

Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee

Minutes

6:30pm Wednesday 16 August 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 Neilson 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 Kathy Neilson	RCC	Ms Kristina Warton	Resident
Councillor Philipa Veitch	RCC	Mr Paul Chilcott	Resident
Councillor Rafaela Pandolfini	RCC	Mr Owen Shepherd	Safe Streets to School
Ms Kate Lewis	TfNSW	Mr Tony Lehmann	RCC
Mr Dick van den Dool	BIKEast	Ms Jay Lee-Pieterse	RCC
Mr Elliot Jones	BIKEast	Mr Eashan Sharma	RCC
Ms Yvonne Poon	BIKEast	Mr David Appleby	RCC
Mr Lee Roberts	BIKEast	Mr Lachlan Wood	RCC
Mr Jim Hope	BIKEast		

Apologies:

Councillor Olive

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)	Successful for construction of traffic signals at Avoca St / Bundock St/ Sturt St /	Construction	100%
Maroubra Road Cycleway	Successful – Concept Design only	Design	80%
Todman Avenue and Lenthall Street Walking and Cycling Improvements	Successful	Design	100%
Anzac Parade Paths Project – Mid B - Fitzgerald Ave to Bunnerong Rd	Unsuccessful	Design	100%
Heffron Park to Maroubra Beach - Separated Cycleway	Unsuccessful	Design	100%
Randwick City Council Bicycle Parking Installation Program	Unsuccessful	Construction	100%
Sturt Street link - Road space reallocation and pedestrian access project	Unsuccessful	Design	100%
Fitzgerald Avenue - Hillsdale to Maroubra Beach	Unsuccessful	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 received confirmation from Transport for NSW (TfNSW) regarding Council's submissions for the 2023/24 Get NSW Active Program. Of the eight Randwick City Council projects submitted for grant funding, TfNSW will fund three above noted project.

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

Council officers are reviewing the projects to be submitted for 2024/25 Get NSW Active Program. This will include reviewing projects previously submitted and were unsuccessful as well as current active projects and resourcing capacity.

Ms Warton (resident) enquired about the timeframe for construction of the signalised crossing at the Avoca/Sturt/Bundock Streets intersection (part of the South Coogee to Kingsford project). Mr Lehmann advised this is expected to be approximately 12 months following completion of the design work.

Councillor Veitch enquired about the funding situation for the Anzac Parade Paths Project. Mr Lehmann advised that RCC has 100% funding for completion of the design to construction ready for 'Mid A' stage and provided an update on recent project activities (including a site walkover to investigate existing trees and identify potential path alignments). Funding for 'Mid B' stage will be subject to future grant funding applications.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.2. Active Transport Strategy / Bicycle Route Construction Priority

Council officers, with principal consultant, has been moving forward with the development of Active Transport Strategy (ATS). The Stage 1 community consultation and stakeholder engagement was completed in June / July 2023 to help understand local experiences, issues and opportunities to improve walking and riding throughout Randwick and help develop Draft Walking and Cycling Plans. Various constructive feedback were received, including better understanding of demographics, attitudes and motivation, perception, issues and ideas. The feedback will be considered and incorporated into the draft plans of the ATS and it will be exhibited for further community feedback, before refining the Active Transport Strategy.

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.

Significant progress has been achieved in the construction, particularly along Doncaster Avenue, spanning from the southern section of Anzac Parade to Day Avenue. This progress also extends along Day Avenue and Houston Road, reaching up to Barker Street.

TfNSW officers have agreed to provide the CABFAC with a briefing and update on the current progress of the project as well as expected completion timeframe and project scope.

