



## Questions and Answers Sheet: Indigo Shire Community Feedback, Beechworth Community Information Session, Wednesday 13 November 2024, Beechworth Town Hall

### 1. Strategic Plan for Connecting Goldfields Trails

**Q:** When will the Strategic Plan to connect Goldfields trails start, particularly connecting all the Shire gold towns to the main hub attraction (precinct)?

**A:** The timeline for the initiation of the Strategic Plan is still under discussion, with a focus on ensuring that all gold towns are effectively connected to enhance accessibility and tourism.

### 2. Inclusion of Eldorado and its Dredge

**Q:** Is Eldorado and its dredge identified in this plan (Wangaratta City)?

**A:** Eldorado is recognized as an important heritage feature of the northeast and it and its dredge can contribute to telling the story of mining to visitors to the region. However, the dredge is not included in any World Heritage site research as it does not belong to the historic period (1851 to 1900) that the Bid is based upon.

### 3. Road Infrastructure Concerns

**Q:** As a Moorabool Shire resident, how will road infrastructure be addressed given the expected increase in visitors?

**A:** Road infrastructure is indeed a significant consideration. Advocacy and lobbying efforts will be made to ensure that the necessary improvements are prioritized to support increased traffic and enhance safety.

### 4. Inclusion of the Big Sluicing Mine at Mitta Mitta

**Q:** Is the big sluicing mine at Mitta Mitta included in the review?

**A:** The Pioneer and Union Hydraulic Gold Sluicing Site at Mitta Mitta is noted on the Victorian Heritage Register. It holds historical, archaeological, and scientific significance, representing a crucial aspect of gold mining technology and its impact on Victoria's development. It is worthy of consideration.

### 5. Insights on Regional Regeneration through Tourism

**Q:** Can you share insights on the opportunities for regional regeneration represented by tourism?

**A:** The Master Plan outlines various strategies for leveraging tourism to support regional regeneration. For detailed information, you can download the Master Plan from [here](#).

## 6. Tourist Demographics and Motivations

**Q:** What kind of tourists will a World Heritage listing attract, and what are their spending habits?

**A:** World Heritage will appeal to a diverse range of tourists, including culture and heritage tourists (international are likely to be younger while domestic are likely to be older), emotional tourists. alternative tourists and higher educated tourists. For the goldfields this would also include families researching genealogy, and international visitors looking for unique experiences off typical tourist routes. All will expect a quality experience for a World Heritage site. Many tourists visiting World Heritage sites are higher income and willing to invest in authentic and quality experiences.

## 7. Tourism Attractions and Quality

**Q:** Is there a plan to rebuild Chinatown as in the photo at the Nicholas Hotel?

**A:** This hasn't been included in the World Heritage Master Plan. The Master Plan aims to showcase places for tourists that highlight the region's authentic heritage.

## 8. Additional Comments

**Q:** Any final thoughts?

**A:** Thank you for your engagement! The feedback and insights from the community are invaluable as we move forward with the Victorian Goldfields World Heritage bid. Your contributions and the actions you take to use World Heritage as a catalyst will help shape the future of the region.

