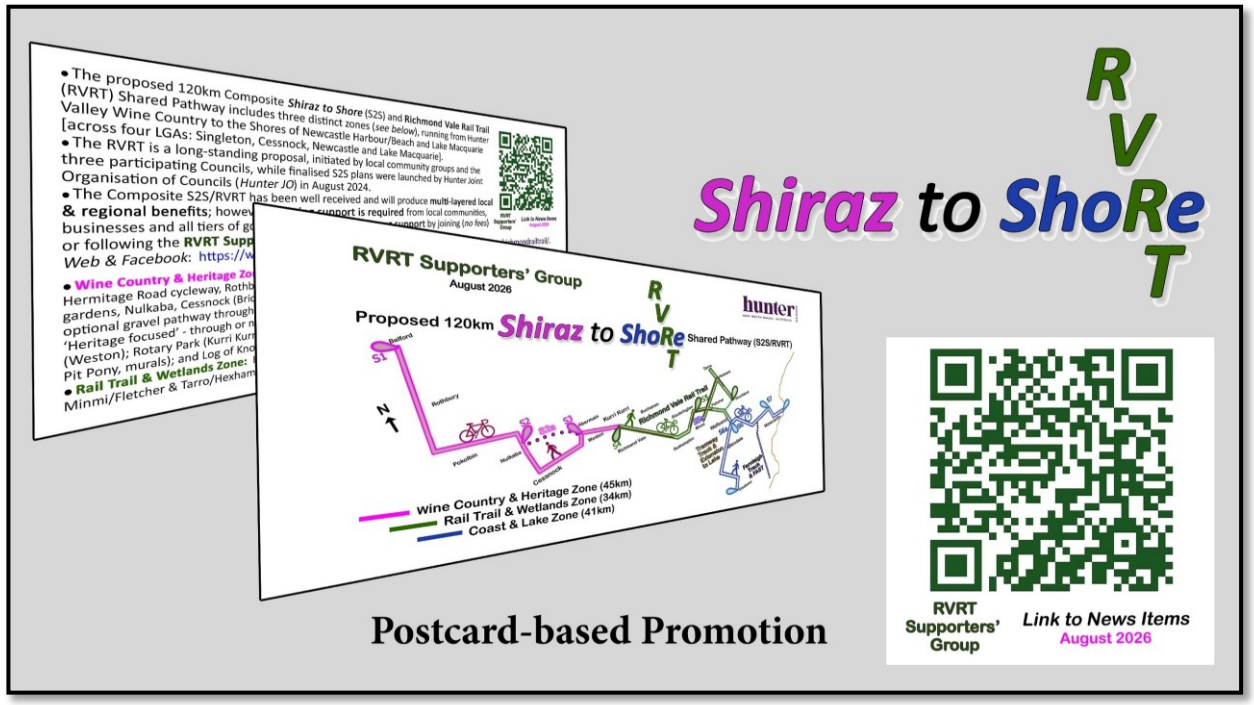
Richmond Vale Rail Trail (RVRT) Supporters' Group – Postcard-based Promotion: *August 2026 Handout*

In preparation for future community events, we have produced a DL sized Postcard which showcases the **three distinct zones** within the proposed **Composite 120km *Shiraz to Shore* and Richmond Vale Rail Trail (S2S/RVRT) Shared Pathway** in the Hunter Valley Region of NSW, Australia; see illustration *opposite* (**Pic01**).



Ongoing goals: to **increase awareness** about the Composite S2S/RVRT Shared Pathway proposal and its benefits; and to **help progressively move this proposal forward**.

A **Stylised Map** is shown on the **Front** of the Postcard (see **Pic02**), while the **Back** presents an overview of the trail and the **key themes and locations within each zone** (see **Pic03**).