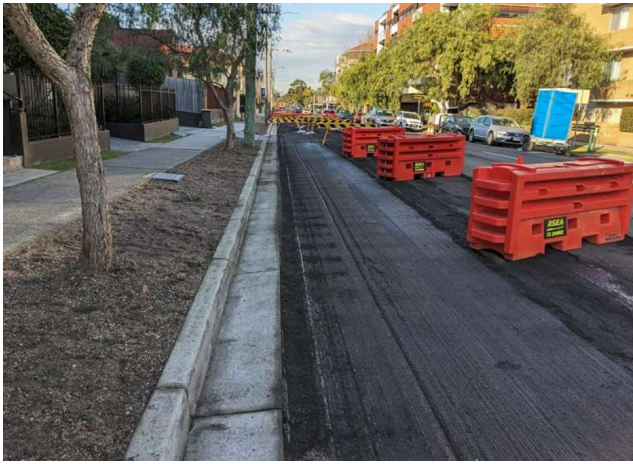
Some photos of the latest works are shown below:



Formwork for concrete kerb separators for cycleway – Doncaster Avenue, facing north



Poured concrete kerb separators for cycleway – Doncaster Avenue, south of Darling St



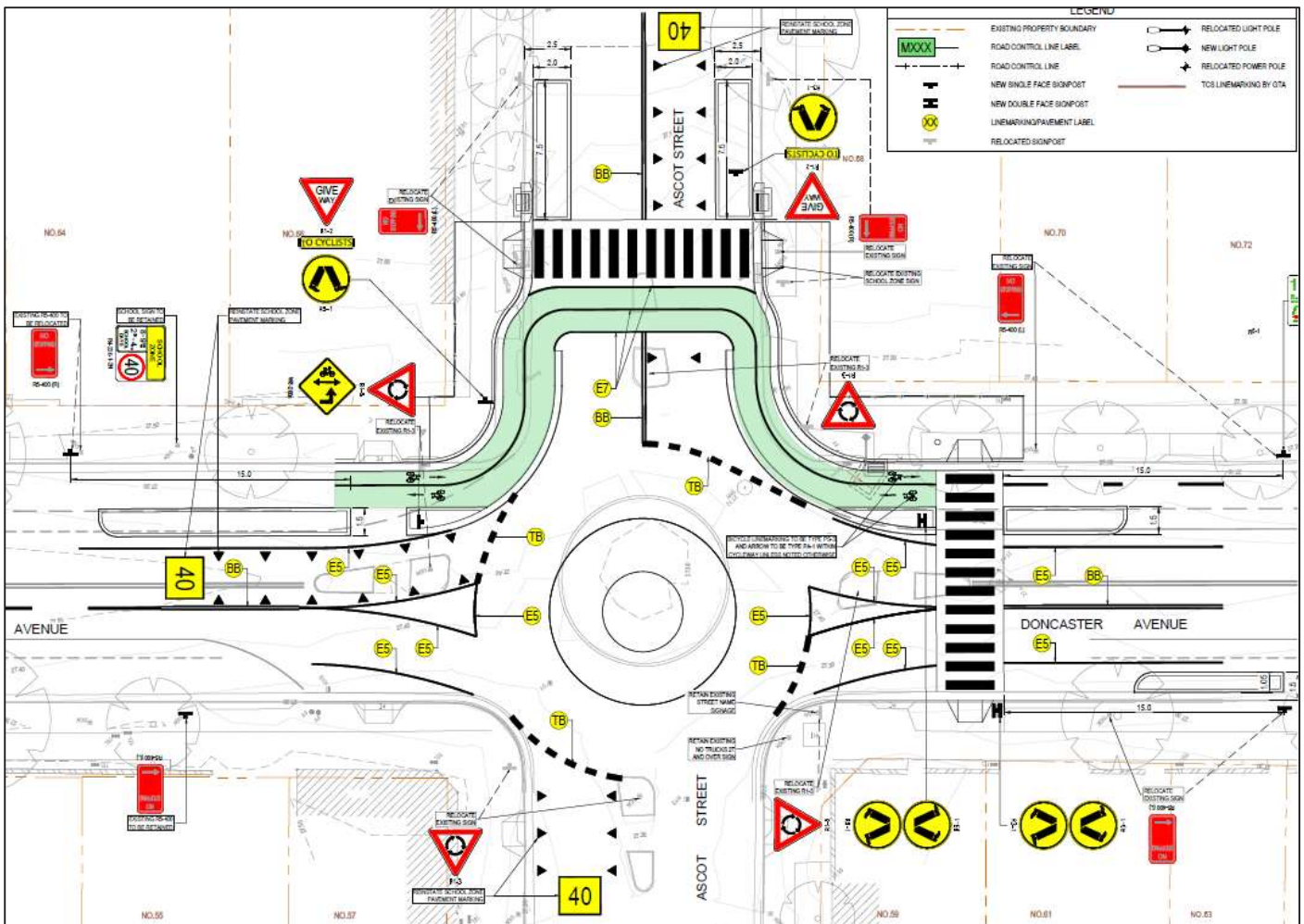
Pavement resurfacing – Doncaster Avenue, south of Darling St, facing south



