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## **Post & Rail Fence Proposal at Jamieson Triangle (*Hoskin Corner*)**

### **Background**

The Triangle Project at the west end of Perkins Street is part of an overall JCG plan to enhance the entrance to Jamieson from the Mansfield direction. The broad plan is to use tree planting zones, signage upgrades, fencing, weed control and regular maintenance to reinforce the character of the township and reflect the pride that the Jamieson community has in that character.

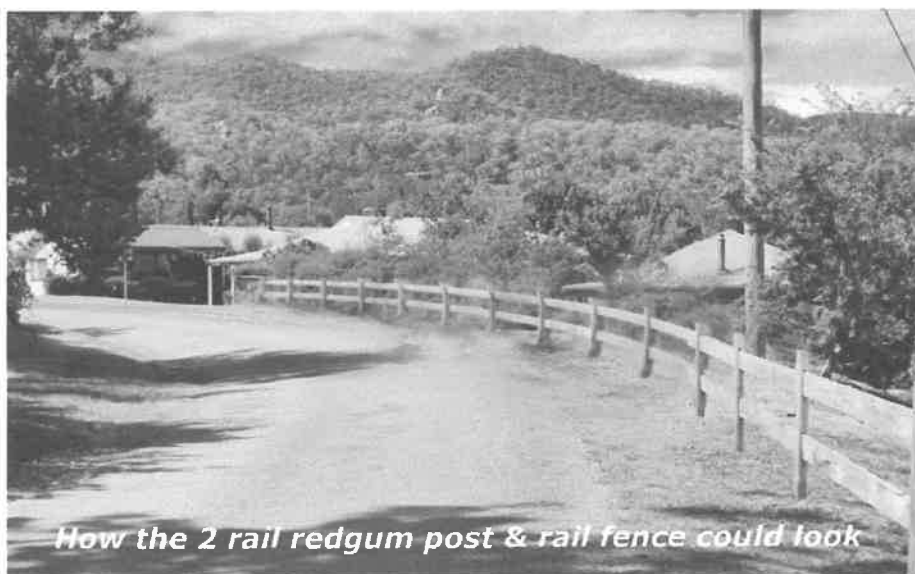
### **Liaising with Mansfield Council**

Mansfield Council supports the "*Character of Jamieson*" concept and is helping with ideas, materials and funding.

### **Progress So Far**

In 2024, the JCG and volunteers commenced the upgrade of the triangle traffic island. Initial work was done on half the area with the weeds being sprayed, rocks installed to create planting areas and secure the soil, weed mat installation followed by planting and mulching. Feedback has been very positive and the JCG would like to continue with the work in this area to plant out the other half of the triangle and to install a post and rail fence along the outside of Bank Street as it curves toward Perkins Street.

### **The Proposal**



*How the 2 rail redgum post & rail fence could look*

To install a redgum post and rail fence for about 50m along the right hand side that part of Bank Street.

Aesthetic enhancement of the planting and as well as the craftwork on entry to Jamieson.

Also highlights the curve to assist traffic.

**For further information: Contact members of the JCG or Ric West on 0404 817 835**

## **Jamieson Community Group**

### **Jamieson Triangle (Hoskin corner) post and rail fence proposal**

**Feb 2025**

#### **Background**

The Triangle Project at the west end of Perkins Street is part of an overall JCG plan to enhance the experience of approaching Jamieson on the main road from Mansfield. The broad plan is to use tree planting zones, signage upgrades, fencing, weed control and regular maintenance to reinforce the character of the township and reflect the pride the community has in the beauty of our town.

#### **Liaising with Mansfield Council**

The JCG has been working with the CEO, Engineering and Horticulture teams from Mansfield Council with the overall plan and with each component as it is planned and gets underway. The Council supports the “Character of Jamieson” concept and is adding to the ideas, providing materials and some funding.

#### **Progress to date**

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#### **This proposal**

This proposal is for the JCG to construct approximately 50 metres of post & rail fencing to the outside of the road as it curves into Perkins Street from the Mansfield-Kevington road. The purpose of the fence is primarily as an aesthetic element in the landscape, enhancing the planting and creating a statement craftsmen piece as you enter the town. It may also have a secondary effect of visually highlighting the curve in the road thus potentially slowing traffic.

Pls see a rough location map below



The fence will be constructed by volunteers over a series of working bees using 150mm square red gum posts standing 1200mm high connected by 2x 180mm x 40mm hardwood rails. The rails are 2100mm long set 50mm into each post in a mortice and tenon joint. Each post & panel section will be 2100mm approx. long so 24 panels will be just over 50mtrs of fence.

There is a similar style of fence that has recently been constructed in Molesworth near the bike trail. See below



Images ; Molesworth fence

The timber will be

- Rough sawn red gum 150mm square posts and hardwood rails approx. 180mm x 40mm
- It will be left untreated above ground to naturally grey
- While regum is very durable, posts will be treated with a suitable environmentally sensitive fungicide below ground

The fence will

- follow the natural contour of the ground as it follows the curve of the road. As such the top rail will undulate
- have posts that will be prepared in advance with mortice & tenon joints and will slip together
- overall be solid, but will be rustic & have a handmade feel full of “Jamieson Character”

#### Construction

- It is planned that we can construct the fence using our local working bee format.
- Tractor mounted post hole borers are available to dig the holes and the timber will be prepared for slip together construction
- A dial before you dig survey will be done and hopefully we will have advisors on site when post holes are being done
- We will need plenty of helpers to clean out the post holes, lift the timbers, repack around the posts, check the curve, check heights, monitor safety etc



Image; Artist impression of a post and rail fence in location in the Triangle (NB. Will be 2 rail not 3 as shown, and perhaps not quite as wonky!!!!!!)

### Timing

As of mid February

- following discussions with the Council and a site meeting with the Shire Engineers we have in principle approval to proceed
- We have submitted a Works Permit and are awaiting formal approval of the permit
- We have quotes for the timber and funding options are being investigated.

April 2025

- The aim is to have timber posts at Jamieson and be preparing the mortice joints

May, June, July 2025

- Plan a series of working bees to install the fence panels.
- Until we get underway we are not sure how quickly it will go together

Further information or feedback

- For further info pls contact the JCG or Ric West On 0404817835