



REPORT: Macquarie River and Tracker Riley Cycleway / Walkway Wayfinding Project

DIVISION: Community, Culture and Places
REPORT DATE: 6 August 2022
TRIM REFERENCE: ID22/1625

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Purpose	Seek endorsement Seek direction or decision Strategic Project Update	
Issue	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Seek endorsement for wayfinding signage to assist people to move through the public space network, and lift the standard of directional signage within the river corridor.	
Reasoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To provide our community with appropriate wayfinding signage along this recreational asset.	
Financial Implications	Budget Area	Community, Culture and Places / Recreation and Open Space
	Funding Source	Local Roads and Community Infrastructure
	Proposed Cost	\$250,000
	Ongoing Costs	\$5,000 p.a. for minor maintenance.
Policy Implications	Policy Title	No policy.
	Impact on Policy	N/A

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

The Towards 2040 Community Strategic Plan is a vision for the development of the region out to the year 2040. The Plan includes six principle themes and a number of objectives and strategies. This report is aligned to:

Theme: 5 Liveability
CSP Objective: 5.2 Our First Nations communities and cultures are celebrated and enhanced
Delivery Program Strategy: 5.2.2 The culture of our First Nations communities is recognised and celebrated

Theme: 5 Liveability
CSP Objective: 5.5 Our community has access to a diverse range of recreational opportunities

Delivery Program Strategy:	5.5.1 Passive and active open space is located to maximise access and use by the community
Theme:	2 Infrastructure
CSP Objective:	2.3 Transportation systems support connections within and outside the region
Delivery Program Strategy:	2.3.2 A network of cycleways and pedestrian facilities is provided and maintained

RECOMMENDATION

That the wayfinding signage suite be endorsed for the Macquarie River and Tracker Riley Cycleway / Walkway Wayfinding project, noting that Council will have the ability to amend the faceplates as changes occur in the open space network.

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REPORT

The Tracker Riley Cycleway/Walkway is a major recreational asset within the City of Dubbo forming a 13.65 kilometre loop around the Macquarie River from the Emile Seriser Bridge in the north to the Shibble Bridge in the South.

The existing wayfinding and regulatory signage was developed c1996, with colours representing the original Dubbo flag. While it has served its purpose this style of sign is outdated and doesn't represent the vibrancy of Dubbo or the river corridor. In addition to the red/green signage there are also other sign styles that exist along the cycleway/walkway. This project is proposed to be extended to include sites of interest, such as shown in Figure 2, provide information on Tracker Riley himself and provide educational / environmental information at significant sites along the way.



Figure 1. Original wayfinding and regulatory signage used throughout the open space network



Figure 2. Sign adjacent to Shibble's Bridge denoting Oxley's campsite.

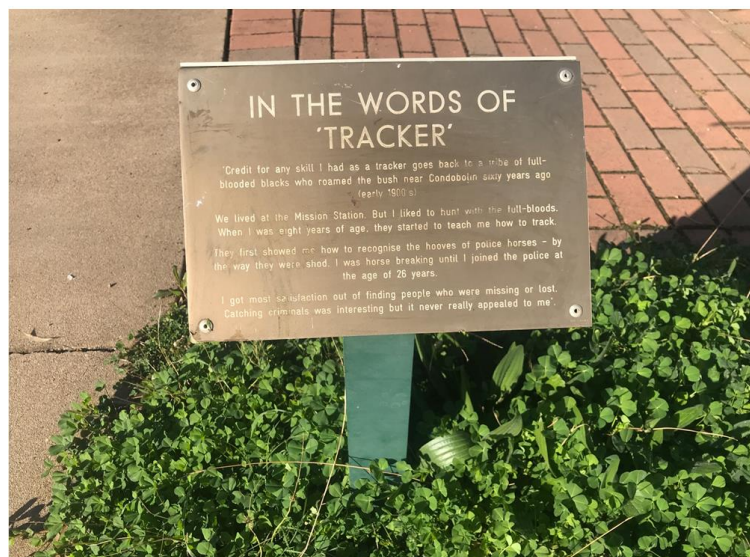


Figure 3. Interpretive signage regarding Tracker Riley

With Council recently being successful in securing \$250,000 from the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Phase 3 it is an ideal opportunity to refresh and improve the signage within this precinct. The report found that generally the information on the signage was appropriate.

In 2016 Dubbo Regional Council (Western Plains Regional Council) commissioned Cardno to undertake an audit of the existing wayfinding and regulatory signage along the Tracker Riley Cycleway/Walkway.

Figure 4 identifies the location of the wayfinding signage that existed at the time of report (recently removed) as well as a number of proposed additional signage points to assist in directing people to the Cycleway/Walkway, and at key decision points.