Raised pedestrian crossing - Doncaster Avenue at Darling Street, facing southeast

Doncaster Avenue and Ascot Street Intersection

Since the update of the Doncaster Avenue and Ascot Intersection was provided last meeting in May 2023, the final roundabout design of Doncaster Avenue and Ascot Street intersection has been developed to maintain the continuous separated cycleway along the east side of the roundabout.



The key elements included:

- Ensuring that the separated bi-directional cycleway with minimum width of 2.4m is maintained along the eastern side of Doncaster Avenue to continue across Ascot Street;
- Ensuring separation of pedestrians / bike riders along the eastern edge, across Ascot Street;

- Maintaining the footpath width of minimum 2.1m along the eastern side;
- Maintaining the pedestrian and bike rider crossing on the eastern leg of the intersection as per the approved design;
- Providing a 6m setback from the outer radius of the roundabout to the cyclist crossing to ensure safety of the pedestrians / bike riders at the crossing;

Council officers are working towards finalising the detailed design by mid-August following minor changes the linemarking and signage to address Transport for NSW's feedback. The construction works will be coordinated with the current K2CP works to best align with the proposed opening of the cycleway. It should be noted that local residents and the ATC will be consulted once the final design is finalised.

Mr Lehmann provided an update on the works completed to date.

Ms Lewis of TfNSW advised of the recent announcement to halt the project after Section 2 at Barker Street and explained the challenges and complexity that the project has encountered. Ms Lewis advised that TfNSW will have to seek new funding, internally through grants or other funding options, to complete Section 3. Ms Lewis also advised construction works up to Section 2 are anticipated to be complete by the end of this year depending on weather conditions. Completion of Section 3 dates are pending design review and funding.

Councillor Veitch expressed disappointment and concern over potential future funding applications and council resolutions that may be required and requested information on the way forward with this project as soon as possible. Ms Lewis provided a brief summary of construction to be completed for Sections 1 and 2 and stated that the situation with Section 3 will be clarified following design review and identification of funding streams. Mr Lehmann advised liaison with TfNSW will be ongoing to establish the way forward on this project.

Councillor Veitch enquired whether Sections 1 and 2 will be opened as one, Mr Lehmann confirmed this will be the case once all works complete and the cycleway is safe to open.

Mr Hope (BIKEast) enquired about the budget spent on Sections 1 and 2, and asked if the quality of the cycleway in Section 3 will be compromised. Ms Lewis noted this announcement is in the early stages and advised of the consideration of a more cost-effective at-grade design for Section 3 to avoid stormwater service impacts. Council officers and TfNSW have been in initial discussion on this matter. Mr Lehmann clarified that an at-grade design will allow overflow to utilise existing drainage - compared to raised cycleway which requires costly changes to stormwater drainage.

Mr Van Den Dool (BIKEast) stated that lower quality cost-effective design is possible and noted that the City of Sydney is moving away from installing expensive high-quality cycleways in favour of lower cost designs, such as at Mitchell Road and Harley Street, and noted that the pop-up cycleway on High Street in Randwick has been implemented successfully with good outcomes.

Mr Roberts (BIKEast) raised concerns over the impacts to the connectivity of bicycle network without the project completed all the way to Sturt Street. Mr Lehmann noted that this connection remains a high priority for TfNSW and RCC as it provides the link to both the South Coogee to Kingsford cycleway and Anzac Parade Paths projects. Ms Lewis added that Bayside Council also have an interest in having Section 3 completed.

