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CASSOWARY COAST CYCLE STRATEGY

Innisfail Government Stakeholders Workshop

The first workshop was held on 17 August 2009 (9am – 11.30am) at Johnstone Shire Hall, Rankin Street Innisfail and was attended by:

John Pettigrew (CCRC/DPES)
Bill Horsford (CCRC/Councillor)
Michael Hansen (QLD Gov/Advisor - Sport and Recreation Services)
David Trotter (CCRC/Director of Works)
Mark Nolan (CCRC/Councillor)
Tony Rooks (CCRC/Manager of Technical Support)
Maya Smitran (QH)
Jacqui Szafran (CCRC/Community Planner)
Ian Rule (CCRC/Councillor)
Tony Rooks (CCRC)
Jenifer Downs (CCRC/Councillor)
Jerryn Zwart (CEO)
Hannes Grobler (CEO)
Stephanie Goodall (CEO)

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- issues on the existing network;
- identification of key cycle destinations/demands;
- identification of opportunities and projects to promote and/or improve existing walking and cycling in the Shire;
- prioritisation of projects identified.

The purpose of the workshop and background to the study was presented where after members of the workshop were split into two groups. Each group was presented with maps showing key destinations and the existing and proposed cycle network for the Cassowary Shire. Each group was asked to identify existing links and destinations not represented on the maps, issues that restrict walking and cycling and opportunities to improve walking and cycling in the Shire.

The outcomes of the workshop are summarised below.

Additional cycling and pedestrian links and destinations identified

Kennedy:

- Blanco Falls and Murray Falls;
- camping ground near Murray Falls and Aboriginal community tours within this area.

Cardwell:

- lookout point along Brasenose Street;
- community centre and sports centre at Gregory Street/Brasenose Street intersection.

Tully Heads:

- caravan park.

Tully:

- showgrounds and country club;
- Alligators Nest.

South Mission Beach:

- Life Saver Club (northern end of Kennedy Esplanade);
- Frogs Hollow;
- existing off road cycle track (Ergon Track) between South Mission Beach Road and Wheatley Road.

Wongaling Beach:

- Rotary Park (skate park and basketball court);
- library and caravan park (corner of Wongaling Beach Road and Tully Mission Beach Road);
- water taxi along Banfield Parade (between Dickinson Street and Wongaling Beach Road).

Mission Beach:

- Licuala Park Access Road and park;
- caravan park at Campbell Street;
- existing footpaths along Nonda Street and El Arish Mission Beach Road (between Nonda Street and Casuarina Crescent).

Bingil Bay:

- Treehouse Backpackers.

Mourilyan

- existing 2m shared path along Bombala Street and Mourilyan Harbour Road (between Canberra Street and Bruce Highway);

Innisfail:

- residential development node east of Moresby Range Resource Reserve;
- Shire Hall;
- Future residential node south east of Flying Fish Point Road opposite TAFE;
- Ella Bay Resort and residential node north of Flying Fish Point.

Issues identified
Kennedy:

- proposed mountain bike route along Kennedy Creek Road has 11 bridges and 300 culverts.

Cardwell:

- possible Cardwell by-pass.

Tully:

- Tully Hull Road is narrow in sections and has safety implications for users.

Mission Beach:

- personal safety along beach front north of Porters Creek;

- foot bridges along Tully Mission Beach Road;
- link with Bingil Bay.

Wongaling Beach:

- safety issues along Reid Road (high speed zone and on-street parking issues).

Bingil Bay:

- gradient and safety issues along Bingil Bay Road, Alexander Drive and Porter Promenade (road is narrow with no facilities).

Innisfail:

- safety issues at Geraldton Bridge and Jubilee Bridge (narrow bridge crossing with substandard facilities not wide enough to cater for both cyclists and pedestrians);
- no facilities along Coquette Point Road to link destination nodes to the east (future residential development node);
- no pedestrian crossing facilities at Bergin Road east of Flying Fish Point Road to link shopping centre with residential catchment south of Bergin Road;
- no facilities along Mary Street to accommodate old age people walking to bus stop;
- safety and CPTED issues on off-road path along the eastern side of the river;
- pinch points along Flying Fish Point Road.

Opportunities and projects to promote and improve walking and cycling

Wongaling Beach:

- sewer main in front of houses and along beach is an opportunity to establish a shared path similar to proposed path along Tully Mission Beach Road in Mission Beach.

