



Media Release

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Council goes ahead with river pathway

Shoalhaven City Council will proceed with a \$323,000 river pathway along the majestic Shoalhaven River.

The river pathway will extend for 1.1 kilometres along the Shoalhaven River between Ferry Lane under the Shoalhaven River Bridge to join up with Council's existing pathway network west of the bridge and pathways that link to Nowra's CBD.

Druce DP Pty Ltd has been awarded the tender for the construction of the two metre wide river path.

Shoalhaven City Mayor Councillor Paul Green said the construction of a river path way will help many citizens enjoy the wonderful pursuit of walking or cycling alongside the Shoalhaven River.

"Council is keen to see the Shoalhaven River become the backdrop for many wonderful activities," Cllr Green said. "As part of our strategy to encourage a healthy and active community we are putting substantial efforts in shaping an enjoyable and breathtaking pathway along our river.

"This work is also aligned with our cycleway and footpath program throughout the city where Council has been active in gaining Federal funding and providing its own funding for pathways which will help our citizens access their towns and villages and also help people enjoy a cycle or walk.

"Not only will the pathway bring healthy benefits to many citizens in the short term it will provide good employment opportunities through the local contractor, Druce DP who was awarded the tender."

The Shoalhaven River Path project is one of a number of projects being undertaken under the Federal Government's Job Fund Program, which provide funding. Council received \$150,000 (in two allocations) from the National Bike Path Project in the Local Jobs stream of the Jobs Fund. The funding is provided by the Federal Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government.

The pathway alongside the river will be sandstone coloured and will generally be aligned to the top of the existing levee bank on the eastern side of the bridge and connecting to the Princes Highway/Shoalhaven Bridge. The western portion of the path will link existing pathways on the Shoalhaven River to the Princes Highway, Bridge Road and the Nowra CBD. Construction is planned to begin in early April be completed by 30 May 2010.

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