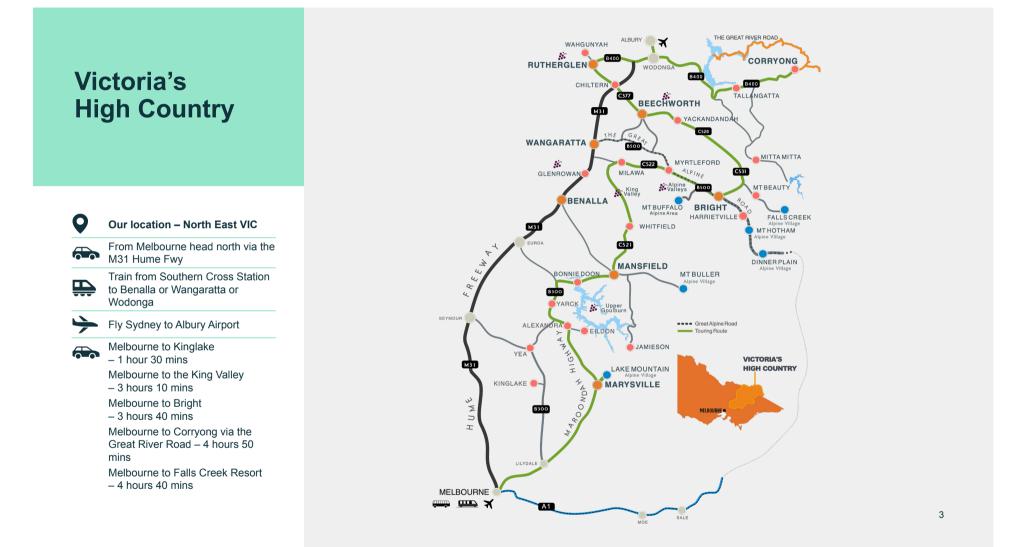


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Quarterly Report, Q3 Mansfield Shire Council

2021/22 Quarterly TNE Report April 2022 We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land we reference today. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

We are committed to building stronger relationships and fostering mutual respect for cultural practices.



GENERAL ACTIVITY | Q3 SNAPSHOT

The third quarter of the 2021/22 financial year has been nothing short of challenging. Despite the State Government *opening the state for business* in late October 2021, the introduction of the Omicron COVID-19 variant in mid-December presented enormous challenges for the region's residents and business community.

Due to the highly infectious nature of the virus and isolation requirements for those infected, several businesses that support the visitor economy were forced to close their doors over the peak summer months or significantly change their delivery model and reduce their operating hours.

The inability to trade for many, has impacted the quality visitor experience across the High Country over the 2021/22 summer and has been another blow for place-based businesses who are running low on cash reserves and already struggling to find good quality staff.

Tourism North East continues to be concerned for the mental health of operators and the level of fatigue felt by many, together with the ability to weather any further major interruptions to the general operating environment.

However, more positively, visitors have returned to the region in droves and accommodation providers have reported a strong start to the year as have hospitality providers.



Top-line Visitor Statistics for Victoria's High Country



The below visitation statistics are for the period January 2021 to December 2021.

CY2019 is the last full data-set pre bushfires and COVID, comparisons to this period are for recovery rate considerations.

	Visitor Numbers CY2021	Variation YoY	Variation CY2019	Visitor Spend CY2021	Variation YoY	Variation CY2019
Total Visitation	3,651,000	+46%	-29%	\$1.137B	+106.6%	-18%
Domestic Day	1,794,000	+17.8%	-36%	\$202M	+56.1%	-26%
Domestic Overnight	1,857,000	+89.9%	-21%	\$935M	+122.1%	-16%
International	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Mansfield Shire – Q3 Snapshot

INDUSTRY AND PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

 Across the High Country, TNE delivered 193 sessions across 125 businesses (in Mansfield, 33 sessions to 19 businesses) in Q3 via Zoom and F2F, primarily supporting tourism business operators with digital skills and business development opportunities

Including in Mansfield:

