

Lake Macquarie City Active Transport Advisory Group Meeting No. 5

5 July 2018

Note: June meeting postponed due to limited availability.

Agenda

- Confirm changes to proposed program based on group's feedback
- Update on Beach Rd, Redhead - pedestrian safety and access investigations
- Update on Councillor Portfolio - Mobility and Accessibility
- Presentation on Lake Mac 2050 Transport Study (postponed to next meeting)
- Short term goal #1 - generating the works program - footpath matrix activity

Record of discussion

Ongoing/previous item updates

1. Confirm changes to proposed program based on group's feedback
 - Changes to proposed change agreed.
 - Update on Beach, Rd Redhead – pedestrian safety and access investigations
 - Over 830 visits to the 'Shape Lake Mac' project page including over 150 discussion comments.
 - Large majority indicated a crossing point at the western side of the Allard and Beach Rd T-intersection and a crossing over Freshwater Creek to the southern side of Beach Rd would be the best long-term outcome.
 - Report on the community feedback and next steps will go to Council on 13 August.

ATAG comments:

- Confirm that stop sign at exit from Beach Road is addressed through traffic committee investigations
- If crossing over Freshwater Creek is not able to be provided at the time of crossing point, provide signage that works will occur and directional signage to designate routes.

Update on Councillor Portfolio – Mobility and Accessibility

Council's Senior Policy Advisor briefed the group on the seven Councillor Portfolios aligned with our City's values.

Council's Senior Policy Advisor is leading a review into Council's existing subcommittees, advisory groups and consultative committees following the implementation of the portfolios. The goal of the review is to identify opportunities to make administrative improvements, reinvigorate the committee's purpose and to streamline committee functions.

A survey has been set up for existing committee members to provide feedback to inform the review. [Link to survey](#)

Short term goal #1 – generating the works program – Footpath Matrix Activity

Council staff provided an overview of Council's current and proposed footpath matrix and the group worked through an example of scoring a proposed footpath at Ridley St Charlestown.

A number of amendments on the proposed footpath matrix were identified by the group:

- Remove the criteria scoring number of requests. This is considered an arbitrary score that could be manipulated against other criteria that have greater importance.
- Include criteria that incorporates residential density within the walkable catchment
- Include density and diversity of services provided (and users of the services) within the catchment rather than just one
- Swap the scoring of the 'missing link' criteria >50m = 3 and 0-50m = 6
- Reconsider the disability access score. This should be considered in all locations and not in certain areas.
- Other comments:
- Group is generally supportive for criteria based decision making
- How do we manage the issue of a works program that goes so far ahead into the future?
- How do we develop works programs to be more efficient?
- Consider the York Peninsular strategy/ plans
- Consider how to address seasonal usage.
- How can we review standards to get efficient delivery and more active transport faster?

Next steps and potential agenda items for next meeting

Next meeting

August, date TBC.

Distribute draft program timeline for future meetings

As the meeting went over time, the draft program will be distributed via email and discussed at the next meeting.

Present on Lake Mac 2050 and Transport Study

Present on Lake Mac 2050 (soon to be on public exhibition) and the supporting Transport Study.

Other news provided in-between meetings

The results of the National Cycling Participation Survey are now available for Lake Macquarie. This is the first time Lake Macquarie has participated in the survey. A summary of the findings is provided in the infographic over the page.

NATIONAL CYCLING PARTICIPATION SURVEY 2018



Lake Macquarie City



12%
ride a bicycle in a typical week*



33%
rode a bicycle at least once in the past year*



23,900
people



65,900
people

Cycling participation rates are somewhat lower than what is typical for regional NSW.

Of those who rode in the past month...



87%
cycled for recreation



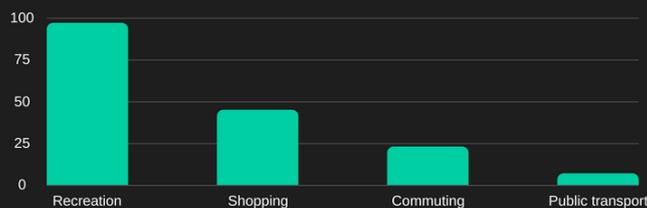
23%
cycled for transport

Just over half of all households have access to at least one working bicycle.



Males are significantly more likely to have ridden in the past week than females. Cycling gender imbalance is a key indicator of the need for improved safe cycling infrastructure.

Of those who rode in the past year, they did so for...



Of those who indicated they did not cycle for any of these activities, reasons for not cycling included:

- Too far
- Too dangerous
- Too many items to carry
- Prefer other method
- Other

*Rounded
Sample: 1,114 individuals

