



MEDIA RELEASE: Putting Port Macquarie on the cycle tourism map

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A new proposal to create a cycling link between the Port Macquarie town centre and the Googik Track has been lodged with Council.

Better By Bicycle Port Macquarie developed the Town to Googik Trail proposal in a bid to create a new attraction for tourists and locals alike.

Felicity Forth, President of Better By Bicycle Port Macquarie said the Town to Googik Trail presents a great opportunity for our region.

"This could be a huge win for the Port Macquarie community," she said.

"If constructed, the proposed 3.7 km link track would mean people could ride or walk safely from the Town Green or caravan park 10 km to the Ruins Gate almost entirely off road and through lush forested areas," Ms Forth said.

Ms Forth said the proposed Town to Googik Trail is both achievable and high-impact.

"Our proposal outlines a practical and low-cost opportunity to connect existing shared paths from the CBD to the start of the Googik Track, creating a continuous cycling and walking route through scenic forest," Ms Forth said.

"The great news is most of the hard work has been already done. The link trail requires less than 350 m of new shared path to be completed, that's less than 8% of its total 3.7 km length," she said.

Ms Forth said the group were inspired to develop the proposal after seeing the support for National Parks and Wildlife Services extending the Googik Track from the Ruins Gate to Lake Cathie earlier in the year.

"The Draft Lake Innes Plan of Management (Feb 2026) plan to extend the Googik Track to Lake Cathie received massive community support, with NPWS receiving more than 300 submissions supporting extending the trail."

"If NPWS extends the Googik Track to Lake Cathie, this will be a further 12 km, making a trail of 22 km (44 km return) something sure to be a tourism drawcard."

"This is something our community is clearly excited about, so it would be great to have council and National Parks work together to get the most out of this opportunity."

"We're ready to work together to make this happen. This is a practical, community-backed project that could deliver lasting value for Port Macquarie."

"So far we have the in principle support of National Parks and Wildlife Services, the Friends of Kooloongbung Creek Nature Reserve and Robert Dywer MP."

"Our next step is to present the proposal to the Council Community Forum on May 18."

"With the support of the Council we could have a fantastic asset for locals and tourists."

You can check out the proposal on their website here: <https://bbbpmpq.net.au/town-green-to-googik-trail-proposal/>



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