- February Industry Forum Maximising Opportunities in '22' (10 Feb) attended by 11 operators
- Mansfield specific Tourism Training & Development Mentor Program continued with 19 businesses across the Shire, with focus areas in Q3 to complete photoshoots with 4 operators, and the Facebook social campaign starting with 9 operators (remaining 10 to be set up in Q4). *Refer to the Social update which outlines increased total reach as a result.
- 'Developing Tourism Packages and Experiences' 3 part workshop attended by 5 operators
- 'Digital Marketing Intensive Series' 3 part workshop attended by 2 operators
- Numerous letters of support provided for Regional Tourism Infrastructure Fund, Enabling Tourism Fund and Regional Events Fund



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Hume House, Merrijig, photoshoot with talent

RHC Marketing – Mansfield Shire

Ride High Country activity overall was relatively low in Q3, working on the theory that summer and autumn demand would be high following the pre-Christmas lifting of lockdown restrictions. Surplus RHC budget will be held over to FY23.

Remaining OOH and SEN radio activity from FY21 was completed, and brand-building magazine partnership activity continued to run as part of the always-on strategy.

- The Highline MTB event partnership included brand presence at the event and Ride High Country sponsorship of the live video stream.
- OOH summer/autumn activity included static billboards on Citylink and Airport Drive.





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PR + VHC Marketing – Mansfield

Media coverage during this quarter on behalf of High Country tourism stakeholders (for all of region) achieved a minimum ASR value of **\$233,593**, with a cumulative potential reach of **1,042,224**.

PUBLICITY

Coverage included publicity in lead metropolitan, regional and national media, and a range of other travel, food and cycling features including: The Guardian, Sydney Morning Herald, Escape, UCI Online, Bicycling Australia, Men's Health, Wanderer, Weekly Times, Sunday Mail, Border Mail, Triple MMM Radio

MANSFIELD ACTIVITY

February - Polestar and Audi photoshoots with Swiftcrest Distillery, Bullerroo, Delatite Winery and Global Ballooning

March - Tourism Australia National Experience Content Initiative (NECI) photoshoot with Bullerroo and High Country Hiking Tours to promote the 'Evening at Craigs' experience to domestic and international tourists











NECI shoot

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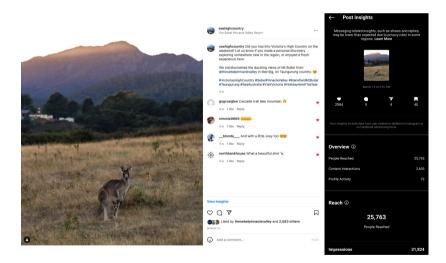
Social – Mansfield Shire

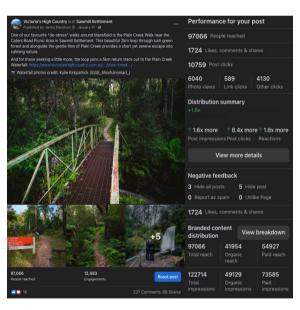
Victoria's High Country continued to perform very strongly across Facebook and Instagram, with very high Reach, Growth and Engagement, on track to achieve our the goal to be the #1 Vic RTB social accounts by June 2023.

Q3 content was heavily aligned to the VHC "Festival of Walks" campaign, and included 3 x Mansfield region Instagram Reels showcasing the Plain Creek walk, Stringybark Creek Historic Area walk and the new "An Evening At Craig's" walk product.

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Victoria's High Country	Reach	Growth	Vic RTB Average Growth	
Facebook	2,235,552	9.5%	3.3%	
Instagram	561,574	7.3%	5.1%	

Top performing posts featuring Mansfield related content:





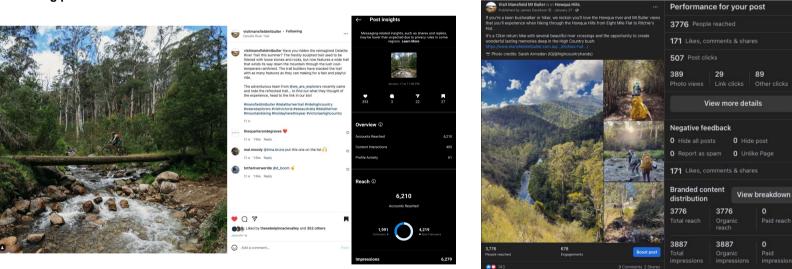
Social – Visit Mansfield Mt Buller

During Q3 the Mansfield Mt Buller channels grew to 7800 followers on Facebook and 5600 followers on Facebook, which is in the top tier for growth rate of the social accounts for the 10 LGA/RMB in the High Country.