Kurrimine Beach:

- pedestrian/cycle facility along Jacobs Street;
- beachside pathway.

El Arish:

- new link along Royston Street and Monash Street.

Cardwell:

- Forest Drive off road mountain bike route.

Kennedy:

- link along Kennedy Creek Road (mountain bike route opportunity) and Kirrama Range Road to Blanco Falls.

Mourilyan:

- facilities along Etty Bay Road link (already used as training route);
- pedestrian facilities along Canberra Street and Cooma Street.

Innisfail:

- end of trip facilities at key destinations such as the swimming pool and Shire Hall;
- facility on or along rock-wall to provide access to beachfront and additional off road link in Flying Fish Point;
- pedestrian crossing facility in vicinity of Pine Street across Bruce Highway to provide safe access between residential node and school;
- complete path between Geraldton Bridge and Jubilee Bridge;
- fitness loop around river between Jubilee Bridge and Bruce Highway bridge.

Innisfail Community Stakeholders Workshop

The second workshop was held on 17 August 2009 (1pm – 3.30pm) at Johnstone Shire Hall, Rankin Street Innisfail and was attended by:

Chris Head (Flying Fish Point)
 Ross Sorbello (Tully)
 Sharon Hoey (Innisfail/Chamber of Commerce)
 Mal McGullin (Innisfail Cycles)
 Ged Carter (South Johnstone)
 Susan Hoad (Innisfail Inclusive Education Centre)
 Mark Flisna (Innisfail)
 Tony Rooks (CCSC)
 Jenifer Downs (CCRC/Councillor)
 Jerryn Zwart (CEO)
 Hannes Grobler (CEO)
 Stephanie Goodall (CEO)

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- issues on the existing network;
- identification of key cycle destinations/demands;
- identification of opportunities and projects to promote and/or improve existing walking and cycling in the Shire;
- prioritisation of projects identified.

The purpose of the workshop and background to the study was presented where after the group was presented with maps showing key destinations and the existing and proposed cycle network for the Cassowary Shire. The group was asked to identify existing links and destinations not represented on the maps, issues that restrict walking and cycling and opportunities to improve walking and cycling in the Shire. The workshop concluded with the prioritisation of all opportunities identified to determine the top three priority projects.

The outcomes of the workshop are summarised below.

Issues identified

Tully Heads:

- no facilities to link caravan park to esplanade

Mission Beach:

- bridges across culverts/creeks along Tully Mission Beach Road.

Mourilyan:

- Etty Bay Road link (already used as training route) is narrow and considered dangerous to cycle on;

Innisfail:

- safety issues at Geraldton Bridge and Jubilee Bridge (narrow bridge crossing with substandard facilities not wide enough to cater for both cyclists and pedestrians);
- access from path onto to Bruce Highway Bridge provided via stairs only (problematic for cyclists);

- safety issues at Ernest Street/McGowan Drive/River Avenue round-about – paths not marked clearly and crossing roads is problematic;
- no crossing facilities to link school with residential catchment across Bruce Highway in the vicinity of Pine Street;
- Flying Fish Point link – facility is perceived to be narrow and unsafe with overhanging vegetation and branches on the road;

Opportunities and projects to promote improve walking and cycling

Kurrimine Beach:

- beachside pathway.

El Arish:

- opportunity to link Silkwood with El Arish along the old Main Road

Innisfail:

- end of trip facilities at key destinations such as the swimming pool and Shire Hall;
- pedestrian crossing facility in vicinity of Pine Street across Bruce Highway to provide safe access between residential node and school;
- rail crossing facilities to improve safety and reduce number of cycle crashes at various rail crossings;
- Geraldton Bridge – improve/widen facilities to accommodate both pedestrians and cyclists;
- complete existing line markings to provide a continuous facility without gaps and missing links;
- link towards Mourilyan Harbour linking Innisfail Town centre, school, proposed residential development along Mourilyan Harbour Road and Mourilyan Harbour;
- new path along creek through Warrina Conservation Park;
- complete link towards Flying Fish Point;
- signage and way finding information maps/boards.

From the above list the following three projects were identified as the top priority projects:

- rail crossing facilities to improve safety and reduce number of cycle crashes at various rail crossings;
- complete existing line markings to provide a continuous facility without gaps and missing links;
- end of trip facilities (possibly at swimming pool and/or Shire Hall).

