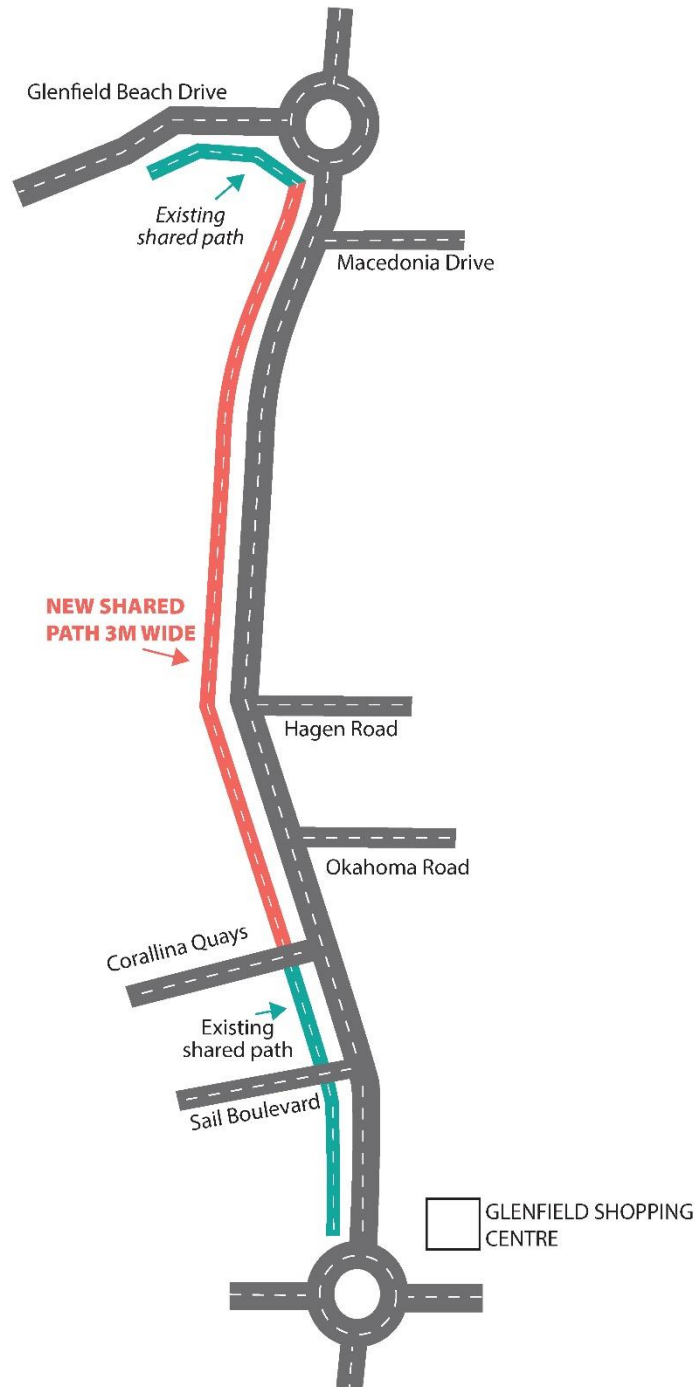


Chapman Road Shared Path

Draft Design Feedback Report



Background

For more than 10 years, the community has been requesting an off-road shared path that will enable people to ride or walk from Sunset Beach Drummond Cove. This path is also identified as priorities the Geraldton 2050 Cycling Strategy.

The Chapman Road Shared Path Project is part of the State Government's \$4.24 million Geraldton Cycling Network Expansion Project that will expand the City's Cycling Network by 8.3kms through the delivery of the Chapman Road Shared Path, a shared path on Glenfield Beach Drive between Hillview Drive and Chapman Road and an shared path from Cape Burney to Tarcoola Beach.

Draft Design

The Chapman Road Shared Path will be approximately 3.5km long path. It will connect directly into the recently completed shared path at Corallina Quays in Sunset Beach and run north along the west side of Chapman Road to connect into the shared path at the Glenfield Beach Drive roundabout. The 3m wide shared path will be separated from Chapman Road by a buffer strip. Cyclists, walkers, joggers and skaters will then be able to move in and out of the suburb along the shared path between the Chapman Road and Hillview Drive roundabouts being constructed before the end of June 2022.

Community Engagement

Following the 15% completion of the Chapman Road Shared Path draft design the City engaged with the community regarding the location or alignment of the path. The engagement involved online and hardcopy feedback forms and a drop-in information session held on Saturday 14 May 2022 at the John Batten Community Hall in Drummond Cove.

