

# Concept plan for the Port Macquarie Foreshore Walkway: Town Green to Kooloonbung Creek Footbridge.



## What is the Port Macquarie Foreshore Walkway?

The Port Macquarie foreshore is one of the key public spaces in our region. The frequently trafficked walkway from the Kooloonbung Creek footbridge to Town Beach caters to a variety of users. The space currently provides a vital link between the Port Macquarie Town Centre and the surrounding residential/accommodation areas, and functions as a gateway into the CBD connecting the Town Beach, the Breakwall, Town Green, Kooloonbung Creek and Gordon Street, and links to the Westport foreshore and Marina precinct.

The entire walkway is a key public open space within the Port Macquarie foreshore area, includes moorings and docking of charter vessels, combining commercial with recreational activities, utilised by visitors and residents alike. While the space operates satisfactorily on some levels, there are significant opportunities to enhance this area to ensure it fulfils its role as the premier open space within Port Macquarie.

## The key objectives are:

- to create an attractive widened pedestrian walkway that provides for a variety of users (children, families, exercisers/active users, disabled and the elderly), enhances the amenity of the space and offers provision of shade, lighting, and seating
- to encourage improvements and enhancements of the wharf and mooring area and the visual aspects and pedestrian connectivity to create a memorable journey experience.

## What steps have already occurred?

Over the last 20 years the streetscape and landscape in the CBD have been upgraded significantly due to the implementation of the previous exhibited Town Centre Master Plan (TCMP) which encourages 'Putting Feet on the Street' and improvements to key local areas including the Port Macquarie foreshore.

Port Macquarie-Hastings Council has embarked on an extensive process seeking community input into concepts around the foreshore area since the first inception of the *Town Centre Master Plan* in 1992.

The **Concept Plan** for the Foreshore Walkway, as endorsed by Council, is the result of **consultation with the Department of Primary Industries — Lands** and includes extensive previous community engagement through:

- Council's TCMP
- Lands' Hastings Regional Crown Reserve Precinct A Plan of Management
- Council's Foreshore Master Plan.

The *Port Macquarie Foreshore Walkway* builds on the previous concepts and incorporates the extensive and detailed community feedback around them.

## The Proposal at a Glance

- Upgrade and refresh the current walkway.
- Encouraging community and economic connection through the implementation of a promenade aspect and al fresco dining.
- Provide shade and weather protection as well as seating, drinking fountains and other facilities to enhance the amenity of space for pedestrians.
- Remains aware of relevant heritage items and other elements important to the local community and is consistent with existing interpretations within the CBD.
- Ensure ease of access for a variety of users including children, families, exercisers, disabled and the elderly.
- Improve the mooring and wharf area.



## **Who will fund the works?**

Funding for **Concept Plan** of the *Port Macquarie Foreshore Walk*, is sourced from a special tax levied on the property owners of the CBD called the 'Town Centre Master Plan Reserve Fund'. This fund is administered by the TCMP Sub-Committee made up by representatives from the community, CBD landholders, Port Macquarie Chamber of Commerce, CBD traders and Council staff.

## **How can I obtain more information?**

The *Port Macquarie Foreshore Walkway: Town Green to Kooloonbung Creek Footbridge* will be on public exhibition from January 7 through to February 19 2016.

The exhibition includes:

- The *Port Macquarie Foreshore Walkway: Town Green to Kooloonbung Creek Footbridge Plan* document
- Site plan
- Fact Sheet

This exhibition will be available at your local Port Macquarie-Hastings council office, library and online at [www.pmhclisting.com.au](http://www.pmhclisting.com.au).

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## **How can I have my say?**

Council invites members of the public, local business and industry to make formal submissions in relation to the *Port Macquarie Foreshore Walkway: Town Green to Kooloonbung Creek Footbridge Plan* prior to close of business Friday 19 February 2016.

Submissions may be made in writing to:

General Manager  
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Or email to: [council@pmhc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@pmhc.nsw.gov.au)

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