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Safer school routes and vibrant art along Broome's new Frederick Street to Port Drive Shared Path



The Shire of Broome is proud to announce a major new shared path, delivering a safer, more accessible connection for residents and school students across town.

The Frederick Steet to Port Drive Shared Path project has been jointly funded by the State Government and the Shire of Broome as part of the Western Australian Bicycle Network (WABN) Grants Program. This 925 metre long, 3-metre-wide shared path runs along one of Broome's main roads and links the communities of Old Cable Beach with key destinations including St Mary's Primary School, Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre (BRAC), Broome Boulevard, and surrounding residential areas.

Designed for people walking, wheeling and riding, the new shared path supports the Shire's goal of enabling more active, liveable communities.

When combined with existing shared paths, it also provides an alternative route to several major destinations, including St Mary's Senior High School, Broome Senior High School, and Cable Beach Primary School.

While the path is now open to the public, some minor works remain temporarily unfinished in front of the new health centre due to ongoing construction at the site. Only minor disruptions are expected."

In addition to safety and connectivity upgrades, the path celebrates Broome's local culture and youth voices through a vibrant new mural by local artist Aisha's Art.

Developed through community consultation with local young people, the artwork brings the path to life with fun and interactive elements, and features motifs reflecting Broome's unique identity — including local plants and animals, beach and sunset imagery, and sporting themes to reflect the connection through to BRAC.

Divina D'Anna MLA Member for Kimberley said the path is a welcome and much needed addition to the shared path network.

"The new shared path is a great asset for Broome – it's safer, more accessible, and promotes active lifestyles while also celebrating the art and culture of our community."

"The project is about creating a healthier and more connected Broome by making it easier and more enjoyable to move through our town."

Shire of Broome President Chris Mitchell said the path project responds directly to community safety concerns.

"We've heard from parents, schools and community members about the need for safer routes to school and recreational spaces," Shire President Chris Mitchell said.

"This project not only improves safety for young people commuting to school or BRAC, but it also brightens the streetscape and reflects the vibrancy of Broome through the art created with and for our community."

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Background

The Broome Recreation Trails Masterplan was developed in 2016, mapping existing and proposed trails and nodes throughout Broome, with an emphasis on long-term strategic visions for trails and path networks. Development of this plan involved extensive community consultation, including members of the public and relevant local stakeholder groups. The masterplan focuses on providing safe and user-friendly connections between the major nodes, for example, Cable Beach tourist precinct and Chinatown, and BRAC and the schools. The plan also addresses recreational nodes and highlights major circuits used for exercising and training.

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