



## Project Update

### Proposed Nambour to Coolum Recreation Trail

#### Introduction

Council is nearing the completion of the assessment and feasibility phase of the Nambour to Coolum Recreation Trail project. This update provides a summary of the feasibility assessment findings and an overview of the proposed strategic directions for your feedback to inform the finalisation.

#### Background

Following the closure of the Historical Cane Railway in 2003, there was notable community interest in establishing a recreational trail on the historical cane train rail alignment.

Detailed investigations and discussions identified significant constraints to establish a continuous trail, particularly due to the potential impact on private land.

The Nambour to Coolum Recreation Trail Feasibility Study (the Study) was undertaken to determine if a recreation trail could be achieved without negatively impacting on land owners whilst harnessing as many historical, natural and recreational opportunities as possible.

#### Outcomes of the Study

The Study, completed by external recreational trail planners (Inspiring Place Pty Ltd), concluded that there is **merit** in developing a recreation trail.

The Study made this conclusion based on an analyses of growing demand for recreation trails, gaps in existing trail opportunities in the local areas, high population growth of the Sunshine Coast, potential for substantial community and visitor recreation opportunities and possible economic benefits.

#### Next steps

Based on the trail alignments and delivery framework suggested by the Study, Council have developed a **Draft Nambour to Coolum**

#### Strategic Recreation Trail (Draft Trail) – Refer to Attached Map.

The Draft Trail is a strategic alignment of a network of trails between Nambour, Coolum and Bli Bli to be achieved over time. It is proposed as a staged project to enable more detailed consultation, planning and on-ground alignment investigations to be undertaken in sections.

The Draft Trail proposes a network of trails over 48 kilometres consisting of:

- **Local Area Trails** (15kms) following sections of the Primary Trail in Nambour, Bli Bli and West Coolum (refer to trails within the yellow areas).
- A **Primary Trail** (17kms) from Nambour to Coolum following sections of the historical cane rail line delivered over a long term timeframe (refer to Red hatched and solid lines).
- **Trail Extensions** (16km) to key destinations (refer to blue hatched lines).
- **Strategic Links** sections of the Primary Trail and Trail Extensions requiring further investigation (refer to orange arrows).

Should this trail be supported by the community and endorsed by Council, it would be aligned on public land and would be implemented in stages over a 20-30 year period.

Council are seeking your views on the Draft Trail. You are invited to have your say via email at [XXXX@Sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au](mailto:XXXX@Sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au) or phone (07) 3040 0754. An online survey is also available at [www.xxx.qld.gov.au](http://www.xxx.qld.gov.au). You are also invited to attend information sessions at XX on XX and XX.