The opportunities to provide feedback on the draft design were promoted with a media release issued on 5 May 2022 followed by a social media campaign and advertisements in local newspapers on 10, 11, 13 and 20 May 2022. 64 emails inviting feedback on the design were sent to cycling groups, community groups, area schools and interested persons. Letters inviting feedback were also letter box dropped to 200 residents and businesses located along the route and at each end of the project area. 30 letters were mailed to property owners within this catchment whose mailing address is different to their property address.

The feedback period was open for 25 Days from 5 May to 30 May 2022 and 120 responses were received.

Three community members and three Councillors attended the drop-in information session.

Feedback at a Glance

During the 25 day public comment period, a total of 123 people provided their feedback on the draft design.

Project Support

Of the 123 respondents the majority who provided feedback, 99% or 122 persons, supported the construction on the shared path. The one person who did not proposed using the money for a jetty instead.

Alignment/Design

Six respondents did not support the alignment along the west side of Chapman Road. Four respondents said the path should run through Rum Jungle and two respondents said the path should be located along the coast.

Six respondents said the path should be surfaced with asphalt (i.e. using recycled materials).

Five respondents commented the shared path should be a minimum of three meters wide.

Safety

23 respondents mentioned the buffer area between the shared path and Chapman Road. Of these:

- 17 said physical barriers such as vegetation, fences, differences in height between road and the path surfaces or kerbing should be used to prevent vehicles from entering/driving on the shared path.
- Ten said the buffer zone width should be as wide as possible.
- Three mentioned drainage could be an issue.

15 respondents said lighting should be installed.

Six respondents said that way finding and path use safety signage be installed.

Four respondents said that lines (i.e. centre line) be painted on the path.

Three respondents suggested the speed limit on Chapman Road be reduced.

One respondents said CCTV should be installed along the path.

Other Amenities

Eight respondents mentioned the need for shade along the path. Of these, five requested the existing trees to be kept for shade.

Seven requested drink fountains.

Four requested bench seating.

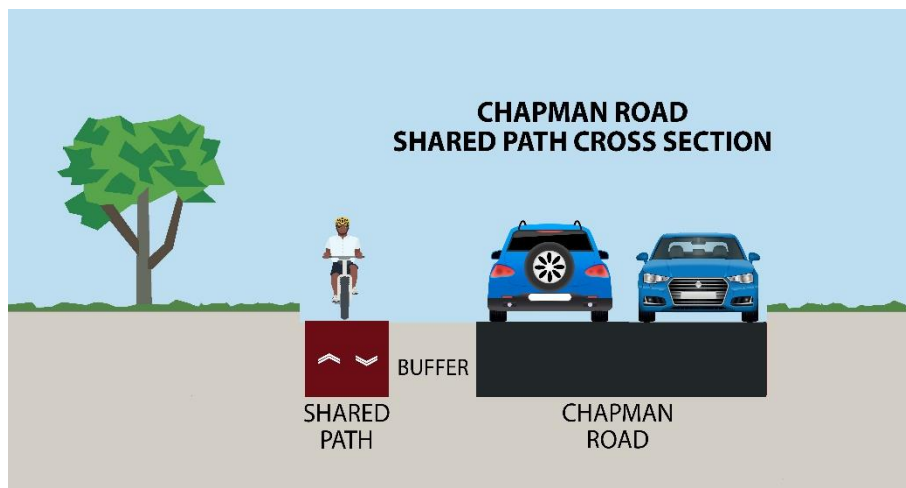
Two requested rubbish bins with dog poo bag dispensers.

One requested a bicycle repair station.

Path Extensions

12 respondents requested the path be extended past Glenfield Beach Drive. Of these:


- Ten said the path should go to Reef Boulevard and/or Bayside Boulevard.
- Three said it should go to the 440 Road House.
- One said a path along Macedonia Drive to the Leaning Tree School should be built.



