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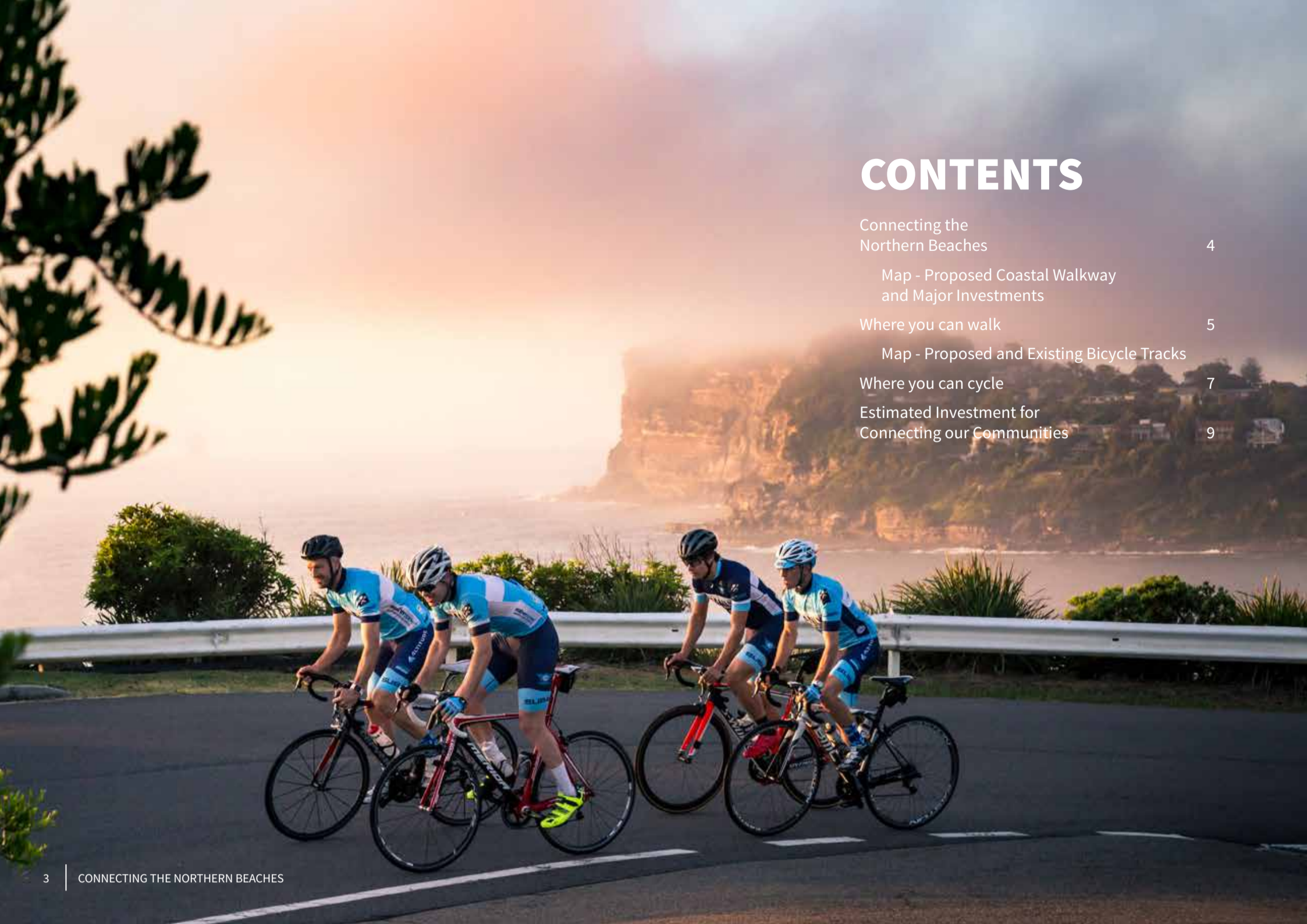
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CONNECTING THE NORTHERN BEACHES

One Northern Beaches Council creates the unique opportunity to truly connect our villages, towns and centres and unite the Northern Beaches community.

Through a partnership between the NSW Government and Northern Beaches Council, the Connecting the Northern Beaches initiative is a once in a lifetime opportunity to connect our communities and link to major B-Line transport hubs and services.

The centrepiece is an iconic fully continuous coastal walkway linking Palm Beach to Manly together with cycleways and shared paths linking north and south, east and west.

