

Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee

Minutes

7:30am Wednesday 17 May 2023 *(remote meeting)*

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Terms of reference

The following information is provided so that you may be aware of the structure and operation of the Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee.

Randwick Council resolved to establish a Cycleway and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee with the following terms of reference:

1. Report to the Council;
2. Enhance consultation between Council and the bike riding community;
3. Advance implementation of the planned and funded cycle ways in the Randwick local government area;
4. Review and provide advice on proposed Council bike related capital works projects;
5. Participate in the yearly draft budget process by recommending appropriate bike related projects;
6. Be consulted by Council on cycle way and bike facility issues involving significant planning proposals and Development applications before Council;
7. Regularly review and propose updating of the Randwick Council bike plan in line with the strategic direction of priority cycleways as detailed within “Sydney’s Cycling Future”; and
8. Help advance a Regional Cycle Strategy with neighbouring Councils.

(Council resolution references 172/17 & 87/18)

1. Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair asked for a volunteer to acknowledge the lands upon which this meeting is being held. Councillor Olive volunteered and stated the following:

“I would like to acknowledge that we are meeting on the land of the Bidjigal and the Gadigal peoples; being the traditional owners who, for thousands of years, occupied and cared for vast areas along the Sydney Coast.

On behalf of the participants of this meeting I acknowledge and pay my respects to the Elders past, present and emerging, and also to those Aboriginal people participating today.”

2. Attendance and apologies

In attendance:

Councillor Michael Olive	RCC	Tony Lehmann	RCC
Councillor Philipa Veitch	RCC	Jay Lee-Pieterse	RCC
Councillor Kathy Neilson	RCC	Lachlan Wood	RCC
Councillor Rafaela Pandolfini	RCC	Ruby Phillips	RCC
Kate Lewis	TfNSW	David Appleby	RCC
Yvonne Poon	BIKEast	Oscar Hayes	WSP
Kristina Warton	BIKEast		

Apologies:

Dick van den Dool – BIKEast

Jim Hope – BIKEast

3. Declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests

4. Matters arising from Minutes of previous meetings

5. Items for consideration

5.1. Get NSW Active Program Funding / TfNSW Walking and Cycling Program

The status of Council's application for Get NSW Active Grant Funding Program 2022/23 and 2023/24 are as detailed in the table below.

Applications made 2023/24	Award Status	Funding stage requested	TfNSW Contribution
South Coogee to Kingsford - Stage 1 (Sturt Street)	Submitted / Awaiting notification	Construction	100%
Anzac Parade Paths Project – Mid B - Fitzgerald Ave to Bunnerong Rd	Submitted / Awaiting notification	Design	100%
Maroubra Road Cycleway	Submitted / Awaiting notification	Design	80%
Heffron Park to Maroubra Beach - Separated Cycleway	Submitted / Awaiting notification	Design	100%
Todman Avenue and Lenthall Street Walking and Cycling Improvements	Submitted / Awaiting notification	Design	100%
Randwick City Council Bicycle Parking Installation Program	Submitted / Awaiting notification	Construction	100%
Sturt Street link - Road space reallocation and pedestrian access project	Submitted / Awaiting notification	Design	100%
Fitzgerald Avenue - Hillsdale to Maroubra Beach	Submitted / Awaiting notification	Construction	100%
Previous application made 2022/23	Award Status	Funding stage requested	TfNSW Contribution
Active Transport Strategy	Successful	Strategy	100%
South Coogee to Kingsford walking and cycling streetscape (Bundock Street / Sturt Street) – Detailed design finalisation	Successful	Design	100%
Randwick to Coogee – Detailed design	Successful	Design	100%
Anzac Parade – Mid A – Fitzgerald Avenue to Sturt Street / APPP – Detailed design	Successful	Design	50%
Todman Avenue – Implementation	Unsuccessful	N/A	0%
Fitzgerald Avenue - Hillsdale to Maroubra Beach – Construction	Unsuccessful	N/A	0%

Council is awaiting notification from Transport for NSW (TfNSW) regarding Council's submissions for the 2023/24 Get NSW Active Program. Three major projects were announced in February 2023 for Tranche 1 of the 2023/24 program, however none of above RCC projects were included. Tranche 2 announcements are still pending following the change in government.

Updates on projects funded as part of the 2022/23 Get NSW Active Program are in the following sections.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.2. Active Transport Strategy / Bicycle Route Construction Priority

As an outcome of the Randwick City Council Integrated Transport Strategy (adopted 2021), Council has committed to deliver the Active Transport Strategy, by year 2023. As mentioned in Section 5.1, Council was successful with its grant application for the development of our Active Transport Strategy.