Individual Feedback

Good to see progress finally being made on the path.
It would be nice if the path could run along the foreshore but I understand why it can't.
It's great to see external funding paying for this project.
Great design.
How wide is the buffer zone between Chapman Road and the path? It needs to be wider as it is a 90km speed area on that road
Lighting. Security cameras considering bush land adjacent. Drink fountain for dogs. Shaded seating halfway.
Make it wider than the other paths.
No it looks great.
No, looks good.
Great idea.
We think this is a wonderful plan.
Maybe extend it to the 440 but apart from that it looks great.
Looks great.
Looks great! Can't wait to use it! The only thing I would like to see is signage and markings 1. To keep left, 2. Bikes to ring their bell, 3. Dogs to be kept on lead. Some rubbish bins and sitting/viewing rest area along the way would be great too! Thanks
Wonderful idea and great for families' 👨👩👧 and visitors.
Love it!
Thank you for committing to the extension of the Chapman Road shared path. This extension is very important for cyclists' safety and will support healthy lifestyle options for residents of the City of Greater Geraldton as identified in the Geraldton 2050 Cycling Strategy. As a resident of Sunset Beach, I support the shared path being a shared 2-way design. I'm sure the design will be consistent with the existing path and meets road safety standards. Thank you for following this up and obtaining funding from the State Government. I look forward to seeing & using the completed path in 2023. Thank you kindly.
Build it already and continue build to link suburbs so we can keep cyclists and trucks separate and safe. Great idea just needs to be rolled out.
The distance from the road and style of the shared path along the new section of road from Gin Gin to Perth (north Tonkin) would be great, but appreciate land ownership issues may not allow this. Feel a wide buffer from the road would be wise - 10m plus. Not only would this improve ambience of the ride and safety, it would also allow for growth into the future of Chapman Road. Could leave in some of the existing trees for shade and vegetation. Traffic management strategies and road and driveway intersections that support the riders/walkers may encourage them to use this new facility rather than still choosing the road and getting in the way of vehicles.
Safety concerns for antisocial behaviour if the pathway isn't well lit at night. Safety concerns for pathway users near the road without some form of barricading on the pathway.
More trees or a fence separating the road and the cycleway.
Fantastic plan. Can't happen soon enough.
Too close to the road, would be so much nicer if it was closer to the beach.
Yes, make it straight. And connect to the road as well near sunset so that fast bikes can come from the road onto the track. Have a good size buffer between the road and path preferably with trees in between as cars drive fast there. Have sign post with distance or on the road for joggers.
We, the Macedonian Society of Geraldton, are pleased that the shared path is going to be installed but would like to put forward our concerns with the current flooding/drainage situation between Chapman Road and the eastern perimeter of our grounds which you may be aware of and we would like to see resolved.

Make sure you put in a fence on the buffer zone. Chapman Road in this area has traffic doing 90km/hr.
Make sure there are some benches along the way for people to sit down if needed. A water fountain or refill would be great. A bike tool kit and pump like near AJs would be awesome. Thanks
Great idea. Would be excellent for the path to be extended to the new section of Drummonds i.e. from the roundabout at Glenfield Beach Drive to Reef Boulevard. Would also be great to know if there is any planned lighting to be installed along the path? That section of road is very dark.
Looks good.
Super happy to see this happening! From the description and the image, it's difficult to tell if this path will be on the verge, or whether the road will be extended out. If it's at road level, it would be good to have a gutter or slightly raised area between car lanes and the path, as cars don't always keep within the lines in my experience.
Please do it.
Would be a good idea to have public streetlights to see where you are going at night or early morning.
Sounds fantastic, I hope the speed limit on the Chapman road to Drummond can be reduced to 70km, they don't call it the "mad mile" for nothing.
So definitely needed, as a Chapman Road resident I'm surprised no one has been hit on this road already. The cycle and pedestrian usage particularly at night is high past the end of the existing pathway. Just need to ensure the path can't be driven on directly off of the road.
Will there be any lighting along the path?
Looks good can't wait to use it.
Fantastic initiative! Keep the large eucalypt intact opposite Okahoma drive.
I think the project is fabulous and congrats to the City of Geraldton for supporting this initiative. This will be a game changer for the community. I think the start and finish points are excellent it protects riders along the most vulnerable section of Chapman Road. My only question or concerns are regarding the buffer between Chapman Road and the path. If it's too close it's a safety risk, but more importantly it should not be set back into the Rum Jungle it should be visible throughout its length to vehicle traffic for the personal safety of users and more importantly children riding on the path. In addition to that of it's in the bush and not visible to vehicles on Chapman Road it may encourage unlicensed and unregistered motorbike and quad bike riders to use it as a means to connect from sunset beach to Drummonds beach and sand dunes making it hazardous for walkers and cyclists.
I've noticed that the existing shared pathway at Glenfield Beach Drive is narrower than the proposed 3m section along Chapman Road. I'm assuming it will be upgraded otherwise there will be a pinch point and potential safety issue between users. Also, the pathway along Glenfield Beach Drive doesn't link with the pathways at Hillview Drive i.e. gap between the pathways. This short section should be included in the project. Please don't use concrete for the pathway as it is harsh on joints when jogging and walking. Asphalt is a much better surface as it will absorb some of the jarring and is much easier to walk and jog along.
I would like to see the buffer zone between the shared path and Chapman Road be big enough to accommodate the planting of trees and shrubs. This would greatly improve user safety by being a physical barrier while also improving the user experience, rather than just riding next to a road.
Ideally the width of the buffer zone needs to be 3-4m to ensure safety between cars and cycles/pedestrians. Great to have the pathway finally being realised.
Only I think it should go up to the 440.
A dividing dotted line down the middle? Can't wait, thanks so much!
Looking forward to the rest of it when it joins up further south.
Would appreciate if the path is buffered from the road by a decent width, at least 4m.
Fantastic and much needed cycling/ walking infrastructure. Would love to see native vegetation planted in the buffer zone between the road and path, including native trees to create a canopy where space

