

Draft Eurobodalla Pathways Strategy 2016

Community Engagement Plan

Introduction

The Draft Eurobodalla Pathways Strategy 2016 has been prepared working with a community based Pathways Strategy Sunset Advisory Committee. This new draft Strategy replaces the Eurobodalla Shared Pathways Strategy 2010.

Council has allocated \$444,500 in the 2016-17 Operations Plan for the construction of pathways (inclusive of community contributions). The projects to be built are identified in the 2016-17 Operations Plan adopted by Council.

Thereafter Council has allocated \$345,000 per annum in the long term financial plan for the construction of formal footpaths and shared pathways. Council will continue to actively pursue grants and work with community groups and landowners to maximise the outcomes delivered to the community.

Council proposes to seek broader community engagement and feedback on the draft Strategy prior to its finalisation. To assist this process, this community engagement plan has been developed in close consultation with the Advisory Committee community members.

Feedback from the community will be provided in full to the Advisory Committee and all Councillors. The Advisory Committee will review this feedback and make recommendations. These recommendations and the community feedback will be provided to all Councillors prior to the Council adopting the final Strategy, with amendments as determined by Council.

This engagement plan identifies:

- the process of engaging with the community
- how community members can provide their feedback
- the role of the Pathways Strategy Sunset Advisory Committee in reviewing submissions and making recommendations to Council
- the decision making process to finalise the Strategy, specifically:
 - the provision of all submissions and feedback from the community to the Advisory Committee and all Councillors
 - recommendations from the Advisory Committee to Council
 - final determination of the Strategy by Council with amendments as determined by Council.

Stakeholder identification

The following stakeholders have been identified:

- The broader community
- Specific groups including:
 - Schools
 - Child care centres
 - Cycling groups including EuroBUG
 - Community associations
 - Chambers of Commerce
 - Moruya South Head Cycle/Pathway Committee
 - Eurobodalla Vision Impaired Support Group
 - Exercise groups
 - Retirement villages
 - Bus companies
 - CWA/Probus Clubs/Rotary Clubs/View Clubs/Lions Clubs.

Key communication messages

- Council is reviewing the Eurobodalla Pathways Strategy to identify which footpaths and shared pathways will be provided by Council in the future
- Less than one in four urban roads within Eurobodalla has a pathway
- A strategic approach to addressing this deficiency in the transport network is required to identify and prioritise the footpaths and shared pathways Council will endeavour to provide in the future
- A draft Eurobodalla Pathways Strategy 2016 has been prepared based on an assessment of the overall pathway network working closely with the Pathways Strategy Sunset Advisory Committee
- The draft Eurobodalla Pathways Strategy 2016 identifies pathways worth approximately \$12 million
- Council has allocated \$3.5 million in its ten year long term financial plan for the provision of pathways
- Council actively seeks grants and pro-actively works with community groups and landowners to maximise the outcomes delivered to the community
- The draft Eurobodalla Pathways Strategy 2016 includes a point score system to assist in prioritising works
- The final priority of works may be influenced by factors such as available grants, community contributions and integration with other works
- Each year the draft program of works is advertised to the community as part of the Operations Plan and further community feedback is sought, with Council determining the works to be undertaken each year
- Council is now seeking feedback from the broader community on the draft Eurobodalla Pathways Strategy 2016
- Council is specifically interested to find out from the community:
 - If the community thinks the pathways included in the draft Eurobodalla Pathways Strategy 2016 are important
 - If the community thinks there are other pathways that should be included in the Pathways Strategy.

Community engagement plan and decision making

Key Process	Detail	Timeframe
Pathways Strategy Sunset Advisory Committee meetings	<p>Consultation with Committee and recommendations incorporated into the draft Strategy.</p> <p>Areas of focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identifying any potential pathways that are not included, but could be • discuss if the Strategy focuses on the areas that are important to the Committee members • identify users and specific interest groups to contact for feedback. 	May to July 2016
Council Report	Updated Strategy with incorporated feedback submitted to Council. Report to recommend placing the draft on exhibition for an extended period of 42 days.	Council meeting 9/08/2016
Public exhibition of draft Strategy	If endorsed, exhibit the draft for 42 days.	11/08/2016 – 23/09/2016
Engage Community and Stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council's website • Moruya customer service centre, main administration building • Moruya, Batemans Bay and Narooma libraries • Three bicycle shops located in Moruya, Batemans Bay and Narooma • Direct letter/email to identified user and community groups, and NSW Roads and Maritime Services • Noticeboard (local print media) 	11/08/2016 – 23/09/2016

Key Process	Detail	Timeframe
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Information Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Moruya CBD – 17 August 2016 ○ Batemans Bay, Bridge Plaza – 19 August 2016 ○ Narooma CBD – 26 August 2016 • Online Survey (delivered by survey monkey) • Media release • Council News • Website ‘slider’ on home page • Council’s Facebook/Twitter • Mayor’s radio program • Committee members’ networks • Direct responses to submissions. 	
Review submissions	Committee to consider submissions, incorporate feedback into draft Strategy where appropriate and make recommendations to Council.	October- November 2016
Council Report	Report to Council recommending adoption of the Strategy, revised as necessary. All submissions and Committee recommendations to be provided to Councillors.	December 2016
Close the loop	<p>If Council adopts Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upload adopted Strategy to Council’s website • Media release or Council news article informing the community that the revised Strategy has been adopted • Thank community for their input • Facebook/Tweet photo and caption of the first footpath work that occurs as a result of the Strategy review. 	January 2017