

FACT SHEET

Hawley Esplanade Foreshore Shared Pathway Project

- General Design Update -

Latrobe Council proposes to deliver a shared pathway along the foreshore at Hawley. The Hawley Esplanade Foreshore Shared Pathway will be around 1.45 kilometres spanning from the Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club to Vine Street, Hawley Beach, off Hawley Esplanade.

The path will have health and wellbeing benefits for users, and it will provide a safe and inclusive place to move among and enjoy the area's beautiful natural values.

This fact sheet provides information on general design for the project. For information on materials proposed to be used for the pathway, see the **Fact Sheet – Path Materials Update**.

COMMUNITY INPUT

Latrobe Council seeks and values community input to our infrastructure projects.

For the proposed Hawley Esplanade Foreshore Shared Pathway, Council has sought community feedback since late 2020.

The design has evolved from the feedback received from our ongoing discussions, Council has gone back to the drawing board a few times and significantly altered its original design for the shared path.

Council's updated design strives to balance function, form, safety, cost, and to minimise environmental impacts.

Further community input may be sought as approvals for the project's construction are progressed.

Hawley Esplanade Foreshore Shared Pathway: Community consultation to date

Round 1: Oct-Nov 2020

Round 2: Feb-March 2021

Round 3: June-Aug 2021

Round 4: September 2021

Further input to be sought as part of the approvals process

What's changed about the pathway proposal from the original design?

The majority of community feedback received on Council's original proposal has indicated preferences for:

- the retention of Hawley Esplanade as a two-way road;
- a shared pathway clear of, and separated from the road;
- ensuring safe, shared use by different users;
- minimising native vegetation impacts; and
- an alternate surface other than plain grey concrete or black asphalt (for more information on this topic, see the **Fact Sheet – Path Materials Update**).

Council has listened to community feedback and altered the design accordingly. As such, Hawley Esplanade will be retained as a two-way road and a shared pathway separate to the road.

How wide is the proposed pathway?

The path will be 2.5 metres wide to accommodate a range of users including pedestrians, cyclists, and people with disabilities. The width of the path has been chosen in light of the location, the expected number and type of users, and so that users may travel along the pathway in both directions and occasionally overtake each other.

Council's investigations and consideration of design and engineering standards have shown that a 2.5 metre width is appropriate for commuter and recreational paths.

The pathway will be clearly signposted and marked to facilitate safe shared use.

Additionally, previous sections of the shared path constructed south of the Surf Life Saving Club are 2.5 metres wide and so will be consistent with the new pathway.

How has safety been accounted for in the pathway's amended design?

In line with community feedback received, the pathway's design has been altered to reduce cyclist speeds from 30 km/hour to 20 km/hour, including through the inclusion of tighter curves.

In addition, the proposed route has been shifted in places further from the road to minimise the impact on car parking and motorists driving over the pathway. Wherever possible, vegetation will be used in places to delineate and separate the pathway from other infrastructure and users.

What about vegetation removal?

While some vegetation will need to be removed or trimmed for the pathway's construction and safe use, the amount has been greatly reduced in Council's amended pathway design.

By relocating the pathway closer to the foreshore, and by weaving the pathway through existing vegetation where possible, less native vegetation will be impacted. Some dead and "at risk" trees and shrubs will be removed, which community feedback supported.

What effects will the pathway have on surface water flows when it rains?

The pathway will be designed and constructed to complement how water currently flows over the area when it rains. As such, the path will be profiled with a slight angle (between 2 and 2.5 percent) directed towards the foreshore.

In addition, any existing drainage lines and culverts will be extended under the pathway and will continue to discharge surface water to the beach. Some culverts may need to be relocated to ensure minimised changes to water flows.

NEXT STEPS

Council is preparing a development application and seeking other approvals. Community feedback on the development application will be sought in coming months.

To stay up to date on project timeframes, visit us online at: www.latrobe.tas.gov.au or call us on telephone (03) 6426 4444.

THANK YOU

To all members of the community who have provided input, Council thanks you for your feedback.

We will continue to consult with you as approvals are sought before construction, and we welcome your feedback.

FURTHER INFORMATION

In response to community suggestions, Council has also amended the materials that the pathway will be made from.

To learn more, see the **Fact Sheet: Hawley Esplanade Foreshore Shared Pathway Project: Path Materials Update**.

For further information about the project, please contact Jamie Fawcner, Roads and Drainage Engineer, on telephone: (03) 6426 4444 or email: council@latrobe.tas.gov.au
