

# KEEP LAKE MAC MOVING

## ***Walking and cycling***

Council is working to make Lake Macquarie one of the most liveable cities in Australia. Making our City more walking and cycling friendly is a top priority.

### ***How is walking and cycling infrastructure provided and maintained?***

Walking and cycling infrastructure is usually provided by one of two ways:

1. *Council's new infrastructure works program*  
Funded through rates, grants from the State and Federal Government and funds collected from new development
2. *Infrastructure constructed with new developments*  
Council requires developers to construct footpaths, shared paths, roads and bus stop facilities for certain types of development. Once constructed, this infrastructure is dedicated to Council to maintain

### ***How does Council decide on where to prioritise new infrastructure?***

Council receives hundreds of requests a month to investigate walking, cycling and other transport matters. Council must ensure limited available funds are put to best use.

#### ***Infrastructure provided by Council***

The City's new population growth strategy, Imagine Lake Mac, developed in partnership with the community over a number of years, directs Council to focus investment in and around the City's economic centres, and to improve connectivity between centres. Imagine Lake Mac aligns with State Government plans for the region.

Council's current walking and cycling infrastructure works program is guided by the City's Footpath Strategy 2013-2023 and Cycling Strategy 2012-2021. These are currently being reviewed.

#### ***Infrastructure provided by development***

Council's Development Control Plan requires certain development to construct pedestrian and cycling infrastructure. This includes, for example, new residential estates on the fringe of the City, as well as infill development in existing areas. Certain areas around the City's economic centres must adhere to Streetscape Master Plans, which require wider footpaths and other features to improve local walking and cycling opportunities.

Council also collects contribution funds from certain developments, which are used to fund new infrastructure as guided by the City's Development Contributions Plans.

### ***Get involved***

We are reviewing the current Footpath and Cycling Strategies in 2019-2021.

Future strategies will retain a focus on areas of high need, integrating different transport modes and addressing safety issues.

We will be asking for feedback from the community. Stay up to date with opportunities to have your say by registering for updates at [shape.lakemac.com.au](https://shape.lakemac.com.au).

Council is also preparing Transport Management Plans for each centre investigating walking, cycling and other transport needs. Refer to our Transport Management Plans and parking restrictions fact sheet for more information.

#### ***For more information***

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