The validation of the Council's bicycle route construction priority list, with associated community consultation, will be incorporated within the Active Transport Strategy. The project will undertake a detailed data assessment including existing walking and cycling networks, gap analysis, pedestrian behaviour studies, gaps, trends and demands to assist in the development of the Active Transport Strategy. The strategy will validate existing and / or proposed bicycle routes to develop a clear action plan over the next 15 years.

Council has engaged WSP as principal consultant for this project and the project inception meeting was held on 27 April 2023 followed by preliminary discussions on developing Council's Transport Hierarchy. The consultant team will provide a brief overview and introduce themselves. Community consultation and stakeholder engagement will commence in June 2023.

Mr Oscar Hayes of WSP provided an introduction to the Active Transport Strategy (ATS), including the project overview, program, objectives, community engagement stages as well as the project deliverables. It was noted that the community consultation would take place in mid-June to mid-July.

Councillor Veitch noted that schools are important stakeholders and often forgotten – and specifically mentioned safe travelling to schools.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.3. Kingsford to Centennial Park Cycleway

(Doncaster Avenue, Day Avenue, Houston Road, General Bridges Crescent, Sturt Street permanent cycleway)

Council officers continue to work closely with TfNSW through the construction phase of this project. As previously reported, TfNSW is the project delivery agency, and they awarded the construction contract to Burton Contractors.

The construction is well underway along Doncaster Avenue, from south of Anzac Parade to Day Avenue, along Day Avenue and down Houston Road, up to Gardeners Road.

TfNSW officers have agreed to provide the CABFAC with a briefing and update on the current progress of the project.

Some photos of the latest works are shown below:



Kerbs for separated cycleway - Houston Road, south of Day Avenue, facing south



New residential driveway - Doncaster Avenue, north for Koorinda Avenue, facing east

Northern raised pedestrian crossing - Doncaster Avenue and Day Avenue intersection, facing northeast



Lighting works - Doncaster Avenue at Darling Street, facing south

Doncaster Avenue and Ascot Street Intersection

In mid-2022, the roundabout at Doncaster Avenue and Ascot Street intersection was removed and reconfigured as a priority intersection with priority given to Doncaster Avenue in line with the approved and endorsed K2CP project design (see adjacent image). Since the changes were implemented at the intersection, issues regarding the operations and safety of the new intersection design were raised. This included event days for the Australian Turf Club (ATC) as the eastern leg of the intersection is the access to Royal Randwick Racecourse (the Racecourse).

Based on the issues identified with the priority intersection, the feasibility of a roundabout with separated cycleway was assessed. Following a review of the latest guidelines and standards, the *TfNSW Cycleway Toolbox* informed the design option for bi-directional separated cycleway at a roundabout intersection.

With the guidance of the *Cycleway Toolbox*, two concept designs for the roundabout were considered to assess the safety of both pedestrians and cyclists:

- Option 1: Proposed fully raised roundabout intersection design
- Option 2: Proposed roundabout with raised crossings and speed cushions.

Council has engaged a consultant to assess the concept designs for the roundabout. This includes drainage, traffic assessment and detailed design. The flooding assessment was completed for the two designs and both the fully raised intersection or raised crossing have flooding implications. Other alternative solutions to speed reduction measures, such as speed humps at the approaches of the crossings are being investigated.

In addition, to further improve the cyclists' path, the option of a continuous separated cycleway is being considered with minor changes to the roundabout design. This is the preferred option, but it will be assessed to ensure that safe environment can be achieved for all users.

Ms Lewis (TfNSW) informed the Committee of the progress of the project. The latest works included the Houston Road and Barker Street intersection with detours in place for the intersection closure. The footpath upgrades along Doncaster Avenue from Alison Road to Anzac Parade and stormwater works from Roma Avenue to Day Avenue are completed. Resheeting works along Doncaster Avenue from Anzac Parade to Day Avenue is to come. TfNSW is working with Ausgrid to hit the milestones.



BIKEast raised concerns about the temporary detour directing cyclist onto Anzac Parade and suggested that cyclist be diverted onto Day Lane instead. This will be further discussed between TfNSW, Council and BIKEast.

Councillor Veitch noted flooding issues on Southern Cross Close. Mr Lehmann responded that it is not part of the cycleway project. Mr Lehmann also stated that the drainage needed for the cycleway will be addressed and managed. **Recommendation:**

That the information be received.

5.4. Anzac Parade (Walking and Cycling) Paths Project (APPP)

Following the success of Council's Get NSW Active Program submission - for 50% funding of the detailed design documentation package of the Anzac Parade Walking and Cycling Paths Project - a primary consultant has been engaged. The surveyors have completed the survey plan. The Consultant is in full progress of undertaking the Strategic Framework (Stage 1) for Anzac Parade in its entirety (from La Perouse to the Kingsford Light Rail Terminus).

