

Dear Residents and Community Stakeholders

Caloundra Headland Coastal Pathway - Boardwalk

Overview

The coastal pathway is the Sunshine Coast's longest and most popular shared pathway, extending 73 kilometres from Bells Creek in the south to Coolumb in the north.

Sunshine Coast Council's vision is for the pathway to be a world-class scenic coastal pathway route, connecting the coast through beaches, parks and open spaces.

The pathway provides people with the opportunity to explore the coast's natural beauty, services and businesses and allows our community to achieve a healthy, active and sustainable lifestyle.

Project scope

The Coastal Pathway Master Plan was endorsed by council in 2017 following significant community support for the project.

Many sections of the Coastal Pathway have already been constructed with residents and visitors enjoying the safety and comfort of the pathway, along with stunning coastal views.

Council is progressing the 73 kilometre total route in stages, as funding becomes available.

The next stage of the pathway is located in the Caloundra Headland area. This 160-metre-long section has been identified as a 'high priority'.

It will replace the existing route along the Esplanade which does not meet Coastal Pathway standards of being off-road and providing a coastal experience.

The existing pathway is narrow and close to the adjacent road providing limited protection for pedestrians and cyclists. The steep section is not compliant for use by people with a disability.

The new Coastal Pathway section will include:

- A new three-metre-wide boardwalk adjacent to the headland
- Seating opportunities and pause points for the community to relax, rest and appreciate the coastal views
- Weed clearing and revegetation, including a new planted area between the road and the boardwalk, replacing the old pathway
- Low level boardwalk lighting incorporated within the handrail posts
- Way-finding signage.

Design considerations

In designing the alignment of the boardwalk there have been many considerations including:

- **Vegetation and fauna** - the boardwalk's alignment has been designed to minimise impacts on native plants and fauna. Revegetation and weed removal are a major component of the project and will continue following completion of the pathway's construction. Where vegetation must be removed offset planting will take place.
- **Adjacent residents** - preserving residents' privacy and views to the ocean.
- **First Nations Peoples Cultural Heritage** - prior to detailed planning for the Coastal Pathway known historical and indigenous cultural heritage sites were identified and Kabi Kabi Peoples were consulted.

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- **Caloundra Headland Memorial Walkway** - consultation has taken place with the Caloundra RSL to respectfully incorporate the war memorials (plaques) along this section within the new pavement and boardwalk.
- **Lighting** - in consideration of adjacent residents and our turtle population, low level lighting will be incorporated within the handrail posts.
- **Open space** – to preserve areas of open space to allow continued community activities such as exercise and weddings.
- **Kings Beach Boat ramp and car park** - retaining access.
- **Local sporting groups** – liaison with local triathlon, cyclist and running groups about the project.
- **Existing services and infrastructure** – sewage, water, electrical and telecommunications services.

The plan and artist's impressions on pages three and four of this newsletter show the alignment of the pathway and what the boardwalk will look like.

Construction schedule

Construction works will be undertaken in stages to minimise inconvenience to residents and visitors and maintain as much access to the area as possible.

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- **Early survey works** - including vegetation and fauna surveys, geotechnical (soil and rock) tests, and surveying the pathway alignment.

2023-2024 Exact dates to be confirmed

- **Boardwalk construction** - following the appointment of a construction contractor, it is expected that construction may commence as early May/June 2023.

More information about the construction program, including timing and potential temporary changes to traffic conditions along the Esplanade will be determined once a contractor has been appointed.

Council will continue to keep our local community informed about the project.

Further information

You can find further information about the overall coastal pathway project on council's website at www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

To contact the project team about this project please email us via the dedicated project email address below:

CaloundraHeadlandCoastalPathway@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

Register for project updates

If you would like to be kept informed about the progress of the project, please register your email details at

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In keeping with council's environmental sustainability commitment, all future updates will be sent by email, and only to those people who register to receive them.

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Legend

- 1 Planted buffer between road and path
- 2 Elevated pathway - 3m wide with memorial plaques incorporated
- 3 New viewing area with seating
- 4 Pause point off main path
- 5 Tree removal with offset planting in vicinity
- 6 Weed removal and revegetation to pathway envelope and surrounds
- 7 Existing path removed and replaced with planted buffer
- 8 New pathway - 3m wide, on grade with memorial plaques
- 9 New kerb ramp to road crossing
- 10 Future stage



A note from your local councillor

The Coastal Pathway project is a legacy project for our region. Many locals and visitors have already experienced the benefits of other sections of the pathway and this Caloundra Headland section will offer some of the most stunning views available along the whole 73 kilometre route. From a practical perspective, safety will also be vastly improved with pedestrians, cyclists, scooters and other active transport users located away from the road.

Cr Terry Landsberg, Division 2



Figure 2 - Artist's impression of boardwalk and revegetation works, including new planted area between boardwalk and road



Figure 3 Artist's impression showing pathway transitioning to boardwalk adjacent to the existing road (Esplanade)



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