

Avoca Drive Shared Path Avoca Beach

Engagement summary



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1,611 views



The concept design was
downloaded **432** times



Total submissions
received **124**



1,787 people reached and
73 interactions, comments
and shares on Facebook.

Facebook Post 1
May 8 – **29,592** reach

Facebook Post 2
May 15 – **2,929** reach



788 people reached
on Instagram



More than **35,096** social
media users reached
generating **395** likes,
comments and shares.



An On-site information session
was held at Avoca Beach Surf
Club on **Thursday 15 May**,
from 3pm to 7:30pm

Between 7 May 2025 and 4 June 2025 Central Coast Council sought community feedback on the concept plans for the Avoca Drive Shared Path at Avoca Beach.

This project is a long-anticipated community initiative designed to improve connectivity, safety, and recreational access for residents and visitors.

The pathway aims to link the key areas of Avoca Beach through a scenic and accessible route, encouraging walking, cycling, and active transport while reducing reliance on vehicles.

Community feedback has highlighted strong support for the project's potential to enhance lifestyle, tourism, and local infrastructure, alongside concerns about environmental preservation, privacy, and safety. This initiative reflects Council's broader commitment to sustainable development and inclusive public spaces on the Central Coast.

Council invited community participation through multiple channels including:

- **Viewing of the Concept Design:**
Availability online for public review on YVOC.
- **Providing FAQs:**
Provided to address common questions and clarify project details.
- **Held Onsite Information Sessions:**
Held at Avoca Surf Club, Thursday 15 May 2025 from 3:00pm to 7:30pm, allowing residents to speak directly with Council staff.
- **Completing Feedback Forms**
Offered online to collect community input

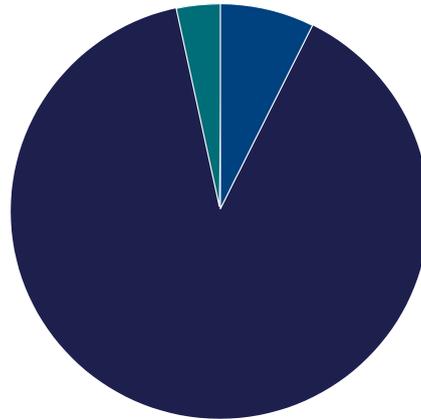
The engagement aimed to ensure that the final design reflects community priorities and achieves the right balance between safety, amenity, and access.

Engagement Results

Based on a total of 124 survey responses, you told us:

Do you support the proposed shared path on Avoca Drive, Avoca Beach?

- Yes - 89%
- No - 8%
- Unsure - 3%



Common themes based on Survey Results

Safety and Accessibility

Many respondents emphasised the urgent need for a safe and accessible pathway along Avoca Drive. Concerns include dangerous conditions for pedestrians, cyclists and wheelchair users.

Location and Design Preferences

Many respondents preference was for the the placing of the path on the lakeside for scenic value and others favoured the residential side for cost efficiency and environmental protection.

Connectivity and Future Expansion

Respondents strongly advocated to extend the pathway to Kincumber and other nearby suburbs to create a continuous network of paths across the Central Coast.

Environmental Concerns

Concerns about tree removal and impact on local flora and fauna.

Overall the community strongly support the project.

Quotes

"An enormous thank you for proceeding with the extremely important pathway. As a resident on Avoca Drive, I support this proposal wholeheartedly."

"My bike riding group often travels along Avoca Drive. There are a number of sections of this road where there is no space on the edge of the road to cycle safely."

Council response

Theme	Council Response
Location and design preferences <i>There is support for both the lake side (scenic value, safety and tourism) and for the residential side (citing lower environmental impact and cost, acknowledge safety concerns with multiple driveway crossings).</i>	<p>The residential side alignment has been adopted for Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the shared path from Avoca Bowling Club to The Round Drive intersection.</p> <p>Following announcement of Australian Government grant funding for Stage 3 of the shared path from The Round Drive to Heazlett Park, further investigations are being undertaken to assess the feasibility of a lakeside alignment for this final link.</p> <p>Shared path widths have been adopted from Council's Bike Plan and are consistent with Transport for NSW guidelines for the same.</p>
Safety and accessibility <i>Many respondents emphasized the urgent need for a safe and accessible pathway along Avoca Drive.</i>	<p>Council is committed to providing safe infrastructure for public use along Avoca Drive.</p> <p>The shared path alignment provides for safe separation between the shared path and traffic. This is consistent with a traditional streetscape and similar to shared paths provided on higher volume State Roads.</p> <p>Street lighting will be considered in the detailed design stage. Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW) is the responsible authority for determining speed limits in New South Wales.</p> <p>Roadside drainage systems will also be upgraded as part of this work.</p>
Connectivity and future expansion <i>Strong advocacy for extending the pathway to Kincumber and other suburbs, creating a network.</i>	<p>The Avoca Drive shared path forms part of Council's broader vision for a regional shared path network. This includes a future connection into Kincumber and other suburbs. Extension of the shared path beyond the current scope of works is not currently funded.</p>
Environmental impact Concerns around tree removal and impact on local flora and fauna.	<p>Environmental impacts will be considered as part of the detailed design process and be addressed in a supporting Environment Assessment.</p> <p>Every effort will be made to minimise the removal of established street trees. Where this is necessary, Council will offset the loss of trees by replanting at a three-to-one tree replacement ratio.</p>

What's next?

- Stage 1 – Designs are being finalised, with construction to commence in the FY2025/26.
- Stage 2 – Ongoing evaluation and development of designs.
- Stage 3 – Progressing with engaging design consultants.

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