

Tathra Wharf and Headland Revised Precinct Plan

Listening Report – September 2022

Introduction

Council is developing a precinct plan to improve pedestrian circulation, connectivity, and wayfinding at the Tathra wharf and headland.

In December 2021, Council finalised a draft precinct plan and sought feedback from the community from December to February 2022.

There was divided support for the draft precinct plan, with 42% showing no support, 34% showing support in part, and 24% supportive of the plan in its entirety. It was clear that the draft precinct plan did not meet community needs and that further work was needed.

A listening report (February 2022) summarised critical insights from the public consultation. Council used this information to inform a revised precinct plan. The main themes were to retain parking on Wharf Road, consider how the headland will link to lower Tathra, and maintain the headland's informality and coastal charm.

The scaled-back plan improved pedestrian movement by providing a shared path, road crossings, and wayfinding. Wharf Road remained open to cars. Parking was retained along one side – allowing the other side closest to the ocean views to act as a shared zone for cars and pedestrians. The intersections at Cliff Place, Bega Street, and Wharf Road were improved. The parking lot was removed, enhancing the visual amenity and improving the junction between Service Lane and Bega Street. Parking along Bega Street was connected to a shared pathway connecting people to destinations easily. Accessible parking spots were placed at the wharf, memorial park, Tathra Hotel, and Beach Street shops and linked directly to the path network.

Council released the revised precinct plan for public consultation from 5 August to 18 September 2022 and sought feedback from the community. Additionally, we completed an options study for a walkway from lower to upper Tathra which was released in conjunction with the revised precinct plan.

A survey was provided on Have Your Say including five questions. It allowed people to provide feedback on whether they supported the revised precinct plan, walkway options, and why.

26 submissions were received via survey and 14 submissions were received via email.

Key insights from the engagement are summarised in this listening report. This information will be used to inform a final precinct plan.

Key insights from the community

Key insights from the community and key themes are provided below.

1. Where do you reside?

I live in Tathra	69.33%	18
I live elsewhere in the Bega Valley Shire	30.77%	8
I'm a visitor	00.00%	0
	Answered	26
	Skipped	0

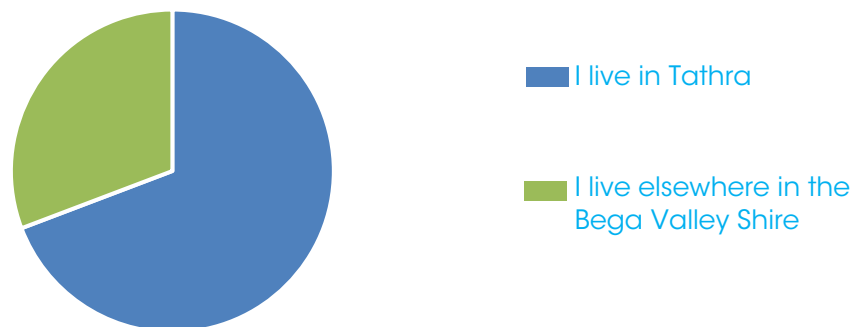


Figure 1: Responses to Question 1: Where do you reside?

2. Do you support the revised precinct plan?

Yes	50.00%	13
No	7.69%	2
In part	42.31%	11
	Answered	26
	Skipped	0

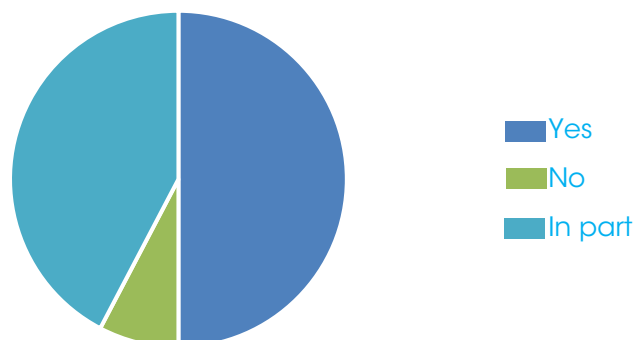


Figure 2: Response to Question 2: Do you support the revised precinct plan?