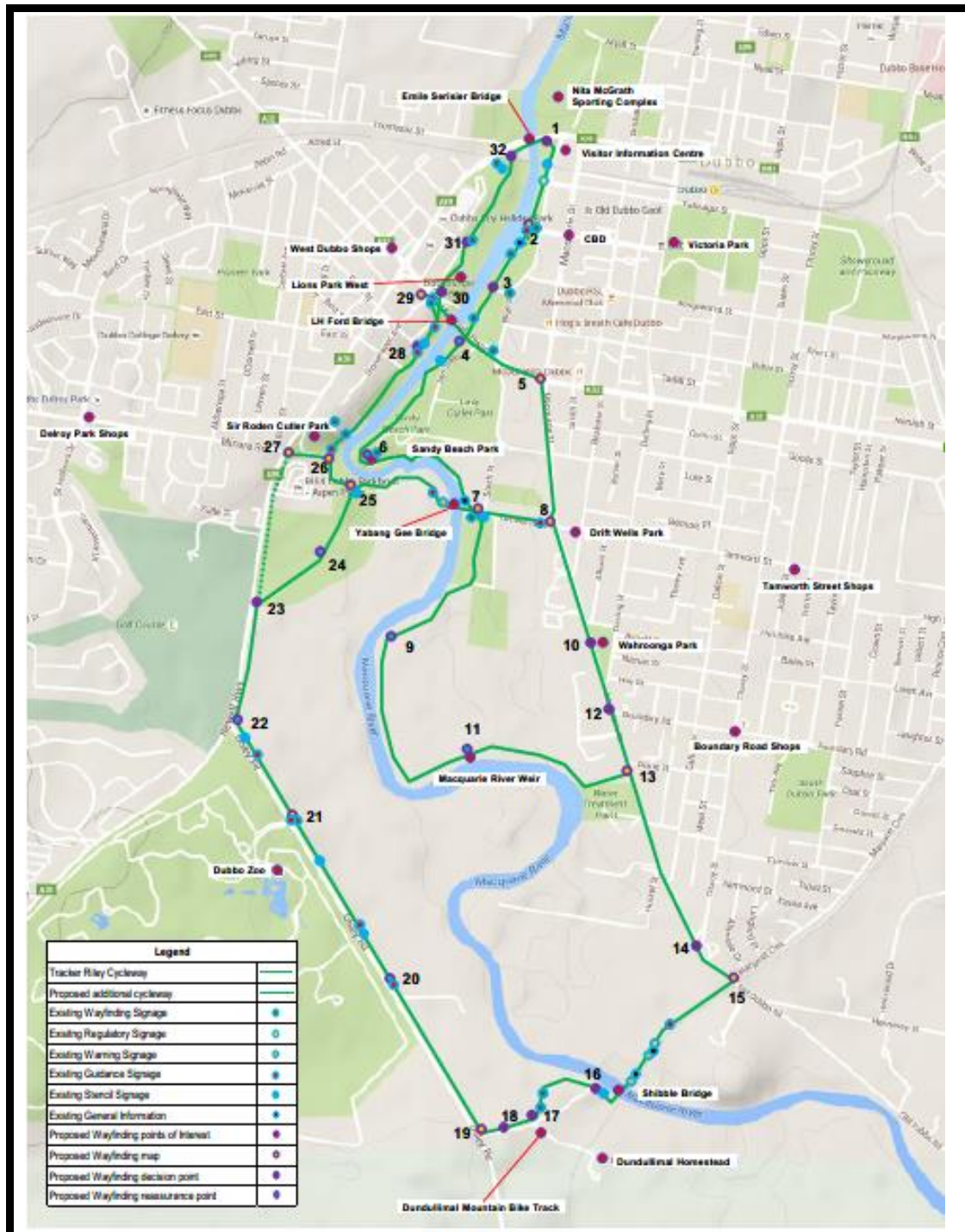


Figure 4. Wayfinding signage network local focal point map.

Figure 5 identifies the location of regulatory, warning and guidance/behavioural signage that existed at the time of report (recently removed) as well as a number of proposed additional signage points.