Mission Beach Community Stakeholders Workshop

The third workshop was held on 17 August 2009 (5.30pm – 7.30pm) at C4, Porters Promenade, Mission Beach and was attended by:

Chris May
 Julie Headham (Mission Beach Rotary)
 Sarah Johnson
 Tony O'Malley
 Wayng Leimscrey
 Wanda Lowe (Mission Beach)
 Truns Biddlewanbe (Mission Beach)
 Sheila Lawler (CCRC)
 Bill Shannon (CCRC)
 Prieston Clothier (Mission Beach)
 Gordon Robbertson (Mission Beach)
 Walter Matthews (Mission Beach)
 Nola Matthews (Mission Beach)
 Trish Moore (Mission Beach)
 Brendon Blair (Mission Beach)
 Liz Lang (Wongaling Beach)
 Judy Heath (Wongaling Beach)
 Elizabeth McClouch (Wongaling Beach)
 Chris Moore (Bingil Bay)
 Karen Schmidt (Bingil Bay)
 Carol Morgan (Brookes Beach)
 Michael Johnson
 Tony Rooks (CCSC)
 Jenifer Downs (CCRC/Councillor)
 Jerryn Zwart (CEO)
 Hannes Grobler (CEO)
 Stephanie Goodall (CEO)

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The outcomes of the workshop are summarised below.

Additional cycling and pedestrian links and destinations identified:

South Mission Beach:

- Life Saver Club (northern end of Kennedy Esplanade);
- Frogs Hollow;

- existing off road cycle track (Ergon Track) between South Mission Beach Road and Wheatley Road.

Wongaling Beach:

- existing footpath along Webb Road;
- existing footpath along Wongaling Beach Road-Coolibah Street-Spurwood Close;
- Rotary Park (skate park and basketball court);

Mission Beach:

- Lacey Creek;
- Woolworths and shopping centre (corner of Wongaling Beach Road and Tully Mission Beach Road);
- temporary off-road footpath linking beach with Woolworths shopping centre from corner of Dickinson Street and Shore Street;
- existing walking track from town centre up to Castaways along foreshore;
- Licuala Park Access Road and park;
- caravan park at Campbell Street;
- existing footpaths along Nonda Street and El Arish Mission Beach Road (between Nonda Street and Casuarina Crescent).

Bingil Bay:

- recreation walking track (Perrier Walk).

Issues identified

Mission Beach:

- narrow sections along Tully Mission Beach Road between Bruce Highway and Mission Beach;
- Creek crossings and private property along foreshore restrict continuation of beach front walking track linking to Wongaling Beach,
- no facilities along Reid Road;
- safety issues along Tully Mission Beach Road (narrow, high speed environment and bridge/culvert crossings);
- signage and wayfinding;
- personal safety along beach front north of Porters Creek;
- bridges across culverts/creeks along Tully Mission Beach Road;
- unsafe and narrow road conditions between Mission Beach and Bingil Bay.

Wongaling Beach:

- signage and wayfinding;
- safety issues at intersection of Tully Mission Beach Road/Wongaling Beach Road (blackspot);
- signage and wayfinding;
- safety issues along Reid Road (high speed zone and on-street parking issues).

Bingil Bay:

- signage and wayfinding;
- gradient and safety issues along Bingil Bay Road, Alexander Drive and Porter Promenade (road is narrow with no facilities).

South Mission Beach:

- signage and wayfinding;
- topography issues (hilly) in the vicinity of Frogs Hollow.

Opportunities and projects to promote improve walking and cycling

Bingil Bay:

- link between Bingil Bay and Mission Beach.

Wongaling Beach:

- link between South Mission Beach and Wongaling Beach over Wongaling Creek;
- signage and wayfinding;
- link between Mission Beach and Wongaling Beach on sewer main along beachfront.

South Mission Beach:

- signage and wayfinding;
- pedestrian and cycle facilities along foreshore (Kennedy Esplanade) to link up with Kennedy walking track.

Mission Beach:

- extend existing facilities along El Arish Mission Beach Road to link with Marx Park;
- signage and wayfinding;
- investigate the extension of foreshore path south of Castaways up to Wongaling Beach;
- promote and protect Licuala Track and establish links from Mission Beach;
- new footpath to link existing path along Nonda Street (corner of Nonda Street/Conda Street) to Stephens Street.