This corridor will also showcase the spectacular coastline and views from some of the most beautiful spots in Sydney as well as the diversity of history in the region.

With the new 'Northern Beaches' brand, this initiative will also create extensive ecotourism opportunities throughout the area. It will build local economic capacity by attracting more local and international tourism, while maintaining our area's lifestyle and natural beauty.

Funded by the Stronger Communities Program allocated to the newly merged Council together with the NSW Government's B-Line walking and cycling Program.

Highlights

- Connecting our community through linkages with existing public transport connections, the **B-Line** and Northern Beaches Hospital
- **36 km** of continuous all-weather coastal **walkways** from Palm Beach to Manly
 - ▶ Including **8km of new footpaths**, boardwalks and stairs
 - ▶ New footpaths and tracks, including the Palm Beach Walkway from Palm Beach Ferry to Beach Road
- **36 km of new cycleways and shared paths** connecting north-south and east-west across the Local Government Area
 - ▶ Including **14km of new off-road** shared paths, **22km designated as on-road routes**, connecting to the existing network
 - ▶ New shared paths including around Bilgola Bends and from Collaroy to Narrabeen.

Community benefits

- Physical connections between Northern Beaches' towns and villages via walkways, cycleways and shared paths creating **greater connection between our communities**
- Delivers on community priority for major active transport network
- **Integrates with the B-Line**, providing great pedestrian and cycleway access to faster public transport
- With the pathways, cycleways and shared paths situated near town centres and existing businesses, it supports local business and **economic development through tourism**
- Creates the infrastructure for the **development of ecotourism** in the area, such as cycling and walking tourism businesses, for which the natural assets of the area are well-suited
- Increased use and convenience of facilities and services, as well as community health benefits, with **active transport options.**

PROPOSED COASTAL WALKWAY AND MAJOR INVESTMENTS

Palm Beach Walkway – Barrenjoey Road

- Pedestrian connectivity and safety between Palm Beach Wharf and Governor Phillip Park
- Quality, landmark infrastructure which includes a cantilevered walkway and landscape to maintain the natural beauty of the area and protect tourism values.

\$1.83 million



Bilgola Bends Shared Path

- A significant investment to improve road safety for cyclists, motorists and pedestrians on this notoriously challenging stretch of Barrenjoey Road
- A shared path will provide our community and tourists walking and cycling access from Avalon to Newport.

\$2.91 million



Narrabeen Lagoon Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge, Pittwater Road

- A new pedestrian and cycle bridge on the west side of Pittwater Road will allow cyclists to further enjoy the Narrabeen Lagoon trail without dismounting
- This link will also improve the connection between Narrabeen and Warriewood B-Line stops.

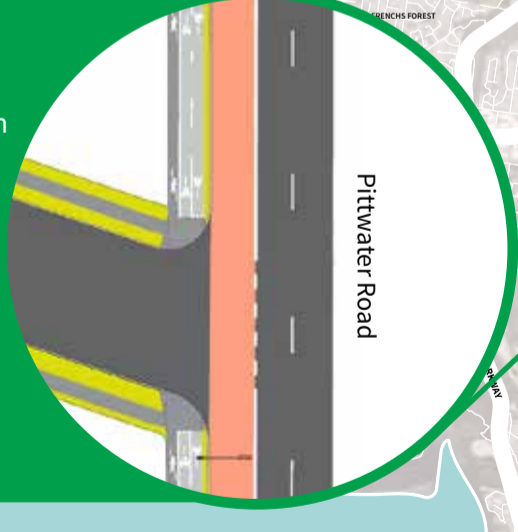
\$3 million



Collaroy-Narrabeen Off-road Shared Path

- Linking the community with a shared path for the entire section of Pittwater Road from Collaroy to Narrabeen
- Connects the B-Line stops at Narrabeen and Collaroy and the two villages, bringing foot and cycle traffic to the area and helping to build the local economies.

