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Outcomes and Conclusions

Outcomes of our survey:

The survey period was open for approximately 4 weeks.

- We have received fantastic community support with 127 signatures on the petition / joint letter.
- 23 people have left comments, 19 positive, 2 negative and 2 not relevant or misconceived. 2 (one on social; media) people suggest extending the path to Manuka Street which the SPCG would also support.

We thank Councillor Sarah Gilligan and the various council officers for the ongoing support of our community and Council for considering our petition prayer to list the Sandy Point Road Safe Path Initiative on the SGSC Paths and Trails Strategy.

Comments

Name	Address	Comments
[REDACTED]	Murrumbeena	I often like shorter bike rides and the circuit one is ideal for that purpose. However, I often feel I am taking a big risk due to the blind corner and absolute proximity of cars that pass at high speeds. I prefer the straight road to Shallow Inlet from Ennisvale Rd because I regard it as being safer. Nonetheless, a round trip would be preferable and I'd support any move to slow the traffic and provide smoother verges alongside the road.
Name and address withheld		I agree action needs to be taken to make shared road use safer- many adults and children are riding bikes or walking along sandy point road and along telopea drive where the cars with trailers and boats go flying past and there is no room to get off the road.
[REDACTED]	Sandy Point	I hold my breath every time my children leave the house to ride in to town. It's such a dangerous road. Not to mention the blind bends and poor road conditions. Please fix these issues. It's easy.

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[REDACTED]		<p>This is stupid, the town ship is 40km you have many many km of beach to exercise and a safe track to the inlet to exercise. Why don't we just make Sandy point a gated community. Sandy Point is not what it used to be a beautiful place which wasn't known by the world.</p> <p>Why don't we focus on the self indulgent dog owners that ignore signs and take their dogs on the beach during peak times. This is not only holiday home owners but locals as well</p>
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Sandy Point VIC 3959	A dedicated path for pedestrians, runners and cyclists along the section of Sandy Point Road between Telopea Drive and Ennisvale Avenue would make the passage of all users much safer. As a regular cyclist along this road, the blind turns, combined with the traffic (especially vehicles towing boats, caravans, and trailers) makes this stretch particularly perilous.
[REDACTED]	From Hurstbridge.	<p>Simply widen the side of the roads which would make it more safe it's always been narrow been going there for 39 years now.</p> <p>Widen the side shoulders of the road in that area. Every time I come out of the estate at the corner near where the rubbish tip use to I always pray that no car comes around the corner in a hurry while towing the boat around the inlet.</p> <p>Third generation in the family going Sandy point.</p>
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Fish Creek	As a regular of the Sandy Point Road, walking my dog, and my niece trains around the streets of Sandy, it would be great to see a safe path for walkers, dog walkers and joggers, junior cyclists. It would create a safe loop and encourage more to get out and about.
Name and address withheld		The concept is worthy. A foot bike path would be the best option. Currently bike riders on that section of road NEED to wear high vis clothing and have lights front and rear of bike.
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED], Sandy Point	Currently this road is car only due to the lack of a path but it links roads in the township and there are properties on both sides of it.
[REDACTED]		Pesonally I don't this much of an issue. What armrest the "statistics" on events having occurred. I would prefer more focus was made on a path to connect SP to Waratah bay behind the dunes. That's a much better a appealing option than bikes on the main rd.