The combined total Reach was up 415% on Q3 last year, supported by the paid campaigns run for businesses participating in the Mansfield Tourism Mentor Program, along with the increase in original content created by TNE rather than relying on reposting User Generated Content.

Mansfield Mt Buller	Reach		High Country LGAs Average Growth
Facebook	360,517	4.9%	2.3%
Instagram	54,183	4.7%	2.2%

Top performing posts:



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Social – Ride High Country - Highline paid content

The Highline event was promoted on both the Ride High Country and Visit Mansfield Mt Buller channels, including dark (paid) content published via Ride High Country.



		Clicks to Event	
Highline event	Reach	listing	CTR
Facebook dark content	130,767	3,584	3.38%

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Ad examples:

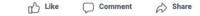


Come see mountain bikers fly at the Highline



ridehighcountry.com.au **Highline MTB Festival** Enter the unique and excit...

C Steve Taylor and 2 others





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Festival of Walking

Campaign Overview and Results

Overview & Objectives



- Integrated campaign to promote walking in the High Country.
- Funding received from Bushfire Recovery to aid in recovery of regional tourism economy.
- · Campaign seeks to attract walkers to the region to participate in a guided or self guided walking experiences.
- Dates: 16 Jan 31 March 2022.

	TARGET	MEASUREMENT
BUSINESS	Attract walkers to the region and increase yield opportunities to assist with the recovery of the regional tourism economy	4,500 visitors during February and March who will spend a combined \$1.8m
MARKETING	Reposition the High Country as the #1 "must walk" destination in Victoria	Increase top of mind awareness of the High Country as Victoria's walking destination. Measured via brand tracking.
MEDIA	Drive awareness of the High Country as a must walk destination. Drive research into visiting the High Country	Cost efficient reach Quality campaign microsite traffic with page views >3pg per session

YEAR ONE FOCUSES ON DRIVING AWARENESS TO INJECT THE HIGH COUNTRY INTO THE CONSIDERATION SET AND BUILD FAMILIARITY WITH OUR AUDIENCE THROUGH FREQUENCY. IN TURN, THIS WILL DRIVE RESEARCH AND VISITATION TO THE REGION

Target audiences

DESTINATION EXPLORERS

- More often younger (under 40s)
- · Couples and young families.
- Make walking the main activity of their day.
- Look for stand-out walks with points of interest.
- Prefer a controlled interaction with nature well formed paths, signage, fine weather.
- Seek to be social, adventurous and have fun.
- · Motivated to explore new destinations.

COMMITTED HIKERS

- From mid 20s into middle-age, but tend to skew older.
- Often travelling as family with kids of all ages.
- Engage with a range of walking, including day walks and overnight. Likely to seek a personal challenge.
- Enjoy the process of the walk / hike as much as the scenery and destination.
- Highly engaged with walk tourism keep a list of place to walk, and look for new places to add.



Program

CURATED PROGRAM OF WALKING FROM ACROSS THE REGION

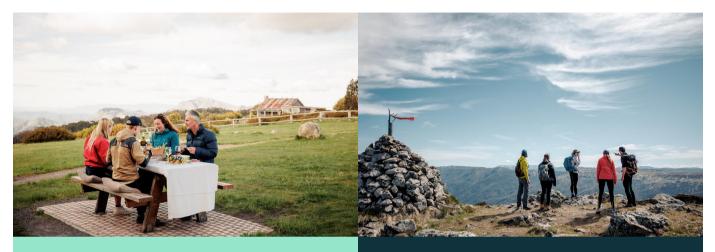
Guided/bookable walks:

- New bookable walks developed as part of the KickStart program.
- Existing bookable walk products from current operators.