Council officers have been working together with the principal consultant to assess the crossing locations at each intersection, and reviewing the alignment options and their high-level constraints and impacts.

Stage 1 consultation, *Walking, cycling and public space opportunities: Anzac Parade, La Perouse to Kingsford* (<https://www.yoursay.randwick.nsw.gov.au/activateanzacparade>) is currently underway and due to conclude on 17 May 2023. The consultation includes survey questions, interactive mapping (pin drop exercise) and an ideas board. The consultation objective is to understand the needs and concerns of the community, and to generate ideas for the project. Following community consultation, the principal consultant will assess all community responses and feedback in order to establish the vision and design principles for the project and help inform the development of the concept design.

Following the community consultation, Council officers will organise a workshop with interested members of CABFAC to provide their initial input and drive design outcomes for the Anzac Parade Paths Project. The workshop is to occur after the consultation period closes on 17 May 2023 with a date for the workshop to be agreed during the week commencing 12 June 2023.

Mr Lehmann provided an update of the project, noting that the community consultation will be completed today (17 May 2023). The design of the cycleway is to go along the wide median. There may be impacts to car parking and improvements at intersections to provide additional crossings for pedestrians and cyclists.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.5. South Coogee to Kingsford Walking and Cycling Streetscape

Council has re-engaged the primary consultant to complete the detailed design following the success of Council's Get NSW Active Program submission for 100% funding for the finalisation of the detail documentation package for the South Coogee to Kingsford Walking and Cycling Streetscape project (Bundock Street/ Sturt Street).

As outlined in section 5.1, Council has also applied under the 2023/24 Get NSW Active Program for funding to construct Stage 1 of the South Coogee to Kingsford Walking and Cycling Streetscape project (see plan below). Construction of Bundock Street (Stage 2) is excluded from the 2023/24 grant application.

The scope of this application includes:

- Construction of fully separated cycleway and pedestrian links along Sturt Street
- Upgrade signalised intersection – Sturt Street and Avoca Street
- Upgrade signalised intersection – Bundock Street and Avoca Street

Council is currently in the process of completing the detailed design for Stages 1 and 2, currently at 80%.

Council is awaiting Get NSW Active Program funding announcements for this project to support the construction of signalised intersection at Avoca / Sturt / Bundock Streets.



Mr Lehmann provided an update that the Sydney Live-in-Accommodation development to the south of the Bundock Street Redevelopment is deferred for 4 years. Mr Lehmann confirmed that the funding application for Sturt Street construction included the proposed signals at Avoca Street.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.6. Bike Bypass Links of the High Street LR Terminus

As detailed previously for the CABFAC, the Council has been consistent in its response to development applications / documentation for the Randwick Hospitals’ Campus by recommending the installation of a shared path on the southern side of High Street between Botany Street and Randwick Junction. Following Council’s submission and detailed recommendations on widening the footpath provision of a shared way on High Street, the Department’s assessment concluded that the existing footpath is adequate for pedestrians and land dedication and amendments to enable the provision of a wider path or shared way cannot reasonably be required in this case.

However, conditions are recommended to ensure further improvements to connections through the hospital campus are given consideration by the applicant (NSW Health) in conjunction with Council. An Integrated Transport Working Group is to be established between NSW Health and Council to ensure the adequate transport planning for the overall masterplan of the Prince of Wales Hospitals’ Campus, and in particular, integration of east-west and north-south bicycle and pedestrian routes.

Subsequently, Council officers have undertaken an initial Integrated Transport Working Group meeting with Health NSW to discuss bicycle and pedestrian options within the site. Council officers have highlighted the importance to establish the North-South and East-West routes as a key outcome for the proposed masterplan of Prince of Wales Hospital Campus with endorsement from NSW Health. Negotiations with NSW Health is ongoing through the established Integrated Transport Working Group. Council has requested a meeting and are working with NSW Health for a meeting in the near future.

To better distribute the bicycle travel, additional shared path along the western side of Botany Street (UNSW frontage), from High Street to Oval Lane / Magill Street, will be provided.

Currently the shared path along the eastern side of Botany Street is closed for construction of NSW Health site and will be closed until completion.