General:

- address safety of children on arterial roads throughout Mission Beach (solar lightning, pedestrian crossings in vicinity of schools with wide facilities to accommodate inexperience users, etc);
- paths to meet desire lines and avoid hilly areas;
- all new roads and upgrades to include bike lanes;
- allow bikes on public transport;
- end of trip facilities;
- asphalt treatment preferred above concrete (opportunity for cheaper crushed granite treatment).

From the above list the following projects were identified as the top priority projects:

- link between South Mission Beach and Wongaling Beach over Wongaling Creek;
- link between Mission Beach and Wongaling Beach on sewer main along beachfront;
- promote and protect Licuala Track and establish links from Mission Beach.

Tully and Cardwell Community Stakeholders Workshop

The fourth workshop was held on 18 August 2009 (5.30pm – 7.30pm) at Tully Civic Centre, Bryant Street, Tully and was attended by:

Bruce Stockwell (Hull Heads)
 Roger Chandler (Feluga)
 Lauran Braille (Cardwell)
 Ross Dellerwauu (Cardwell)
 Tony Rooks (CCSC)
 Jenifer Downs (CCRC/Councillor)
 Jerryn Zwart (CEO)
 Hannes Grobler (CEO)
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The outcomes of the workshop are summarised below.

Additional cycling and pedestrian links and destinations identified

Tully Heads:

- caravan park, pub and beach.

Tully:

- residential development to the north of town;
- showgrounds and country club;
- Alligator's Nest.

Cardwell:

- library, skate park, and art centre.

Issues identified

Cardwell:

- limited access points (kerb ramps) and crossing facilities to off-road path on eastern side of Bruce Highway to shops on western side of Bruce Highway;
- illumination of off-road path along eastern side of Bruce Highway, Roma Street, and Gregory Street;
- off-road path from town to Port Hinchinbrook not suitable for cyclists.

Tully Heads:

- no facilities to link caravan park to esplanade.

Tully:

- pedestrians not provided for outside the town centre area;
- roads are narrow with pinch points along high speed roads – no warning signs to warn drivers to look out for cyclists;
- off-road facility on rail bridge on southern side of Butler Street is not wide enough to accommodate for both cyclist and pedestrians;
- road markings and signage throughout Tully, especially at Bryant Street/Richardson Street/Black Street roundabout;
- Tully Hull Road is narrow in sections and has safety implications for users.

Opportunities and projects to promote improve walking and cycling
Tully:

- pedestrian and cycle linkage to Alligators Nest;
- signage and way finding information maps/boards;
- complete existing line markings to provide a continuous facility without gaps and missing links;
- widen Tully Bridge (access into town from Bruce Highway) along Butler Street and provide better access to and from showgrounds onto off-road path on the southern side of Butler Street;
- pedestrian linkage to caravan park from town and safe pedestrian crossing facility.

Tully Heads:

- Pedestrian and cycle facilities linking caravan park with esplanade and beach.

Cardwell:

- Off-road mountain bike track linking Five Mile with Forest creek;
- pedestrian and cycle facilities linking Coral Sea Park with Port Hinchinbrook;
- link existing esplanade off-road path with Stoney Creek;
- improve access to and from existing off-road path to shops on the western side of the Bruce highway (kerb ramps, pedestrian crossing facilities etc.);
- loop path around town linking skate park, library, art centre, bus interchange, community centre, sport and recreation (corner of Gregory Street and Brasenose Street) and onto the existing off-road facility on the eastern side of the Bruce Highway;
- remove parking along the eastern side of Bruce Highway to allow for a turn lane into Brasenose Street and pedestrian zebra crossing;
- Forest Drive off road mountain bike route.

From the above list the following three projects were identified as the top priority projects:

- pedestrian and cycle facilities linking Coral Sea Park with Port Hinchinbrook;
- improve access to and from existing off-road path to shops on the western side of the Bruce highway (kerb ramps, pedestrian crossing facilities etc.);
- loop path around town linking skate park, library, art centre, bus interchange, community centre, sport and recreation (corner of Gregory Street and Brasenose Street) and onto the existing off-road facility on the eastern side of the Bruce Highway.