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Michelle Gilmore		Please make the road safer
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Sandy Point, 3959	In addition to the proposals put forward by the Sandy Point Community group I would like to see the speed limit reduced to 40 kph at the start of Telopea Drive when cars turn off Sandy Point Road. It makes sense for cars to start to become accustomed to the speed limit as soon as they enter the township. I would also like to see big 40s painted on the roads at various places to reinforce the speed limit. Far too many cars drive far too fast. Occasional police presence monitoring, and issuing fines where appropriate, for speed offences would be a useful tool as well.
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Sandy Point	I would ask that the area of Sandy Point Rd under consideration be extended from Teodora Drive to Manuka St, rather than ending at Ennisvale Ave. The small hill between Ennisvale Ave and Manuka St has similarly restricted vision for drivers, and very narrow shoulders. Although the speed limit here is 60 kph, most cars go much faster, anticipating the change to 80 kph at Manuka St. This makes it just as dangerous as other sections of Sandy Point Rd, in my opinion.
[REDACTED]	<p>This is a waste of time. Just build a walkway / koala trail between SP and Waratah Bay.</p> <p>There's never been a concern with this stretch of road. It was 100km when I grew up.</p> <p>Tired of newbies trying to constantly change SP.</p>	Keep the Caravan site where it is, leave the inlet alone. The Greens / Conservationists have wrecked the sand dunes, Inlet.

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	Waratah Bay	<p>I own 3 horses who I agist on Sandy Point road. I take them out riding and in order to access quiet roads, tracks etc. I have to ride along the main Sandy Point Rd. I always wear a high visibility vest with the words SLOW DOWN printed in very large script both front and back. Despite this precaution I have had many frightening experiences on Sandy Point Road with drivers flying at least at 80kph around the blind corners leading into the township and even worse sometimes in full sight of me refusing to slow down and barely giving me a safe passing distance. Frequently these vehicles are towing large boats which swing dangerously and can spook the horses. Just before the final bend into Sandy point there is a sign warning drivers of shared roads however it is barely visible and needs to be placed before the first turn off at the beginning of Sandy Point residential area. Some sort of verge or path to separate traffic from other road users would greatly improve safety for all users as would a reduced speed limit and better signage indicating shared use.</p>
	Sandy Point	<p>I grew up on Sandy Point Road and we rode and walked to town as kids all the time, but the town and road are so much busier now and vegetation has grown - it's just not safe any more.</p> <p>I now live on Sandy Point Road with my partner, our two young children and my father. I've attempted to walk on the road with the pram but there is no verge and it is terrifying to navigate the multiple blind corners, as it's necessary to criss-cross the road in a number of different spots to get to the "safest" spot on the road, and in doing so you are putting yourself at risk of being hit by a car flying around the bend. It's just too risky.</p> <p>My father (in his late 70's) walks the road every morning and has to zig zag the road, relying on his hearing (which is deteriorating) to make sure he chooses to cross when a car isn't approaching. He's had to lean into the vegetation to avoid cars. I fear that it's only a matter of time before he's involved in a serious accident.</p> <p>Further, with increased adoption of quiet electric vehicles it will be impossible to know if a car is approaching by listening.</p> <p>Cars travel so fast on this road, often disregarding speed limits and other road users. There is no visibility. Something must be done to get walkers/runners/prams/horses off the road and away from cars before somebody gets hurt.</p>
	Sandy Point	<p>Very dangerous to walk along the road and a walking track would be great for the local community</p>

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			Great to hear, I've almost been run over many times running on that narrow stretch. My kids are too scared to ride their bike... Cheers
		Sandy Point 3959	I am a resident of Sandy Point and have been riding horses here for over 20 years. I am writing to contribute my comments towards the petition to make a safe horse/bike riding/ walking path along Sandy Point Road. Over the years my daughters and I have had numerous dangerous encounters on Sandy Point Road. Cars towing boats often go too fast making lots of loud frightening noises for horses. We've had cars driving past us at high speeds only centimetres away when we have been riding along Sandy Point Road. It would just take one shy from a horse for a devastating accident to occur with a horse/child/adult landing on top of a car windscreen. There is nowhere to get off the road safely and there are blind spots where you can't see oncoming traffic. For example If a truck was coming one way and a car pulling a trailer was coming the other and encountered a horse/bike rider/pedestrian it would be diabolical. There is no where to go. Also, many drivers cut the corners going around the bends and when this happens and you are on the side of the road with a vehicle behind you trying to overtake it creates an extremely dangerous situation.
		, Sandy Point	As a permanent resident of Sandy Point I very much enjoy the relaxed and peaceful aspects of this beautiful part of the world. I like the concept of the shared roads. However due to living in Aqua Court I have to utilise Sandy Point Rd in order to walk anywhere both to visit friends and family and to exercise my dog. My dog doesn't cope at all with the close proximity of vehicles rushing past on the road and it is difficult for us to get right off the road in places. As a consequence I now drive over to the estate in order to have a leisurely walk and exercise my dog around the estate. It seems ridiculous to me to have to drive in order to walk safely! I have also experienced some potentially dangerous situations when walking along Sandy Point Road myself. The most recent of which occurred just a few weeks ago... I was walking on the right hand side of the road in an easterly direction approaching the blind corner where the old driveway into Rob's nursery is. I could hear a truck approaching so moved as far off the road as was possible. Next minute a large B-double truck came hurtling around the corner towards me. I pushed myself into the bushes as best I could but could still feel the huge 'suck of air' as the truck rushed past. Fortunately there was no

