

Manning Park Shared Pathway Engagement Summary



Between 11 June 2025 and 10 July 2025 Central Coast Council sought community feedback on Manning Park Shared Pathway.

Central Coast Council are proposing to build a new shared path that will create a direct route from Manning Park to Chain Valley Bay.

With funding secured from the Australian Government and Council contributions, the project has progressed to the concept design stage.

Council invited the community to review and provide feedback on the proposed design to ensure it reflects local needs and values.

To support the development of the shared pathway concept plan, Council invited community participation through multiple channels:

- View the Concept Design:

Available online for public review on YVOC.

- Read the FAQs:

Provided to address common questions and clarify project details.

- Attend an Onsite Information Session:

Held at Manning Park Community Hall on Wednesday 18 June, from 3:00pm to 7:00pm, allowing residents to speak directly with Council staff.

- Complete a Feedback Form:

Offered online to collect community input.

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

How you connected



A total of **90** submissions received, of which **88** from the online form and **2** emailed submissions



14 attendees at the information session held at Manning Park Community Hall



Your Voice Our Coast **1,119** views



The strategy/plan/document was downloaded **461** times



4,734 people reached and 20 interactions, comments and shares on Facebook. Facebook – multi-media June 18 – **4,645** reach



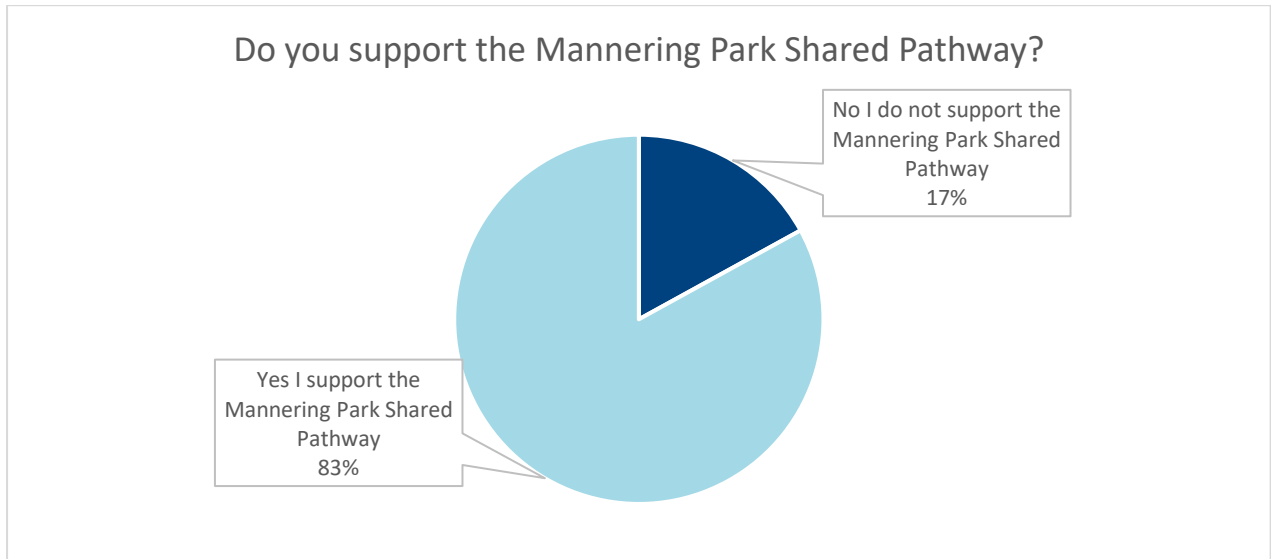
Instagram – **955** people were reached



More than **11,788** social media users reached generating **172** likes, comments and shares

Engagement Results

Of the 88 online form submissions, 73 people (83%) indicated that they support the Mannering Park Shared Pathway, with 15 people (17%) indicating that they do not.



Strong Support for the Foreshore Route

Many comments express enthusiastic support for the Foreshore route, citing:

- Safer and more scenic route
- Better for families, cyclists, and pedestrians
- Avoids busy roads like Ruttleys Road
- Enhances community connectivity and tourism

"This is a really great plan that enables the community to access parts of the foreshore they have never been able to access before. It also links up a number of suburbs that are disconnected."

Concerns About Safety, Privacy, and Crime

Some residents, particularly from Kingfisher Shores, raised concerns about:

- Increased foot and bike traffic leading to potential crime
- Loss of privacy and quietness
- Safety risks from motorbike misuse and lack of lighting
- Avoid routing through dangerous roads i.e. Ruttleys Road.

Environmental Impact

A strong theme is concern about constructing through sensitive foreshore/wetland areas and disturbing soils (including potential acid sulphate soils and historic deposits).

Suggestions include:

- Replace removed trees with taller and shade trees.
- Preserve natural habitats and minimise environmental disruption.
- Suggestions for compost bins and pet waste stations.

