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## **New Fisheries Path**

You can now ride or walk all the way to the Newtown Oval and the Esperance Turf club thanks to funding through the Western Australian Bicycle Network (WABN) grants program.

The new shared recreational path extends from the end of the existing path network at the intersection of Frank Freeman Drive and Goldfields Road to the entrance to the Newtown Oval off Bandy Creek Road via Fisheries Road.

This 1500m stretch of path will enable Esperance youth to independently and safely cycle or walk to sporting venues at the Newtown Oval. The link will also allow safe pedestrian and bicycle movement on race days at the Esperance Turf Club. Previously there was no alternative route or access available to these venues.

The implementation of this path is the first stage in linking to the Woody Lake Nature Reserve Kepwari Wetland Trail and the future Bandy Creek multi use trail as identified in the Esperance 2007 Trails Master Plan.

CEO Matthew Scott said, "This new path is a great link to the Turf Club and Newtown Oval and provides a safe active way for people to get around."

Newtown Condingup Football Club President Naomi White said, "The new Fisheries footpath that starts at Goldfields Road and continues out to the Newtown Football Oval has provided our junior parents and members peace of mind knowing that our kids are now safe and can get on their bikes or scooters to get to football."

"Fisheries road is busy with trucks all year round and was too dangerous for any of our members to walk or ride to the club. The footpath is already getting used daily to get kids to and from training whilst parents are working. This is a very welcomed addition to our club and I'm sure the Turf Club as well."

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