\$ 2.1 million

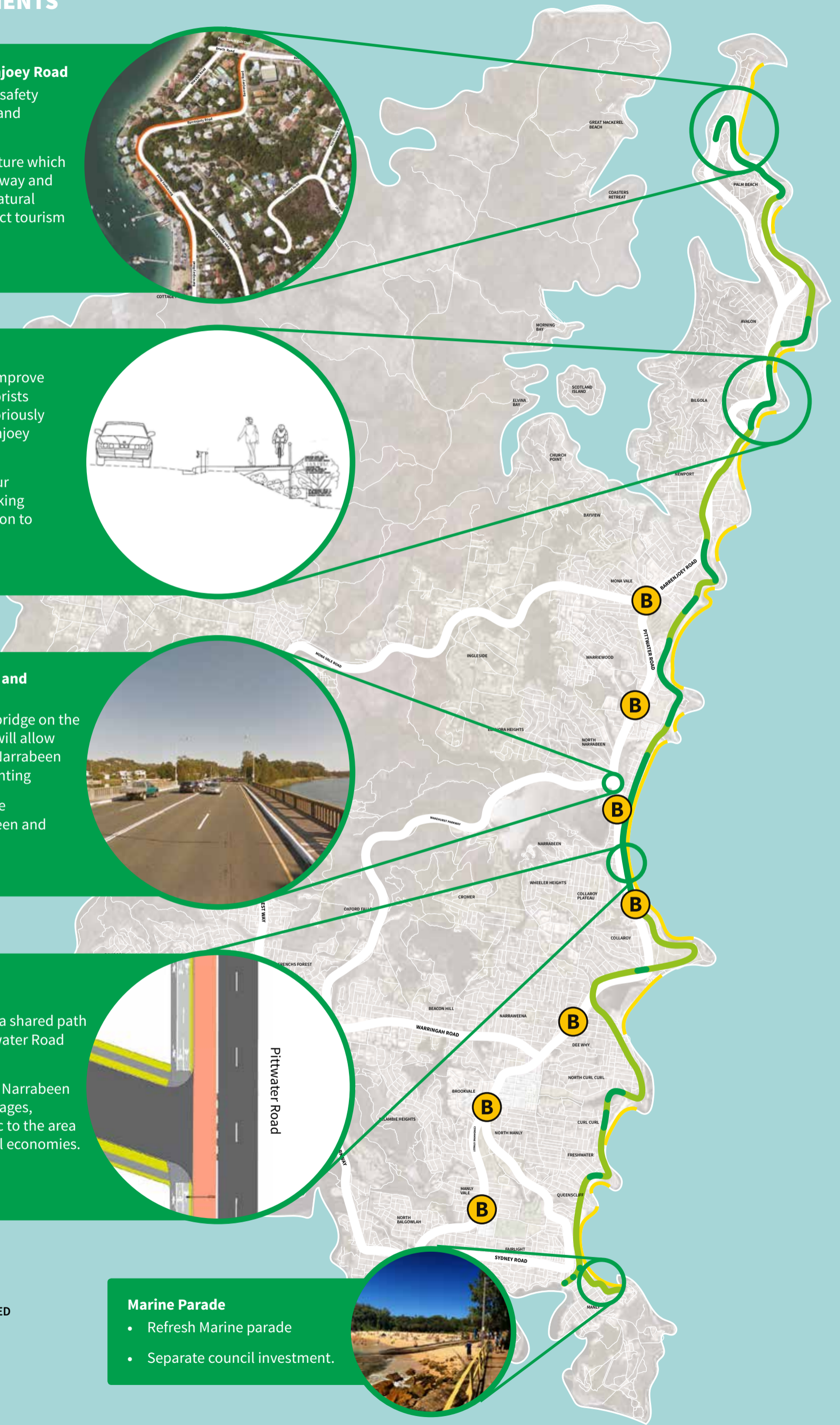


LEGEND

- PROPOSED WALKWAY/SHARED
- EXISTING WALKWAY
- BEACH
- MAJOR ROADS
- B-LINE STOP

Marine Parade

- Refresh Marine parade
- Separate council investment.



WHERE YOU CAN WALK

Palm Beach Ferry to Avalon Beach

Leaving the Palm Beach ferry, head north to take in the spectacular views of the Barrenjoey Lighthouse, then follow the route around to the beach and up the stairs near the rockpool for breathtaking views of the Pacific Ocean and Pittwater. Follow the route along the top of the headland before descending into Avalon for a coffee at a local café.