Following December 2022 Traffic Committee endorsement, Council officers have prepared a line marking and signage concept plan for the western side of Botany Street, from High Street to Oval Lane, ready for installation.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.7. Maroubra Road Corridor Study

A review of multiple cycling typology options has identified that a bi-directional cycleway on the southern side is most feasible based on traffic impacts, activation of businesses and integration with Bayside Council's Bike Plan. Following this confirmation, the corridor study is currently being finalised along with a high-level concept design. The corridor study is anticipated for completion by end of financial year and will be referred to in an upcoming Council Meeting.

As noted in Section 5.1, Council has made a submission for 2023/24 Get NSW Active Program for funding for concept design through to detailed design and is waiting for TfNSW's announcement.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.8. Todman Avenue Cycleway Project

As noted in section 5.1, Council was unsuccessful in securing funding from the 2022/23 Get NSW Active Grant Funding Program for the construction of short-term cycleway design. As a result, Council has submitted a 2023/24 Get NSW Active Grant Funding Program application for the permanent cycleway design for entire length of Todman Avenue as well as Lenthall Street.

In the interim, the provisional (most cost effective) line marking plan was prepared, and the Road Safety Audit was completed and is under review. Council officers have also generated a high-level cost estimate for consideration. The community consultation on the updated design will follow in June 2023.

Mr Lehmann advised that while Council awaits the funding decision for a permanent cycleway design, Council are currently investigating an interim line marking design to improved cycling conditions on Todman Avenue.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.9. Paine Reserve shared path (north-south path)

Council officers are still investigating the issue with the two parcels of land near the Scout Hall that are Crown Land. Whilst the land matters are being resolved, the concept design is 80% complete. Once the land matters have been resolved and the concept design completed, community consultation will commence. The north-south path will provide the connection to Fennelly Street to the north and through future Jane Street to the Hospitals and the greater bicycle network.

Some members of the local community recently got together and expressed gratitude to the Council for the newly installed east-west shared path.

Ms Warton raised queries over land ownership. Council will confirm the land ownership status.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.10. Alison Road (between Darley Road and Doncaster Avenue)

Council officers have been investigating the provision of a full shared path along the southern side of Alison Road, from Doncaster Avenue (future cycleway) to the Light Rail yard and Royal Randwick Racecourse (the Racecourse) accesses. The shared path project will include:

- Widening the existing footpath from 2.1m to 2.5m or greater
- A 'bypass path' around the back of the existing bus shelter (as discussed in previous CABFAC meetings)
- Blue shared path line marking between the Racecourse access to Darley Road intersection.

In order to deliver these shared paths along the southern side of Alison Road, detailed plans and cost estimates are being developed for the widening a section of the path.

As per the previous advice to CABFAC, the shared path around the back of the bus shelter will require that the Council enter into a lease arrangement with TfNSW. This is because the land behind the Bus Shelter is not owned by Council. Once finalised, the detailed plans will be consulted with ATC and then forwarded to Transport for NSW, so as to commence the lease process.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.11. Bicycle Parking Installation

As part of the Integrated Transport Strategy, Randwick Council has agreed to “provide 200 new bicycle parking spaces across our beaches, local centres and key destinations across the LGA by 2027”. To achieve this goal Randwick Council will be aiming to install 50 new bicycle parking spaces per year, which is approximately 40 bicycle racks. Randwick Council are currently working on a map for internal use that will improve planning of new locations for additional bicycle parking.

Following raised concerns of E-bike clutter in Coogee Beach area, a location for designated shared E-bike parking area at Coogee Beach will be reviewed. Council officer is working with the shared E-bike providers to identify a preferred location for the shared E-bike parking area.

Council advised that input from CABFAC members is encouraged and can be sent to Council officer, Ms Lee-Pieterse. Councillor Olive suggested providing a YourSay for suggested new bike parking. Council officers will consider the suggestion.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.12. Proposed committee dates 2023/24

The next meeting has been confirmed to be Wednesday 16 August 2023 at 6:30pm.

The following dates are proposed for committee meetings in the next 12 months:

- Wednesday 15 November 2023 at 7:30am
- Wednesday 14 February 2024 at 6:30pm
- Wednesday 15 May 2024 at 7:30am.
- Wednesday 21 August 2024 at 6:30pm.

Based on currently scheduled 2023 Council meetings and briefings, it has been confirmed that there should be no conflict with the proposed 2023 CABFAC meeting dates. 2024 CABFAC meeting dates will be confirmed against 2024 Council meeting schedule has been established.

Recommendation:

That the information be received and that CABFAC determine the proposed timing of future meetings.

6. Urgent matters or matters for future investigation

6.1. Expression of gratitude

Randwick City Council would like to express our gratitude to Reza Ahmed, Senior Sustainable Transport Officer for his efforts and contribution to the active transport community in Randwick and wish him well in his new role.

Meeting concluded 8:40 am.