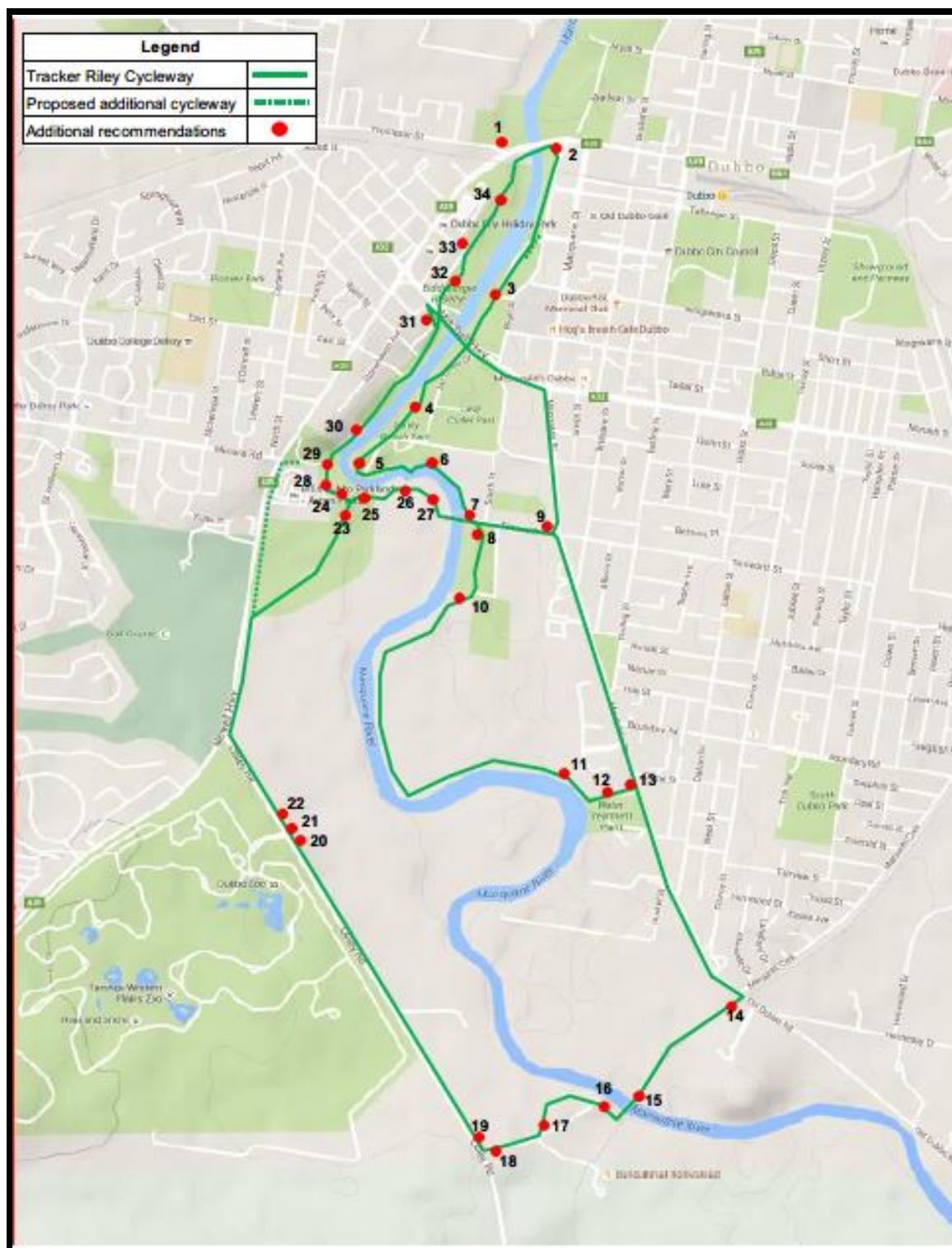


Figure 5. Regulatory, warning and guidance/behavioural signage.

To progress the Macquarie River and Tracker Riley Cycleway / Walkway Wayfinding Project a suite of wayfinding signage have been developed. These are shown through figure 6.



Figure 6. Architectural grade timber with Aluminium faceplate.

This suite of signage uses architectural grade timber that has a life expectancy of 35 – 40 years with minimal maintenance being required. Over time the timber will develop a patina that will complement the river corridor and the materials being used in the Legacy Shared Pathway project. The faceplate is engraved Aluminium with resin inserts for maps and additional information. The smaller directional sign is engraved Aluminium and would be expected to have a lifespan of 10 – 15 years. Being based on architectural grade timber this format is highly resistant to flood inundation and flows.

The suite of signage has been considered in the design of the Events Precinct and Shared Pathways projects.

Resourcing Implications

Total Financial Implications	Current year (\$)	Current year + 1 (\$)	Current year + 2 (\$)	Current year + 3 (\$)	Current year + 4 (\$)	Ongoing (\$)
a. Operating revenue	250,000	0	0	0	0	0
b. Operating expenses	250,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
c. Operating budget impact (a – b)	0	-5,000	-5,000	-5,000	-5,000	-5,000
d. Capital Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	0
e. Total net impact (c – d)	0	-5,000	-5,000	-5,000	-5,000	-5,000
Does the proposal require ongoing funding?			Yes			
What is the source of this funding?			General fund (Grant Funding).			

Table 1. Ongoing Financial Implications

Note: while the project total is over the capitalisation threshold, individual signs are unlikely to exceed the threshold. On this basis the works have not been identified as Capital Expenditure.

Timeframe

Key Date	Explanation
8 September Culture and Community Committee	Report on wayfinding options to Council to seek endorsement of the proposed signage.
22 September Ordinary Council Meeting	Council endorsement of the proposed signage

Next Steps

Following the endorsement of the signage suite, work will commence on the development of the individual faceplates to enable the placement of an order for the supply and installation of the wayfinding signage.

At the same time, a review of the original report will be undertaken to ensure that the type and location of each of the signs is still relevant.

Incorporation of Wiradjuri design elements on the faceplates to be developed in consultation with community representatives.

Work on providing an upgrade to the interpretive biographical information on Tracker Riley can also commence in consultation with family.

It is anticipated that this project can be finalised by June 2023, within the funding agency's guidelines and it is noted that Council will have the ability to amend the faceplates as required, as the area develops.