

Completed shared pathway link moves closer to reality

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Wyong Shire Mayor Doug Eaton recently met with State Government representatives to discuss the missing shared pathway link between The Entrance North and Noraville.

“This project will complete the gap in the Shire’s shared pathway network allowing users to ride 33 kilometres on off-road cycleway from the Lions Park at Chittaway to Blue Haven Community Centre,” Mayor Eaton said.

“It will be known as the Magenta shared pathway and, upon completion, it will provide a network linking Tuggerah Railway Station to Blue Haven around both Tuggerah and Budgewoi Lakes.



“What we have put forward is a proposal involving a budget split 50-50 between Council and the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) to complete this 5.5 kilometre section.

“Not only will it complete the link of our shared pathway network, but it will make it much safer for all users given there have been fatalities involving cyclists along Wilfred Barrett Drive over the past few years.

“It would also allow people to stop halfway through the path, put their bikes in a secure parking area, and enjoy a bushwalk in the nearby Wyrribalong National Park, as well as open up opportunities for a small commercial type operation such as a kiosk along the pathway.

“This could be a great boost for local tourism, helping us to attract events like triathlons and marathons to the Shire upon the pathway’s completion.”

The Mayor, along with Deputy Mayor Lynne Webster, has met four times with a working party which includes representatives of the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS), Premiers’ Department, Central Coast Tourism and National Parks and Wildlife Service and Council staff.



The preferred route at this early stage is within the forested western road reserve, to ensure user safety and a high quality user experience along the picturesque peninsula.

“From south to north, you will be able to ride through areas of coastal rainforest and the iconic Red Gum forest,” Mayor Eaton said.

“By providing a mix of elevated and on ground pathway, this route has the potential to become a high quality experience for locals and a great tourist attraction.”

The working parties have agreed to explore of the northern segment of the route as a first priority for design and investigation allowing time for more comprehensive assessment and approvals.

Council will prepare and submit a funding profile to the RMS to support this and initiate more detailed design and investigation on the northern section.

Member for Wyong Darren Webber said he was pleased to be able to lend his support to this important project.

“To be able to complete the missing link in the shared pathway network linking Tuggerah Railway Station to Blue Haven around both Tuggerah and Budgewoi Lakes will be of great benefit to the community,” Mr Webber said.

Mayor Eaton said he hoped work could start on the project next year, where the construction would be staged over a number of years, subject to funding.