Infrastructure and Accessibility Needs

People want the facility to work well as a shared path (bikes + pedestrians + prams + mobility devices), and they're calling out design details that will increase accessibility, amenity and usability. Suggestions include:

- Installation of seating, lighting and signage along the path.
- Ensure elevated sections to avoid flooding during tides and rain. Ensure the path is above flood-prone zones. Include viewing platforms to enjoy lake vistas.
- Improve footpaths, kerb and guttering in surrounding streets.
- Opportunities for walking, cycling, fishing, and enjoying nature
- Connection between suburbs and local amenities like schools and shops
- Improved access for mobility scooters, prams, and wheelchairs

"I believe that the proposal makes good sense as it will provide a safer access for pedestrians and cyclists wishing to go between the communities and avoid the necessity of walking on paths"

Community Engagement and Historical Advocacy

Many community members expressed:

- Excitement in seeing the shared path progressing after many years of advocating for the shared path.
- Pleased the project was now fully funded.
- They would like to see Council acknowledge the history and Aboriginal sites along the route.

Council's response

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<p>Strong Support for the Pathway</p> <p><i>It promotes walking, cycling, and recreation.</i></p> <p><i>Enhances tourism and community connectivity.</i></p> <p><i>Offers safer alternatives to busy roads.</i></p> <p><i>Encourages healthy lifestyles and outdoor activity.</i></p> <p><i>Residents look forward to using it with family and pets.</i></p>	<p>Council acknowledges overwhelming community support for the shared pathway, particularly the foreshore route, with majority of feedback favouring this alignment.</p> <p>The project is seen as a major step forward for active transport, promoting health, recreation, and connectivity across Mannering Park, Kingfisher Shores, and Chain Valley Bay.</p>
<p>Concerns About Safety and Security</p> <p><i>Increased crime and antisocial behaviour especially at night. Potential misuse of motorbikes and e-bikes. Loss of privacy, fear of vandalism and property damage.</i></p>	<p>Council is aware of concerns regarding increased foot traffic, potential crime, and misuse by motorbikes. Measures under consideration include:</p> <p>Strategic lighting (pending feasibility and environmental review).</p> <p>Fencing and barriers to prevent misuse and ensure safety.</p> <p>Ongoing collaboration with local police and community groups to monitor and address antisocial behaviour.</p>
<p>Environmental Impact</p> <p><i>Destruction of bushland, wetlands and native habitats. Requests to replace removed trees with taller and shade trees.</i></p> <p><i>Desire to preserve natural habitats and minimise environmental disruption.</i></p> <p><i>Suggestions for compost bins and pet waste stations.</i></p>	<p>Council has commissioned a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) and biodiversity assessments to guide design decisions.</p> <p>Council has commissioned an Arboriculturist Impact Assessment.</p> <p>Tree removal will be minimised.</p> <p>Replanting of trees proposed at a minimum 3:1 ratio.</p>
<p>Infrastructure and Accessibility Needs</p> <p><i>Installation of seating, lighting and signage along the path.</i></p>	<p>The pathway will include:</p> <p>Seating and viewing platforms at key locations.</p> <p>Accessibility features for mobility scooters, prams, and wheelchairs.</p>

<p><i>Ensure elevated sections to avoid flooding during tides and rain.</i></p> <p><i>Improve footpaths, kerb and guttering in surrounding streets.</i></p>	<p>Elevated sections to avoid flood-prone areas.</p> <p>Interpretive signage and potential integration of Aboriginal cultural elements.</p> <p>All infrastructure projects delivered by Council are undertaken in accordance with universal design standards to ensure our services are accessible for all members of the community.</p>
<p>Community Engagement and History</p> <p><i>Recognition of long-term advocacy by Community, with recognition of local leaders and groups who pushed for the project.</i></p> <p><i>Request for historical and Aboriginal signage along the path.</i></p> <p><i>Frustration of consultation not fully including Kingfisher Shores.</i></p>	<p>Council recognises the long-standing advocacy by the Community.</p> <p>The project has been in planning for many years and is now fully funded through developer contributions and federal grants.</p> <p>Council has committed to ongoing consultation throughout the design and construction phases.</p> <p>Council acknowledges the history and Aboriginal sites along the shared path route and will coordinate with the community, power station, Aboriginal stakeholders and internal stakeholder to install information board/s along the shared path.</p>
<p>Practical and Design Considerations</p> <p><i>Avoid routing through dangerous roads i.e. Ruttleys Road.</i></p> <p><i>Ensure the path is above flood-prone zones. Include viewing platforms to enjoy lake vistas.</i></p>	<p>Design refinements include:</p> <p>Enhanced signage and wayfinding.</p> <p>Consideration of community suggestions for bridge design, seating, and safety features.</p>

What's next?

- Finalisation of Detailed Concept Plan at the end of March 2026.
- Expected construction of the shared path is scheduled to commence in late 2025/26.

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