Mr Shepherd (Safe Street to School) asked if the Councillors would be prepared to seek for other sources of funding. Councillor Neilson replied they could, but this would not guarantee an outcome. Mr Shepherd pointed out that the more the government is lobbied the greater the chance of success.

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 - the Consultant is making 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 continue to work together with the consultant and TfNSW to assess the crossing locations at each intersection and to review the alignment options and further develop the strategic framework. To date, site walk to initial trees and vegetation assessment was completed, and the base traffic assessment is under way to better understand the current operations in order to identify opportunities for and impacts of the proposed paths and crossings along the corridor. When the base traffic assessment is completed mid August, the crossing locations and alignment will be developed in consultation with Transport for NSW.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.5. South Coogee to Kingsford Walking and Cycling Streetscape

Council is working with 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 and Sturt Street). To date, the inception meeting and a site walk was completed while, the consultant is working on detailed survey to ensuring the accuracy of the design.

As outlined in section 5.1, Council 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. Of the applied funding, signalisations of the Sturt Street / Avoca Street and Bundock Street / Avoca Street intersections were approved.

With the available funding, detailed design of the Avoca Street intersections will be prioritised given the critical path of traffic signals approval process and to ensure that the construction works of the intersection can move forward.

The completion of the detailed design is expected to be early 2024.

Mr Lehmann provided an update confirming that funding for completion of the design of this project has been secured (which includes the Avoca/Sturt/Bundock Street intersection), as well as funding to construct the Avoca/Bundock/Sturt Street intersection. Mr Lehmann advised the design work is progressing.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.6. Bike Bypass Links of the High Street LR Terminus

Recent meetings Health NSW included discussing latest construction activities at the Randwick Hospitals' Campus as well as advising of the Randwick to Coogee cycleway design project, for which Council officers will work closely with NSW Health to develop the best route between Wansey Road / High Street and Coogee Bay Road / Avoca Street / Belmore Road. Council will request a meeting with NSW Health to further discuss these matters following engagement of the principal consultant.

Following December 2022 Traffic Committee endorsement, Council officers have arranged implementation of line marking and signage for shared path along the western side of Botany Street, from High Street to Oval Lane, which was completed in June 2023.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.7. Maroubra Road Corridor Study

The Maroubra Road Corridor Study has been finalised along with a high-level concept design. The corridor study focused on improvements to pedestrian, bike rider and traffic facilities. Maroubra Road is very difficult to cross for all transport modes. The recommendation arising out the study include significant access improvements for pedestrians and road safety improvements for all users.

The Study identifies the opportunity for the implementation of an east-west cycleway along the southern edge of Maroubra Road. For most of the route the road width is sufficient to accommodate such a facility. However, design challenges and associated impacts, along the route - particularly at the complex Anzac Parade / Maroubra Road intersection - need further close attention. Accordingly, it is considered that the cycleway be not proposed at this time. It is further considered that the proposed pedestrian and traffic improvements, at the nine key locations

identified, be specifically designed in such a manner to easily accommodate a future cycleway, along the southern edge of Maroubra Road. This will allow the easier implementation of a cycleway in the future, as the specific design challenges and resultant impacts are addressed.

As noted in Section 5.1, Council was successful in securing funding from 2023/24 Get NSW Active Program for concept design of improvements for active transport. Council officers will move forward with the procurement of the consultant for concept design stage.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.8. Todman Avenue Cycleway Project

Todman Avenue - Provisional Linemarking and Signage Upgrade

The proposed line marking upgrades of the interim project, which underwent a Road Safety Audit, were reviewed based on the recommendations put forth by the audit. The recommendations that were considered reasonable and feasible within the project's boundaries will be implemented into the design and cost estimate.

Council will send a community notification letter regarding the planned line marking, signage and shared path to the residents in proximity, with a 4-week period for response.