permits. A dividing lane with occasional markings reminding people to stay left would be a good safety feature
The buffer should be separated from the road 'vehicles' with a curb so vehicles cannot easily crossover onto the shared path. Clear signage advising to keep left and for bicycles to ring a bell when approaching pedestrians. Fully lit from Sunset to Drummond's so the path can be used at night.
Will there be any street lighting along the new path?
Great idea with the buffer, as long as it is a good distance from the road. And at 3m wide it sounds like a safe path for everyone to use.

Absolutely required and width should be 4 metres wide.
It looks perfect. Much needed. The buffer needs to be slightly raised, in case cars drift across.
Trees or shrubs should be planted along the pathway between the Chapman road and the pathway for both walker and rider protection.
Would be great if it could extend up Macedonia Drive to Leaning Tree Steiner School to keep the children safe that are travelling to and from school
A really welcome addition for the Sunset / Glenfield/ Drummonds area. We have lots of cyclists in our area who will love this, and as a family with young children we look forward to being able to be connected via the shared path to other members of our family who live along the newly planned path. This path will also help children traveling from the Sunset / Drummonds area to the Leaning Tree school in Glenfield, providing them a safe and easily accessible way to travel by foot or bike to school. A great initiative! Thank you!
The best shared paths in Geraldton are those with minimal, smooth expansion joints or none at all, allowing ease of use for all modes of wheeled transport, including small wheeled skates and blades. Thanks!
Would be nice if it went through rum jungle. Keep the greenery for a beautiful ride
It needs to go further. Up until reef boulevard so as to allow safe access to the rest of Drummond cove. Stopping there doesn't allow easy access to the newer part of Drummonds. It can't cost that much more to take it that bit further.
Needs to go further along to Reef Boulevard and Bayside Boulevard. It is all Drummonds!
Being a cyclist of many years and residing in Drummond Cove for 14 years I cannot wait for this plan to become a reality!
Looks great, will there be trees planted in the buffer area as has been done along Sunset? Is there any chance of the path continuing further north to Reef Boulevard?
Supportive of this. Be mindful of flooding experienced along this route. Suggest some solar lights (for safety) and a water fountain and bin if possible. Drummond Cove resident, runner and cyclist.
Comments around gaps in existing shared paths. Can the path on NWCH run down toward Glenfield shopping centre on left hand side of the road? There is room. It's messy trying to cross at the top roundabout then use foot path then cross at bottom round about. Also when you get to Chapman Road south end of Spalding Park and want to get to beach there is no option but footpaths, drive ways etc. good job though extending the shared path network. Thanks.
Please hurry up.
Full support. This dangerous stretch of road prevents me from cycling to work.
Just make sure the expansion gaps are not too wide!
This would be great if it could continue to Reef Boulevard or Drummond Cove Road as there is just bush just between Drummond Cove and Chapman Road after Glenfield Beach Drive.
Perhaps use this project as an example to demonstrate Geraldton as a cycling friendly city. Include promotion on cycle way connection across the city.