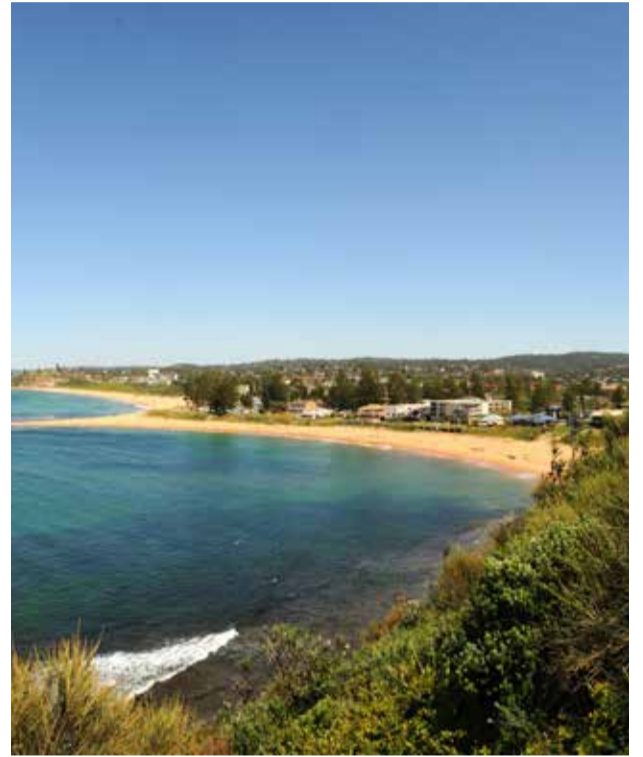
Avalon Beach to Newport

After taking in the sights of Avalon Beach, the route follows the coast around the Avalon Golf Course to Bilgola Headland for pristine, undisturbed views of the ocean and coastline. The track continues around the headland stopping at Bilgola Beach before descending through a bush path into Newport Beach.



Newport to Mona Vale

From Newport, the route follows Barrenjoey Road providing plenty of opportunities for walkers to end their walk and catch a bus home or cool down with a dip at Bungan Beach via beach access paths. The track then veers off the main road along Hillcrest Avenue through Mona Vale Headland before descending down onto Basin Beach and Mona Vale Beach. A new shared pathway behind the Golf Course hugs the coastline offering spectacular coastal views.



Mona Vale to Narrabeen

The route winds through local streets allowing easy access to public transport stops along Pittwater Road. The track passes by Warriewood Beach, with a detour around the Turimetta Headland for walkers. The route continues along Narrabeen Headland with views of the coast and Narrabeen Lagoon. A detour to the amazing existing Narrabeen Lagoon trail is a must.



Narrabeen to Dee Why

After crossing the Narrabeen Lagoon entrance, the route follows the long stretch of the Collaroy coastline to Long Reef, with easy access to the new B-Line facilities or the beach. Passing by the Collaroy Surf Life Saving Club, the route continues around Long Reef Point, with views across Curl Curl and Dee Why as well as Collaroy and Narrabeen. Crossing Pittwater Road, the route heads south towards Dee Why Park and then through a scenic off-road bush track to Dee Why Beach.



Dee Why to Manly

Walkers can enjoy an unspoilt view of the ocean along the Dee Why Beach promenade or stop to grab a bite to eat or drink. Passing by the rockpool, this popular bushland track goes off-road along the Dee Why Headland all the way to North Curl Curl. The route passes through reserves on either side of the Curl Curl Lagoon. Walkers enjoy views of the Curl Curl coastline from the boardwalk before descending down to Freshwater Beach. Up and over Queenscliff headland and down some stairs and you're in Manly. Continue walking along the promenade and opt for a surf or bite to eat, or head round to North Head showcasing diverse flora and military remains, or simply head through The Corso to Manly Wharf to catch a ferry to the city.



WHERE YOU CAN CYCLE

Dee Why to Northern Beaches Hospital

From Dee Why Beach, an off-road route crosses Pittwater Road for access to Dee Why PCYC (due to be completed in 2017). The route continues along McIntosh Road, with a mix of off-road and on-road linkages to Beacon Hill Primary School. A new designated route on local roads direct cyclists to the Northern Beaches Hospital Precinct, avoiding Warringah Road. From there, cyclists can use other designated cycleways through Allambie Heights and Forestville.



Manly Beach to Warringah Mall and B-Line

Leaving Manly Beach, the off-road shared path along North Steyne connects cyclists to an off-road shared path along the Manly Creek. Cyclists can then choose to head north along a new off-road shared path on Pittwater Road to head to Warringah Mall and the Brookvale Community Centre where a B-Line stop is proposed (under construction), or ride along Kentwell Road to link up with the designated cycleway to Allambie Heights.

Alternatively, cyclists can opt to head south to the newly constructed Manly Boy Charlton Swim Centre, the B-Line stop, or the designated cycleway to Manly Dam.



