

Central Coast Bicycle User Group



Submission to: Gosford Council

Re: The Esplanade, Umina Beach

To: David Gillett, Cycleways & Pedestrian Safety Officer

Hi David.

Since the resurfacing/repair of The Esplanade between Ocean Beach Rd and Trafalgar Ave in late 2012/early 2013 the markings which allowed contra-flow bicycle movement was effectively removed.

The Esplanade is an important cycle route as it provides a relatively safe alternate to the busy main road (West St) through Umina shopping centre for:

- many school children heading to Umina Public School
- Children, teenagers and family groups heading to Peninsula Recreational Precinct, skate park and Umina beach
- Several recreational cycle groups passing through the area on a regular basis

West St has on-street parallel parking, several intersecting lanes (eg, Alexander Lane) which have poor visibility to West St traffic (especially the smaller bicycles), several bus stops, and high traffic volumes (including many buses and large delivery vehicles). These make West street particularly hazardous for cyclists, especially for children, teenagers and the elderly.

CCBUG therefore strongly recommends the reinstatement of the contra-flow on-road lane, including appropriate on-road and sign-posted signage, along The Esplanade between Ocean Beach Rd and Trafalgar Ave.

We are happy to discuss this, or any other cycling related infrastructure, at any time with Council to help provide a better outcome for cyclists.

Regards,

Alan Corven

President, CCBUG