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		<p>vehicle coming from the opposite direction which enabled the truck to move over into the middle of the road. It was a very frightening experience which we reported to the Shire immediately! I won't be walking on Sandy Point Rd again until some measures are taken to increase the safety of those who wish to use it in its designated form as a shared roadway.</p>
		<p>I wholeheartedly support the this petition to make Sandy Point Road safer to all users. I regularly run, bicycle and horse ride along this section of road. The blind corners make it necessary to criss-cross to different sides of the road to avoid being hit by traffic. On horseback, I have had experiences of not being able to get off the road when traffic is passing, making it extremely dangerous for myself, my horse and those driving. It is incredible to me that often drivers have little idea how to pass a horse (by slowing down) this requires a horse rider to get as far off the road as possible. If that is not possible (as is the case in the sections of road highlighted) there is a need to risk your life by putting the horse in the middle of the road to force traffic to slow to an appropriate speed or travel behind the horse to an area is appropriate for over taking. This is a frightening experience and causes some drivers to become agitated. I have been honked at, causing much agitation and greater danger to horse, rider and driver. This scenario is an issue with just small cars passing in the highlighted sections. Towing vehicles, trucks and busses barely have enough room to pass each other, let alone a pedestrian, bike rider or horse. The commissioning of a pathway would add recreational values to the town, but most importantly make it safe to access the the few designated paths available in Sandy Point. It should be seen as a priority for this steadily growing tourist town.</p>

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	<div></div> Sandy Point	<p>I TOTALLY SUPPORT the provision for a safe walking and riding path along Sandy Point Road between Telopea Drive and Ennisvale Avenue for all the reasons already highlighted. I would even suggest that ideally it be extended to go all the way through to Manuka Street to provide easy access to the beach walking tracks, horse access track and the start of the Roy Henderson Trail.</p> <p>Sandy Point Road is a particularly dangerous and difficult road to navigate when walking, bike riding or horse riding, with speeding traffic, narrow (or no) verges and blind corners. Not to mention the number of children who enjoy independently walking and riding around town.</p> <p>Providing for a shared path alongside the road would:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1/ Create a nice loop around the Sandy Point township, encouraging health and fitness & 2/ Create an excellent link between the Roy Henderson Trail and the proposed Waratah Way Trail that would ultimately enable residents and visitors to Sandy Point to safely and enjoyably access the coast from Shallow Inlet to Waratah, linking the two communities in the process. <p>I commend this project.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment</p> <div></div>
	<div></div> , Sandy Point	<p>This petition for a safer pedestrian/cycle road way outside the township but an essential link way and recreational route for many proposes the creation of pedestrian zones. This road which serves as primary access to the inlet and Sandy point feeder roads in peak times carry a lot of traffic much of it unfamiliar which the roads de facto mixed use function. An integrated imaginative solution to traffic calming and pedestrian safety would be useful. This sort of initiative sits well with councils broader economic development and tourism strategies.</p>
Name and address withheld		<p>A tourist town needs activities that allow people to engage within its boundaries. I think a walking path is a really important addition to a popular destination</p>

Petitions: