



# Daryl Maguire MP

*Member for Wagga Wagga*

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **NSW GOVERNMENT FUNDS FIVE NEW CYCLEWAYS AT WAGGA WAGGA**

Daryl Maguire MP, Member for Wagga Wagga alongside Wagga Wagga City Mayor, Greg Conkey today announced that cyclists in the Riverina will benefit from an \$11.7 million investment towards five new cycling networks in Wagga Wagga.

The proposed network of cycle routes, as well as end-of-trip facilities, are presented in Wagga Wagga City Council's Active Travel Plan, which is a component of the Wagga Wagga Integrated Transport Strategy.

"These planned new cycleways have the potential to transform the city of Wagga, with more cyclists accessing the CBD from the surrounding suburbs," Mr Maguire said.

"By targeting investment to improve cycling and walking in the areas where most short trips occur, the NSW Government is supporting more liveable and accessible communities.

"With a safer, convenient and more connected cycling network linking the outer suburbs with the central business area, more people will leave the car at home and get outdoors.

"Importantly, the NSW Government is listening to key groups like Bicycle NSW and Bicycle Networks to prioritise, plan and extend paths all over NSW.

"These initiatives will encourage more riders to take advantage of our whole of cycling network approach to ensure cycling is a more convenient, safe and enjoyable transport choice."

The final route of the new cycleways will be determined during the design phase, which will begin this year.

"Wagga Wagga City Council is pleased to accept this funding from the State Government to deliver the design and implementation phases of our Active Travel Plan," Mayor of City of Wagga Wagga Councillor Greg Conkey OAM said.

"This is an ambitious plan that looks to the future and will have long-term, widespread benefits for our community.

"The introduction of a complete cycling network with separated cycle paths, allows our city's transport infrastructure to adapt to predicted growth and cements our position as a leading regional city in NSW.



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“Delivering this network will support future growth, maximise the benefits of planned investment, and ensure the city is liveable, sustainable and vibrant.”

The funding is part of an \$80 million program under the Restart NSW initiative for important priorities and in addition to Active Transport Program funding.

Further community consultation and technical studies will take place to inform the prioritisation of routes and facilities and when they are constructed.

For more information visit: <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/programs/walking-and-cycling>