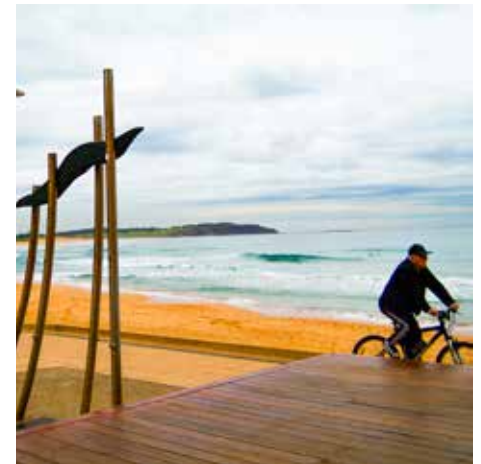
Curl Curl to Warringah Mall and B-Line

Cyclists heading west to Pittwater Road from Curl Curl Lagoon can cycle to the Warringah Mall entirely off-road via the shared paths along the Curl Curl Lagoon inlet and John Fisher Park, and the proposed shared paths through Miles, Ada, Wattle, Short and William Streets. Alternatively, cyclists can connect through existing on-road designated routes through Freshwater, along Oliver Street, deviating along Wyadra Avenue, Thomas Street and Corrie Road and connecting to William Street and Pittwater Road.



Dee Why Beach to Dee Why Town Centre

An off-road link along Howard Avenue is proposed for extensive public consultation which connects Dee Why Beach to the Dee Why Town Centre. Existing links connect Dee Why Town Centre to Brookvale and Warringah Mall, along with proposed B-Line stops at Warringah Mall and Dee Why.



Palm Beach Ferry to Avalon Beach

Setting off from the ferry at Palm Beach, cyclists follow the on-road designated route to Palm Beach along Ocean Road before climbing to the top of the headland to cycle along Whale Beach Road. The route then diverts off to Avalon via Burrawong Road, Binburra Avenue and North Avalon Road, before following the off-road shared path along Careel Creek through Des Creagh Reserve to Avalon Beach.

Avalon Beach to Mona Vale

A mix of on and off-road sections connect Avalon to Newport around Bilgola Headland. Diverting through the reserve to a new off-road section along Ross Street, the cycleway crosses Barrenjoey Road at traffic lights before heading south along Barrenjoey Road. Following the route around Crescent Road and along Bassett Street and onto Surfview Road, cyclists can stop at Mona Vale Beach or continue along a new off-road shared path behind the Mona Vale Golf Course. Cyclists can easily access Pittwater Road and public transport hubs by heading west from the route.

Mona Vale to Collaroy

The route follows Narrabeen Park Parade along Sydney Road via local shops before connecting to the existing cycleway adjacent to Rat Park and heading south to the Narrabeen Lagoon via Pittwater Road. Here, cyclists can join the existing Narrabeen Lagoon Trail. A new pedestrian and cycle bridge across Narrabeen Lagoon provides cyclists a continuous route along Pittwater Road and to Narrabeen. Connecting to the new off-road shared path along Pittwater Road, the route passes B-Line stops and Collaroy Beach.

Collaroy to Manly

The route continues south along Pittwater Road, and at Long Reef the route heads west along Hay Street and Cumberland Avenue, before crossing Dee Why Park and connecting to the existing off-road shared path to Dee Why Beach. With existing designated on-road links, the cycleway provides a continuous connection from Dee Why Beach to Manly, via Curl Curl Lagoon and beaches, Freshwater, and Manly Beach. Following the off-road shared path along the North Steyne, cyclists can access the Manly Wharf for a variety of public transport options to the city.



ESTIMATED INVESTMENT FOR CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES

The proposed investment for creating landmark walkways, cycleways and shared paths from Manly to Palm Beach, with key linkages east to west and with transport hubs and the Northern Beaches Hospital is a symbolic opportunity to unite and connect the Northern Beaches community.

Made possible through the Stronger Communities Fund provided to newly merged councils, together with a significant investment from the NSW Government's B-Line, walking and cycling programs.

	Stronger Community Funds	NSW Government funding	TOTAL
Walking	\$6.39m	\$0.50m	\$6.89m
Cycling and shared paths	\$2.61m	\$12.80m	\$15.41m
Total	\$9.0m	\$13.30m*	\$22.30m

*B-Line:
\$10.39m approved

TFNSW Walking and cycling program:
\$2.91 for Bilgola Bends, subject to confirmation of grant funding - anticipated February 2017

Proposed Timeline

Stage One: Completion by October 2017

Stage Two: January 2019

