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Sunshine Coast Community Groups Unite to Champion Active Transport

A historic gathering has brought together cycling advocates and active transport representatives to strengthen sustainable travel across the Sunshine Coast region.

The Sunshine Coast took a significant step forward in sustainable transport planning as community groups convened to discuss forming a community coalition. Organized by the Sunshine Coast Bicycle User Group (SCBUG), the event united community group representatives, cycling advocates, and local stakeholders passionate about promoting walking, cycling, wheeling, and other alternatives to vehicle travel across the region.

“This meeting represents an important milestone in our community’s commitment to creating safer, more accessible active transport options for everyone,” said Craig Humphrey of SCBUG. “By working together, we can ensure our voices are heard and that community perspectives shape the future of transport planning on the Sunshine Coast.”

Participating Groups Included:

- Sunshine Coast Bicycle Club
- Caloundra Residents Association
- Cycling Without Age
- Paraplegic Benefit Fund Australia
- Sunshine Coast Access Advisory Network
- Active Transport Specialists

The session focused on developing more effective collaboration between community groups and government leaders. Participants explored ways to improve transparency, communication, and community input in active transport planning and policy decisions, ensuring that community expertise and local knowledge contribute meaningfully to infrastructure decisions.

Participants workshopped characteristics of an effective active transport environment on the Sunshine Coast and identified strategies to strengthen the community's role in shaping sustainable transport solutions for the region.

The meeting concluded with a commitment to ongoing collaboration, with participants agreeing to continue the momentum generated by the day's discussions.

"Active transport isn't just about cycling and walking—it's about creating healthier communities, reducing traffic congestion, and building a more sustainable future for the Sunshine Coast," Humphrey added. "Today showed the strength and diversity of community commitment to making that vision a reality."

Additional Quotes from Participants

Phil Price, President – Sunshine Coast Bicycle Club Inc

"The Sunshine Coast Bicycle Club fully supports this initiative. Currently on the Sunshine Coast there is no effective means to engage with planners to deliver a better transport environment that we can all enjoy."

Jackie Steele, Secretary – Caloundra Residents Association Inc

"People just want safer roads and streets and easier and safer ways to get around. If more residents can walk, ride and wheel short distances safely, cycle to work or school if they can and want to, or explore other areas of the coast, it means less congestion for everyone when they want or need to drive. That's why the Caloundra Residents Association is keen to be part of this coalition."

Tim Rogers – Cycling Without Age Sunshine Coast

"Cycling Without Age works with older people and people living with disabilities. We continuously see and experience the challenges that people with reduced mobility face when they just want to move around our community easily. We need this new community coalition so there is a strong voice calling for improved infrastructure and creative solutions to make it easier for everyone to walk, ride and wheel around the Sunshine Coast."

Group photo for media use attached.

Seated (L to R): Tim Rogers (Cycling Without Age), Darron Shields (Paraplegic Benefit Fund Australia), Jackie Steele (Caloundra Residents Association), Larry Vincent.

Standing (L to R): Peter Duffy and Phil Price (Sunshine Coast Bicycle Club), Trevor Rice (Sunshine Coast Access Advisory Network), Craig Humphrey (Sunshine Coast Bicycle Users Group).

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The Sunshine Coast Bicycle User Group represents cycling groups and community representatives across the Sunshine Coast and Noosa local government areas, advocating for cycling as a viable and safe mode of transportation.