3. Provide a reason why.

The below is a summary of the key themes received against this question. They are in no order of precedence.

<i>Key Themes</i>	<i>Responses</i>
<i>Retained character</i>	Many felt that the revised plan was a good balance between achieving improvements and retaining the character.
<i>Removal of carpark opposite the hotel</i>	There was a mixed response regarding the removal of the car park opposite the Tathra Hotel. Generally, submissions were in favour of removing the car park and improving on-street parking along Bega Street.
<i>Wharf Road</i>	There was support for the parking along the southern side of Wharf Road. Many appreciated the compromise between improving the walking and cycling access and retaining some parking.
<i>Path linking to the beach</i>	There was a mixed response on whether the goat track from Wharf Road to Tathra Beach needed formalising or not. Overall, it was clear that careful consideration of its alignment through the parkland was required.
<i>Cliff Place</i>	Some felt that the charm of Cliff Place would be impacted, and that careful consideration of the shared zone and materials was required to retain the character.
<i>Bega Street one-way</i>	Some submissions requested that Council retain the two-way along Bega Street as the main road into the headland. While other responses supported the change in traffic conditions.
<i>Loop Road</i>	Some submissions were disappointed that the loop road in the previous plan had been removed.
<i>Memorial Park</i>	General dislike of the existing rock garden and the blue furniture at the Memorial Park.

4. Which walkway option would you like Council to explore further?

Option 1	34.62%	9
Option 2	7.69%	2
Option 3	11.54%	3
Option 4	3.85%	1
I don't want you to build a walkway	11.54%	3
Neither, I have another idea	30.77%	8
	Answered	26
	Skipped	0

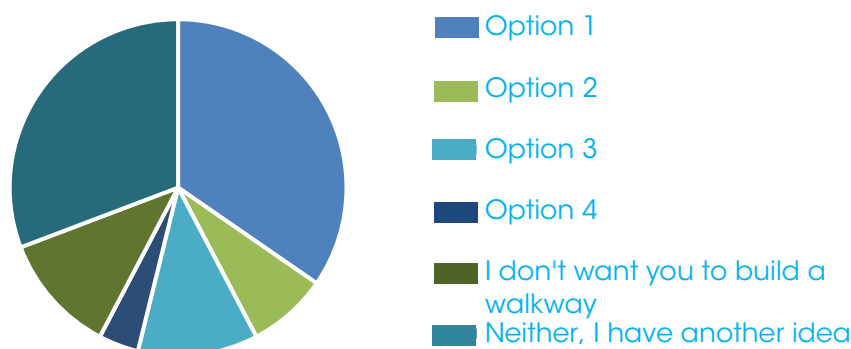


Figure 3: Response to Question 4: Which walkway option would you like council to explore further?

Other ideas

Other ideas included following the alignment of Andy Poole Drive more closely.

5. What would you like council to consider in the next phase of walkway planning and development?

The below is a summary of the key themes received against this question. They are in no order of precedence.

Key Themes	Responses
<i>No DDA compliant path</i>	Overall, the majority of submissions understood that a DDA compliant path was not achievable, however a path without steps was desired.
<i>Switchbacks</i>	Switchbacks should be limited where possible and the path designed to accommodate bike turning.
<i>Informal trail</i>	Explore option two as an informal trail or beginner mountain bike track.

What's Next?

A final precinct plan will be developed based on feedback and a council report will be submitted to the Council for formal endorsement.

Council has allocated funding to complete Stage 2 of the project. A timeline for next steps is outlined below.



Timeline for Works

Nov – Dec 2022	Finalise precinct plan and walkway options study based on feedback received.
Jan – Feb 2023	Submit to Council for formal endorsement / 28 day public exhibition.
Mar 2023 onwards	Seek external funding to implement.

Thank You for Your Feedback

26 people
provided survey
submissions

14 people
provided email
responses