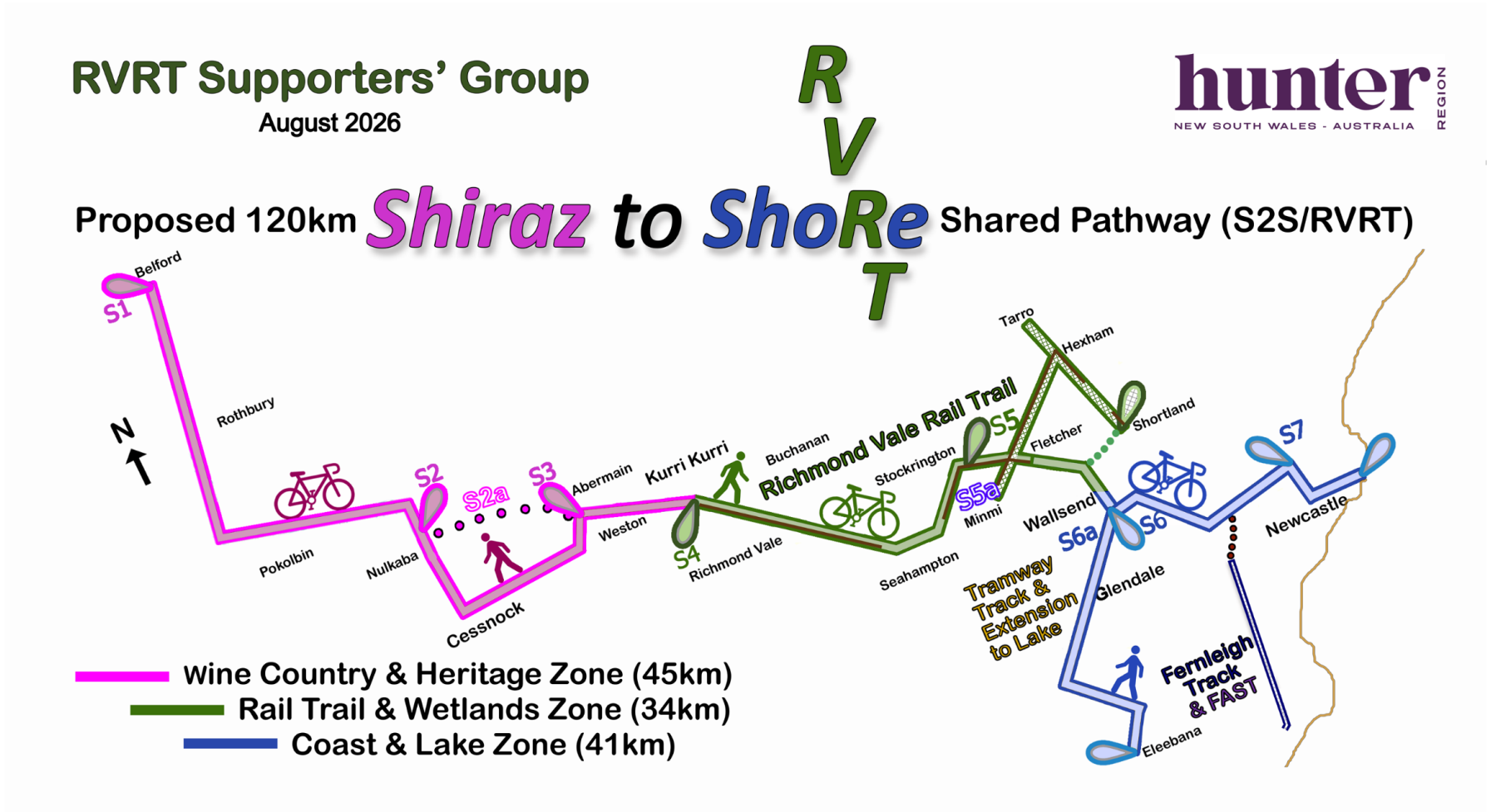
News items on our website can be accessed via the **QR code**, while the URLs on Page 4 of this Handout provide *additional links*: to an associated **YouTube video** (see **Pic04**); and to our ***July 2026 Newsletter***.

Ongoing support is required from local communities, businesses and all tiers of government. Shorter, localised trail segments (e.g., connecting schools, parks and town centres) are likely to be suitable candidates for existing funding programs; however, **non-urban trail segments will require targeted funding** – which includes the majority of the outstanding 'Rail Trail & Wetlands Zone'.