Self-guided walks:

- 60+ self guided walks of varying difficulty (~6 per LGA/RMB).
- Curated into program material to simplify choice and drive motivation.





An Evening at Craig's

Hike 'n' Feast



Secluded Adventure Picnic

Cheeky Fox

New experiences

An Evening at Craig's by BullerRoo & High Country Hiking Tours

Hike 'n' Feast by Alpine Nature Experience

Where There's a Grill, There's a Way by All Terrain BBQ and Alpine Nature Experience

Walk, Wine & Wellness by Belmont at Beechworth, Sole to Soul Walking and The Space

Secluded Adventure Picnic by Lake Moodemere Estate

Not Another Ned Kelly Tour by Benalla Escapes

Cheeky Fox Trail by Cheeky Fox Retreat

Walk the High Life by Diana Lodge & YMCA Howmans Gap

The Mitta Valley Pack Light Hike by Mitta Valley Inc.

Tallangatta Rock Around the Town Tour by Tallangatta Neighbourhood House

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Preliminary Activity Results



	TARGET	MEASUREMENT	RESULTS
BUSINESS	Attract walkers to the region and increase yield opportunities to assist with the recovery of the regional tourism economy	4,500 visitors during February and March who will spend a combined \$1.8m	The activity attracted an estimated 25,193 visitors who spent an average of \$563 per trip which equates to an additional visitor spend of \$14.2 million over the course of the event. The level of expenditure is estimated to generate an additional economic output of \$18.6 million.
MARKETING	Reposition the High Country as the #1 "must walk" destination in Victoria	Increase top of mind awareness of the High Country as Victoria's walking destination. Measured via brand tracking.	The brand tracking results will not be known until the next dip in Q1 2022/23FY.
MEDIA	Drive awareness of the High Country as a must walk destination. Drive research into visiting the High Country	Cost efficient reach Quality campaign microsite traffic with page views >3pg per session	 YouTube 506K video views Cost per view \$0.02 (the benchmark was \$0.05) BVOD 876K video completions Cost per Completed Video \$0.05 10 Play contributing to 64% of total clicks Content Partnerships Concrete Playground was the best performing content partnership across both content and amplification Website Performance VHC performance was incredibly strong, with visitation up 72% and pageviews up 70% on YoY.

Preliminary Activity Results



	TARGET	MEASUREMENT	RESULTS
MEDIA	Drive awareness of the High Country as a must walk destination. Drive research into visiting the High Country	Cost efficient reach Quality campaign microsite traffic with page views >3pg per session	Social Total Spend \$15K Total reach 3,688,826 (target >1.5 million) Av cost per result \$0.27 (KPI < \$0.30) Av click through rate 3.91% (KPI >3.5%) Link clicks 65,777 Cost per click \$0.09 (KPI <\$0.25) *Detailed campaign reporting will be provided in the formal campaign PIR.



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Activity Schedule Victoria's High Country 2021/22 Financial Year



The value of the Local Government contribution to regional tourism is that it enables the Local Government Area to buy into activities of scale that encompass projects of regional significance, enables marketing reach that is only obtainable through collaborative spend and offers a unified voice to government on issues and opportunities impacting the region.

The below table and following pages provides a snapshot of the regional projects Tourism North East is undertaking in the 2021/22 FY and the participating organisations.

The progress of each project will be reported on against a traffic light system with a final long-form report at the end of Q4 or in some instances, on completion of the project.

2021/22 FY Touris	sm North Ea	st Activity S	chedule								
	Status	Murrindindi Shire	Mansfield Shire	Benalla Rural City	Rural City of Wangaratta	Indigo Shire	Alpine Shire	Towong Shire	Mt Buller/ Mt Stirling RMB	Mt Hotham RMB	Falls Creek RMB
Industry & Product Development		~	~	~	~	~	~	~	-	~	~
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Ride High Country Marketing		~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
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Ride High Country Kickstart	Completed	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	-	~	~
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	Status	Murrindindi Shire	Mansfield Shire	Benalla Rural City	Rural City of Wangaratta	Indigo Shire	Alpine Shire	Towong Shire	Mt Buller/ Mt Stirling RMB	Mt Hotham RMB	Falls Creek RMB
Creative Industries Strategy		~	-	~	~	~	~	~	-	~	~
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Digital Upskilling					~	~	~	~	~	~	~
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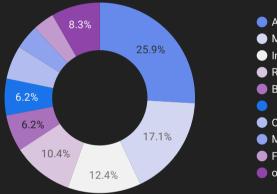
Industry Development Q3 Dashboard - Victoria's High Country



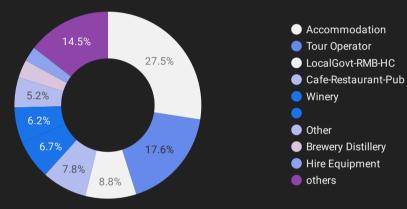
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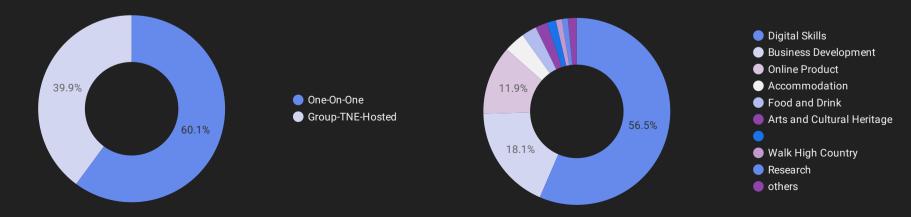
Services delivered by business location and sector







Services delivered by engagement type and category



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Industry Development Q3 Dashboard - Mansfield Shire Council



Industry CRM Activity Dashboard

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Cafe-Restaurant-Pub/Other

Tour Operator

Winery

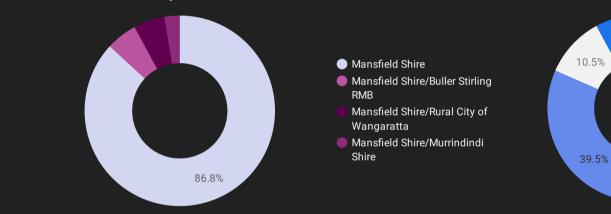
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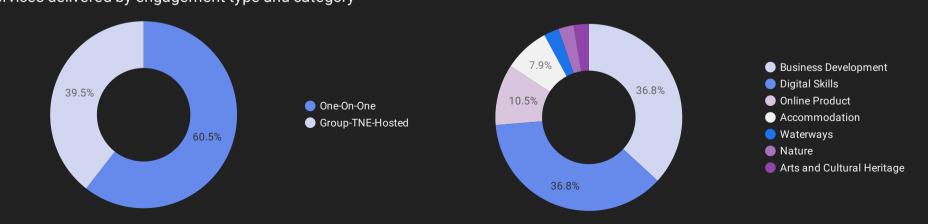
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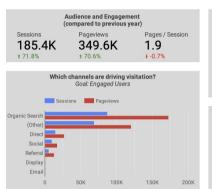
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Digital Performance Q3 Dashboards