Todman Avenue and Lenthall Street Walking and Cycling Improvements Project

Council has been successful in securing funding from 2023/24 Get NSW Active Program for permanent, physically separated, walking and cycling infrastructure improvements project from concept design to detailed design. Council officers recently completed a site walk and inception meeting with TfNSW and the procurement process will commence in the coming months. As the RCC Construction Priority Route 3, it will provide a key link from City of Sydney to Doncaster Avenue where Kingsford to Centennial Park cycleway will be completed this year.

Mr Lehmann/Ms Lee-Pieterse provided an update on both aspects of the projects (linemarking/signage upgrades and new infrastructure), noting that Council is seeking to appoint consultants to develop the design of the walking and cycling improvements by the end of the year.

Councillor Veitch raised concerns over residential pushback for a cycleway on Lenthall Street and suggested the project will have difficulties gaining Council and community support, and that energies should be focused on delivering the walking and cycleway improvements on Todman Avenue. Mr Lehmann acknowledged this risk but advised the project will progress as proposed and will respond to these potential issues accordingly as they arise.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

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

Following the discussion in the previous CABFAC meeting, an onsite meeting was organised with the relevant stakeholders, namely the NSW Scout Hall and Randwick Community Organic Garden, with the intention of addressing their needs and concerns. Presented below is an aerial image highlighting the primary stakeholders in the vicinity of the site.



The concerns revolved around the potential impact of the proposed shared path on the stakeholder’s ongoing activities. In response to the feedback provided, three different concept design alternatives were formulated, as depicted below.



CONCEPT SHARED PATH DESIGN

Currently, the design options are undergoing evaluation, and a final design solution will be chosen following a comprehensive discussion about the various design options. The objective of the design is to provide the shortest desired path(s) for pedestrians and cyclists within the grade differentials as well as minimising the impacts on the stakeholders’ operations.

Council officers also investigated the matters of the rights to construct and maintain a path within the Native Title of lands and confirmed that the matter can move forward with an approved design. Once the alignment is confirmed, the application for approval process will commence.

A desired pedestrian walking route through the Scouts land headed east was also observed. Council is currently discussing approval with Scouts NSW for the rights to construct and maintain a footpath and stair through this

desired walkway. This proposed footpath will provide a formal and safe walking space for pedestrians, discouraging any further damage onto Scouts land. If approval is not granted, Council will aim to construct a staircase and connecting footpath on Fennelly Street, near the desired pedestrian route.

Ms Warton (resident) enquired if the Scouts have approved the easement through their land and noted that we need to continue to follow up with Scouts as it has been some time since the site visit.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

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

Council officers have forwarded to Australian Turf Club (ATC) the concept plans 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
- Blue shared path line marking between the Racecourse access to Darley Road intersection.

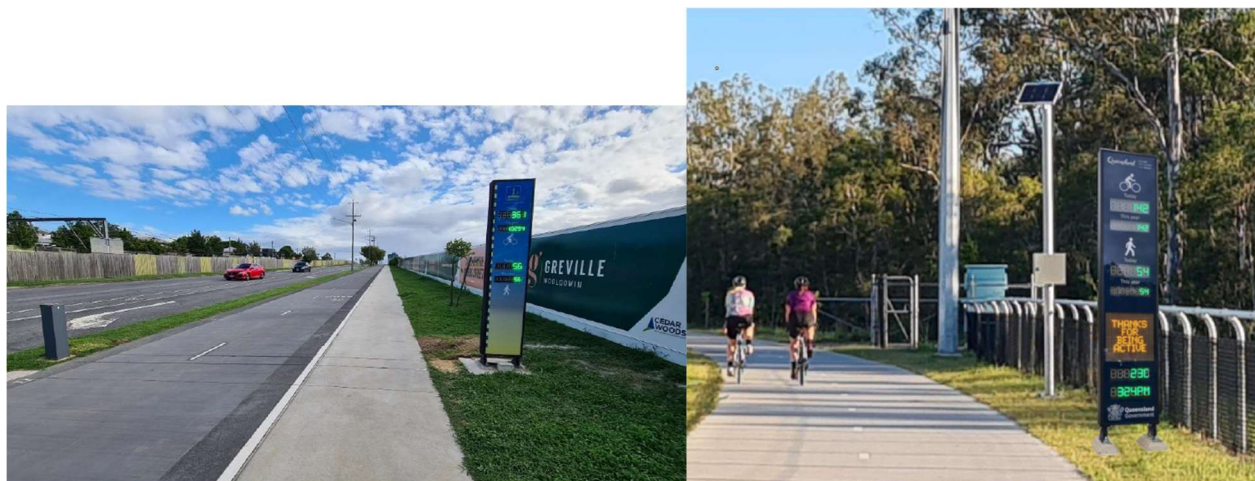
Council will wait for comments and officers are working on the detailed design of the shared path. As mentioned in previous CABFAC meetings, the path around the back of the bus shelter will require that the Council enter into a lease arrangement with TfNSW as the land behind the bus shelter is not owned by Council. Once finalised, the detailed plans will be forwarded to Transport for NSW to commence the lease process.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.11. Pedestrian and Cyclists Counter Display

