will work closely with Councils to find a suitable and safe route through each Council area.

- The Kidman Trail will primarily follow rural roads, road reserves, forestry land and public land where access for horse riding currently exists
- Access over private land, if required will be negotiated with landowners
- Communication with the community will take place

CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Information from native vegetation audits will be used in planning of the trail route.

- Existing trails and road reserves will be utilised to minimise environmental disturbances
- Site-specific audits will be conducted as required to protect sensitive natural environments
- Horse SA and the Office for Recreation and Sport have developed a code for trail users with a supporting information package



MAKING IT HAPPEN...

TRAIL DEVELOPMENT

It is important that trails are planned and designed to recognised standards.

- The SA Mountain Bike and Horse Riding Trail Classifications approved by the SA Trails Coordinating Committee are being used for the planning and development of the Kidman Trail
- Most of the trail will be Class 1 Easy – suitable for novices and social groups

TRAFFIC & ROAD SAFETY

The planning of the trail route is designed to provide as much 'off road' travel as possible.

- When it is necessary to travel on roads, those of low vehicle usage, preferably unsealed and with a wide verge will be selected
- Safety for trail users is a priority and the road safety strategy developed by Horse SA will guide education programs for trail users

PUBLIC RISK AND LIABILITY

As much of the trail is already on land to which the public has access rights, the current status for the responsibility of public liability will remain.

- Partnering with Councils is a priority to assist in the management of their risk and public liability
- Where a private landowner has agreed for the trail to traverse their land a Trail License Agreement can be used by the Office for Recreation and Sport to assist in the management of risk and public liability
- Horse SA promotes safe and responsible riding practices through their education programs

LOOKING AFTER IT...

TRAIL MANAGEMENT

The Kidman Trail will become one of the state's iconic trails under the Trails SA brand. The Office for Recreation and Sport will be responsible for the management and maintenance of the trail in partnership with Horse SA, land managers, Councils and the community.

- Horse SA will develop a 'Friends' group to assist with monitoring and caring for the trail and its promotion