<p>Kindly remove graveyard like memorials. Periodical, gentle and succinct reminders of "shared path, keep left, maintain situational awareness. Maybe the odd drinking station/fountain, with small feature garden and a place to rest, sit and possibly set aside situational awareness and enjoy the moment before heading on with Ones journey. Oh and dog poo bags and bin and encouragement.</p> <p>I heard a rumour decades ago, that the date palms that are situated midpoint, where planted by "Mohamad" (as in Mahomets Flats) as part of the camel train resting point. Could be a point of interest if researched and build up the "myth". Cheers, Steve P.S. multi use pump and jump along the way, to spice things up if budget allows, for those seeking a little more challenge and joy from life.</p>
<p>Excellent idea. Need one on Mark Street Beresford to connect Wonthella and the Foreshore parallel to Chapman Road. This is popular, but has only sections that are safe at the moment.</p>
<p>I fully support it.</p>
<p>Why is it just going to Glenfield and not Drummond Cove?</p>
<p>Roll isn't idea and I don't even ride a bike but I can see the value of getting bikes off that dangerous 3 kilometre stretch of cars doing 90kph. Well done.</p>
<p>While 3 metres is better than nothing I note that recent PSP installs in Perth are 4 or more metres wide. Given the boom in e scooters etc. I would suggest that this path will create a further boom and therefore would strongly recommend that it is wider than initially anticipated. As the clichés goes "build it and they will come"</p>
<p>That is safe for all users with walking, pedal & the very popular E vehicles.</p>
<p>Looks great, get it built please!</p>
<p>Have proper signage like ring your bell when approaching others etc.</p>
<p>Great idea. Looking forward to the Cape Burney to Geraldton shared path as well.</p>
<p>No comments on design but it is an excellent idea.</p>
<p>About time. Much safer for cyclists and pedestrians. Can I suggest trimming the trees right now? I drive that stretch at least twice a day and see cyclists who prefer to stay off the road being forced on the road because the trees are over grown.</p>
<p>This path is a great idea and a long time coming. Please keep in mind this route is well travelled by competitive cyclists at the moment. Once a shared path is built, the competitive cyclists will most likely continue to use the road as it will be safer than riding on the path at 40kmph with recreational users. Because of this, some motorist become incredibly hostile towards cyclists when they are riding on the road instead of the path supplied. So a new path is great but it does not suit all. So an improvement to the shoulders of Chapman Road and a reduction in the speed limit would be ideal as well as a new path. The speed limit on Chapman Road is ridiculously high given there is the National #1 Highway running parallel that is designed for more traffic to use safely at speed. A reduction of the speed limit on Chapman Road would encourage more motorists to use the highway. Safer for everyone. Have seen literally hundreds of motorists make risky moves of Chapman Road. No surprises there's crosses on the side of the road. Planning can save lives.</p>
<p>Minimal wildlife impact.</p>
<p>It would be great if it went up to Reef Boulevard.</p>
<p>Will there be trees or plants planted in the buffer zone? How wide is the buffer? Moving to Glenfield soon really wanting an awesome pathway for riding for exercise, fun and a purpose. Thanks.</p>
<p>Integration with nature would be great. Going through a tree tunnel or various plants along the way etc.</p>
<p>I think it is a great idea! Long overdue! Will street lights be installed also as this is a dark stretch of road and the western side of the road is next to some dense bush which can make that area look darker than usual? Lighting would be helpful to drivers and shared path users.</p>
<p>Having street lights along this footpath would be ideal for cyclists and motorists travelling early mornings/evenings.</p>
<p>Would love to see recycled aggregate used i.e. glass/plastic used in either concrete or bitumen pathways taking a forward step for the environment.</p>

