



Weddin Active Transport Plan

WEDDIN SHIRE - 2018

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Executive summary

The Weddin Shire is located in the Central West Region of NSW and is home to around 3,750 people, spread over a relatively large area of 3,410 square kilometres. The Weddin Shire includes the townships and localities of Bimbi, Bumbaldry, Caragabal, Greenethorpe, Grenfell, Marsden and Quandialla.

Travel patterns are dispersed across the shire and the road network can become quite busy, particularly in summer harvest, peak shopping times, school zones times and around weekend sporting and community events.

The Weddin Shire community is considered to have high car dependency for both work and leisure. Despite this car dependency, many people in the Weddin Shire choose to walk or ride to work or school and to other local destinations such as their local shops, cafes, club, post office and town swimming pool. Using human power is a cheap and easy form of transport and brings other benefits such as improved fitness and personal health, positive environmental and road safety outcomes as well as social and economic benefits.

The Weddin Shire has a large network of constructed footpaths (particularly in the main centre of Grenfell) as well as a smaller cycling network. Public amenities, directional signage, water points, seating, bicycle racks, street trees and other facilities all support this network. Council is ideally positioned to enhance the pedestrian and cycling network throughout the shire, particularly around the areas of highest pedestrian and cycling activity.

The Weddin Active Transport Plan identifies a range of infrastructure improvements and social initiatives, aimed at enhancing pedestrian and cycling opportunities. Given there are limited funds available to undertake this work, the Plan proposes targeted improvements that are assessed to have the greatest benefits and user support.

Stakeholder engagement has already commenced through surveys, workshops and meetings with various agencies, interest groups and residents. Feedback received so far provides valuable insight on pedestrian and cycling behaviour, attitudes and aspirations. It suggests the community is supportive of a more comprehensive and safer active transport network throughout the Weddin Shire.

Public exhibition of the Weddin Active Transport Plan aims to highlight the issues and projects being recommended for action by Council and other stakeholder groups to improve opportunities for pedestrians and cyclists throughout the shire.



