

North West Coastal Pathway

Connecting Latrobe to Wynyard

Benefits of a North West Coastal Pathway :

Improving connections between our communities

Encouraging healthy lifestyles

Creating new tourist experiences

Providing alternative transport

Key dates:

30 April

Information gathering phase completed

30 June

Information analysis phase completed

30 November

Pathway master plan completed (includes a period for collecting feedback on a draft plan)

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What is the North West Coastal Pathway project?

The State Government's Trails and Bikeways Program at Sport and Recreation Tasmania has awarded a grant to the Cradle Coast Authority to develop a 'master plan' for a North West Coastal Pathway. This project will assess different routes and construction methods for a shared walking/cycling path between Latrobe and Wynyard. It will also propose access and management arrangements across different land types and planning jurisdictions.

Latrobe, Devonport City, Central Coast, Burnie and Waratah-Wynyard Councils are also contributing funds and information to help develop the pathway plan. The North West Coastal Pathway plan will take into account existing and proposed sections of pathway already in the Cradle Coast region.

What will be the outcomes of this project?

This project will provide the Local Councils with a plan that is the first building block for a completed North West Coastal Pathway. The plan will include routes, infrastructure and cost estimates that could be used by Councils in construction proposals and funding applications.

What route will the path take?

The route is unknown at this stage, however the path will aim to cater to a wide range of interests and user groups while linking coastal towns between Latrobe and Wynyard. It's possible that not everyone's expectations will be met with the recommended path route and sometimes there may be a need to divert the route for safety, environmental, land tenure or financial reasons. The plan will assess different route options and the project team is committed to listening to different views and providing feedback on route alternatives.

Whilst the route will not always directly follow the beach-front it will generally follow a path through the coastal zone and provide a link between the coastal towns of the Cradle Coast region.

When will the pathway be completed?

The master plan was expected to be ready by end August, but due to unforeseen changes in project management, will now be delivered by end November 2010. Construction of the North West Coastal Pathway is then dependent on the Councils and/or Cradle Coast Authority securing additional funding.

How and when can I get involved?

During the information gathering phase and to allow development of a draft plan, participation will be limited to those who may be directly affected by a potential pathway route. These parties will be approached by the project team.

Once a draft plan is prepared wider consultation will be sought. The Cradle Coast Authority web site will include updates on the progress of the plan so that interested people can stay informed. Visit www.cradlecoast.com/latest_news.html