Yes, it needs to meet the current standards for a recreational shared path. 3m wide, 30mm compacted red asphalt 1%, with a 300mm compacted shoulder, gravel or limestone, the latter preferred as it's dieback free.
Great width and looks like a good distance from road.
A shared path which is a bit wider would be great as some bicycle riders are very fast. But really looking forward to it. Will definitely be using it to cycle into town.
Is there any physical separation between the road and the path, such as kerbing?
Put the money towards the proposed jetty. Too few will use the path.
I think it is a great idea, no problems with the design. Have been waiting years for a path along this area.
Great idea. Save lives as a narrow road.
It is a great path and well awaited from Drummond residents. My additional is to please cross over Glenfield beach drive and connect to the existing footpath at the top of the hill on bayside boulevard
The buffer should include a visual barrier (i.e. trees and shrubs) so cars can easily differentiate between the shared path and the road. Should include seating. What about a parking bay where a coffee van could park for weekend users. Or a little playground as a half way point. Some families with little kids may not be able to ride the whole way, so a half way turn around destination with coffee van would be good. Why there isn't a Cafe in Drummonds or Glenfield so there is a destination and reason for riders/walkers from the city end to use the path? I already ride regularly from Drummonds to town and return so I'm very happy not to chance it on Chapman Rd any more. Can't wait!! 🍷
Drinking water fountains about every kilometre would help me on my runs, thanks.
Please don't cut down to many tree and lighting would be great.
What distance is it between the pedestrian paths and vehicle road? Maybe there should be either trees planted or fences in the buffer zone since the vehicles travel at higher speeds in this stretch and kids have something to keep than away. Have wider than normal pathways if possible, a defib or 2 somewhere is a great idea, and possible street lights along the path. Please no low lying shrubs to hide snakes near the path. Thanks for letting us easily put in any feedback or ideas!
No question as the design supplied is minimal. I am interested to revive updates.
Fantastic that this is being done. Thank you!!! Is there any reason it isn't continuing north up to the 440 roadhouse and joining the existing path on Bayside boulevard?
I think it's an excellent idea but needs to be sufficiently covered with lighting all through that area.
As far away from the road as possible please.
Who wants to ride alongside a busy road with traffic going at 90km/hr. The path needs to be sited to run along behind the dunes. Look at where the shared cycle path runs between Hillary's and Mullaloo.... behind the dunes.
Water fountain along the route.
This would be a great way to develop the northern part of the city and encourages exercise.
Looks good. Looking forward to it being done.
Looks good! Can't wait!
No good plan.
Perhaps the technology of glow in the Dark paths like in Europe. It could potentially save a fair bit of money on lighting infrastructure while the town infills between Glenfield and sunset.
Great project. It would be great to have parts going through the inner parts of the Rum Jungle as it would create nice nature experience cycling or walking through this type of vegetation. Hint for construction: due to loamy soils pay special attention to construction, apply thicker layer of base course or drainage layer and ensure good dry back of base course prior sealing otherwise it is cracking and falling apart as near Chapman river bridge. Thanks.
Lighting along that road would definitely offer protection now. But putting a path there (that will encourage bikes), without any lighting, would almost seem extremely dangerous.

One would hope the buffer is wide, with cars travelling at 90km/h we need to make this safe. Can we please see the width of the buffer?
Just do it already.
Very happy with the design. Hopefully will tidy up the Rum Jungle verge and stop hoons and rubbish dumping to. Looking forward to it.
Extremely happy the path is soon to be commenced. Can you give an estimated start and completion date please and if possible could a centre line be painted along the length of the path? Many thanks.
It would be nice to have trees for shade and solar powered lights when it's dark.
Plans look good. Get it built.
Great news finally connecting DC to sunset.
It's great that this is finally being constructed and will be a big asset to people living north or sunset beach i.e. Drummonds Cove and Glenfield.
Can't wait for it to happen.
<p>Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Chapman Road shared path draft design. We have completed a review of the proposed design and are happy to endorse the draft design, on the basis that a coastal pathway isn't viable. Could the City provide details on feasibility assessments for a coastal route? As part of our review we have identified a number of considerations that should be incorporated into the design or be completed as auxiliary projects: The project should incorporate trees to provide shade along the path. The trees will need to be offset and selected to reduce risk associated with root damage. The path needs to connect to a Drummonds Cove shared path network or cycling infrastructure that will make Drummonds a cycling destination. Many of the existing paths on the Drummonds / Glenfield foreshore can be used to create this. Future developments should connect to the foreshore shared path. Activation of City wide cycling infrastructure through route delineation, way finding and destination marketing to create Geraldton as a cycling destination. Once this project is complete we will have a coastal cycling path from Glendinning road to Drummonds. Over the longer term when development occurs west of Chapman road, the City should work with land developers to create a coastal shared path. GCA's understanding is that a coastal cycling path west of Chapman road is desirable, but at this stage isn't viable (information on this requested above). We would like to see detail on the buffer zone as detailed in the typical cross section. The buffer zone needs to be designed to deter vehicles from accessing the path from Chapman road and to deter bikes accessing Chapman road from the shared path. The path needs to be designed to be suitable for families and in the near future e-ridable use will increase. We would like to see details on road drainage that will presumably be in the buffer zone and how the shared path may be impacted. The Geraldton Cycling Advocacy is excited to see this project progressing and we are looking forward to continuing to work with the City as the design progresses.</p>