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Sessions by device type

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Goal: Engaged Users

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Sessions Pageviews

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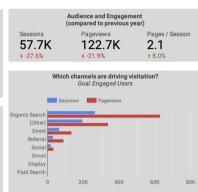
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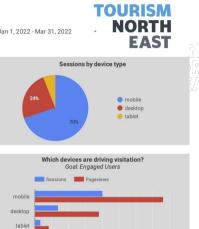
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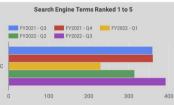
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5.	Murrindindi Festival of Walks	7,147	5.	Paradise Falls - Victoria's High	3,607	5.	/gravel/	4,352	5.	MTB de femme - Ride High Country	522
6.	Guided Walks Festival of Walk	6,475	6.	The Cheeky Fox Trail - Victoria's	3,325	6.	/road-rides/	2,855	6.	Murray to Mountains Bright to Porepunkah	513
7.	Mansfield Festival of Walks V	5,276	7.	Ladies Bath Falls - Mount Buffal	3,211	7.	/bike-services/	1,170	7.	The GOAT Bright 2022 - Ride High Country	415
8.	Browse all walks - Victoria's Hig	4,328	8.	Walk, Wine & Wellness - Beechw	2,843	8.	/gravel	435	8.	7 Peaks Ride - Dinner Plain - Ride High Country	402
9.	Upper Murray & Mitta Valley Fe	4,172	9.	Bright to Harrietville - Great Vall	2,820	9.	/getting-here/	352	9.	Mt Porepunkah Gravel Loop - Ride High Country	373
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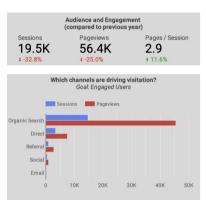
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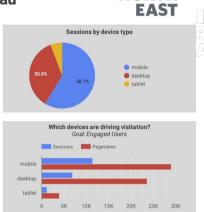
Which devices are driving visitation?

Goal: Engaged Users

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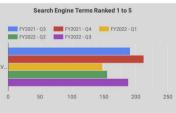
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1.	Search accommodation in Mansfield Mt Buller,	4,177	1.	Craig's Hut - Mansfield Mt Buller	3,892	1.	Great Victorian Rail Trail Tallarook to Mansfie	12,874	1.	Cheviot Tunnel - Great Victorian Rail Trail	1,243
2.	Craig's Hut - Mansfield Mt Buller	3,892	2.	Daisy Hill Lodge - Mansfield Mt Buller	3,097	2.	Trail Map, Distance and Gradient - Great Victor	9,854	2.	Tallarook General Store Shuttle Service - Great	555
З.	Mansfield Mt Buller, Victoria - Official Tourism	3,873	з.	Mansfield Glamping - Mansfield Mt Buller	3,041	З.	Accommodation Search - Great Victorian Rail	5,109	З.	Horseshoe Lagoon Flora and Fauna Reserve	226
4.	Daisy Hill Lodge - Mansfield Mt Buller	3,097	4.	BullerRoo - Mansfield Mt Buller	3,031	4.	Cycling the Trail - Great Victorian Rail Trail	5,093	4.	Yea Riverside Caravan Park - Great Victorian R	215
5.	Mansfield Glamping - Mansfield Mt Buller	3,041	5.	Swiftcrest Distillery - Mansfield Mt Buller	2,155	5.	Popular Short Rides - Great Victorian Rail Trail	2,258	5.	The Trawool Estate - Great Victorian Rail Trail	209
6.	BullerRoo - Mansfield Mt Buller	3,031	6.	High Country Maze, Gardens and Gallery - Ma	1,782	6.	See & Do Search - Great Victorian Rail Trail	1,461	6.	Mansfield Bushwalks - Great Victorian Rail Trail	206
7.	Camping - Mansfield Mt Buller, Victoria	2,701	7.	Mansfield Zoo - Mansfield Mt Buller	1,387	7.	Eat & Drink - Great Victorian Rail Trail	1,406	7.	Tour de Trail - Great Victorian Rail Trail	190
8.	Hiking & Walking - Mansfield Mt Buller, Victoria	2,556	8.	Bindaree Falls - Mansfield Mt Buller	1,199	8.	Cheviot Tunnel - Great Victorian Rail Trail	1,243	8.	Yea Wetlands Walk - Great Victorian Rail Trail	187
9.	Search festivals and events in Mansfield Mt Bu	2,502	9.	Merrijig Rodeo - Mansfield Mt Buller	911	9.	Mansfield - Great Victorian Rail Trail	948	9.	Double Black Alpine - Great Victorian Rail Trail	170
10.	Swimming - Mansfield Mt Buller, Victoria	2,247	10.	Pineapple Flat Camping Area - Mansfield Mt B	773	10.	Walking the Trail - Great Victorian Rail Trail	798	10.	Molesworth Recreation Reserve and Caravan	164