Please **express your support** for the Composite S2S/RVRT in communications with your local Council and Councillors, and with your State and Federal representatives, especially over the next 6 months during the lead up to the **NSW Election** (March 2027).

You can also show your support by **joining** (*no fees*) or **following** the **RVRT Supporters' Group**.

Richmond Vale Rail Trail (RVRT) Supporters' Group – Postcard-based Promotion: ***Front*** (Pic02)



Richmond Vale Rail Trail (RVRT) Supporters' Group – Postcard-based Promotion: ***Back*** (**Pic03**)

• The proposed 120km Composite ***Shiraz to Shore*** (S2S) and **Richmond Vale Rail Trail** (RVRT) Shared Pathway includes three distinct zones (*see below*), running from Hunter Valley Wine Country to the Shores of Newcastle Harbour/Beach and Lake Macquarie [across four LGAs: Singleton, Cessnock, Newcastle and Lake Macquarie].

• The RVRT is a long-standing proposal, initiated by local community groups and the three participating Councils, while finalised S2S plans were launched by Hunter Joint Organisation of Councils (*Hunter JO*) in August 2024.

• The Composite S2S/RVRT has been well received and will produce **multi-layered local & regional benefits**; however, **ongoing support is required** from local communities, businesses and all tiers of government. Please **show your support** by joining (*no fees*) or following the **RVRT Supporters' Group** - *E-mail*: rvrt.inc@gmail.com; *Web & Facebook*: https://www.richmondvalerailtrail.org.au/; https://www.facebook.com/richmondrailtrail/.

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• **Wine Country & Heritage Zone:** Belford to Kurri Kurri via Hermitage Road cycleway, Rothbury and Pokolbin vineyards & gardens, Nulkaba, Cessnock (Bridges Hill Park) & Abermain; with optional gravel pathway through Werakata National Park (**S2a**). 'Heritage focused' - through or near: Maybury Peace Park (Weston); Rotary Park (Kurri Kurri Town Centre - Big Kookaburra, Pit Pony, murals); and Log of Knowledge Park (Pelaw Main).

• **Rail Trail & Wetlands Zone:** Kurri Kurri to Shortland via Minmi/Fletcher & Tarro/Hexham; utilising former water and Richmond Vale Railway (coal) corridors. Initial trail construction (in Shortland) is likely before the end of 2026 (DA2020/00641). Sugarloaf Range section: three brick-lined railway tunnels; cuttings and embankments; access to conservation areas. Runs through or near: M1 Extension; Hunter Wetlands National Park & Wetlands Centre.

• **Coast & Lake Zone:** Fletcher to City, Beach & Lake via Wallsend & a mix of existing/new pathways; with links to: regional parks; shopping, urban renewal & entertainment areas; & other trails.

Richmond Vale Rail Trail (RVRT) Supporters' Group – Postcard-based Promotion: ***Additional Information***

Links referred to in the Postcard:

E-mail: rvrt.inc@gmail.com
Webpage: https://www.richmondvalerailtrail.org.au/
Webpage – News Section: https://www.richmondvalerailtrail.org.au/news
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/richmondrailtrail/

Associated YouTube Video: (**Pic04**)

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https://youtu.be/y4KMahuBcw0

This short (3 Min. 41 Sec.) ***YouTube*** **video** showcases the proposed Composite 120km *Shiraz to Shore* and Richmond Vale Rail Trail (S2S/RVRT) Shared Pathway in the Hunter Valley Region of NSW, Australia.

The stlyised map from our **August 2026 Postcard** provides the backdrop for a set of **West to East trail images**.

July 2026 Newsletter (10-page PDF, 3.3Mb) – *Download Link:*
https://www.richmondvalerailtrail.org.au/uploads/1/2/0/4/120411157/rvrt_supporters_group_newsletter_july_2026.pdf

Hunter Joint Organisation of Councils - *Shiraz to Shore* (S2S) Webpage:
https://hunterjo.nsw.gov.au/projects/shiraz-to-shore-cycle-tourism/

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