Council is evaluating the installation of a digital pedestrian and cyclists counter display (possibly first such installation in Sydney), near to the Alison Road and Doncaster Avenue intersection. The proposed display would provide real time updates including daily and cumulative counts of cycling and walking usage of the cycle/shared paths. The underlying objective of this initiative is to promote sustainable modes of transport, promoting a healthier lifestyle, and drawing attention to the growing demand for such infrastructure. Cities like Brisbane, Newcastle, and Canberra have effectively implemented similar digital counters, demonstrating their feasibility and success.



Mr Lehmann raised the idea of implementing cycle counters and asked the committee whether RCC should introduce these.

Mr Hope (BIKEast) supported this proposal and stated they are good way of promoting cycling.

Ms Warton (resident) stated that the money would be better spent on cycling infrastructure.

Councillor Veitch suggested targeting known busy cycle routes would ensure positive messaging.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.12. Alison Road Bike Path – Landscape Maintenance

BIKEast advised that the vegetation growth continues to impact Alison Road paths. The vegetation maintenance works have been carried out along the shared paths on the northern side of Alison Road, near Doncaster Avenue. Further maintenance request was made for the north side of southern path along the Racecourse frontage, from Wansey Road to Darley Road.

Council officers will work on developing a quarterly maintenance program to ensure the paths are cleared to be maintained at full widths.

Mr Lehmann thanked the committee members for feedback on the landscape maintenance issues on this route and stated a quarterly maintenance regime has been established. This was accepted with thanks.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.13. Eco Living Festival

The Randwick City Council Eco Living Festival will be returning this year as a one day event at the Randwick Sustainability Hub. This year there will be limited parking at the event and the emphasis on the sustainable transport, including cycling will be key in bringing people from the community to the festival. Similar to past events, there will be cycling related services and information booths to promote active and healthy living.

Council officers will share the link to the festival and work with BIKEast member for coordination of the event for bike valet and booths.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.14. Randwick City Council Communication

BIKEast contacted Council with regard to the Council's communication posts not including references to cycling as a viable and sustainable way to get to events (eg. women's World Cup live events in Heffron Park). This matter has been acknowledged by the Communications team and they have advised that they will include such information in future posts.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.15. Proposed committee dates 2023/24

The next meeting has been confirmed to be 15 November 2023 at 7:30am.

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

- 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. 40km/h speed reduction in Kensington

Mr Lehmann advised that a 40km/h speed reduction in Kensington has been approved by TfNSW and will be implemented.

Mr van den Dool thanked Council and commented that he believes this is a great outcome and recommended considering introducing 30km/h zones for this area under the new TfNSW speed zone guidelines for more improved outcomes for cyclists and pedestrians. Mr Lehmann stated he will discuss this with TfNSW.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

6.2. New Life for Old Bikes

Council officer Ms Lee-Pieterse advised of the New Life for Old Bikes event which is scheduled for Saturday 19 August 2023 at Randwick Sustainability Hub. It is a bicycle recycling program launching where community can fix or donate old bikes to be recycled and given a new life. At the event is a bicycle repair session and requested that the event be shared to community to encourage used bicycle donations.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

Meeting concluded at 6:58pm.