



NEW SOUTH WALES

## **NEWS RELEASE**

**The Hon. Kristina Keneally MP**

Member for Heffron

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### **TICKET TO RIDE FOR COASTAL COUNCILS**

Coastal councils are being encouraged to apply for \$1.3 million in grants as part of the 2008/09 NSW Coastline Cycleway program.

Planning Minister and regular cyclist, Kristina Keneally, said the Coastline Cycleway program improves bicycle and pedestrian access, helping people to enjoy the coastline in an active and healthy way.

“This is great news for the many bike, walking and jogging enthusiasts that live along the spectacular New South Wales Coast,” Ms Keneally said.

“I strongly encourage councils to apply for this extra funding which will help them deliver infrastructure that their local community can use and enjoy.

“So far, the NSW Coastline Cycleway program has offered nearly \$6.7 million in grants to eligible coastal councils which agreed to match the Government’s funding dollar-for-dollar.

“That means the program has delivered more than \$13 million dollars worth of coastline cycleway projects: over 66 kilometres of shared pedestrian/cycle paths and on-road cycle lanes across NSW.

“Overall the program has been successful in promoting an environmentally friendly form of transport and enjoyable exercise.”

Ms Keneally said local councils will also benefit from the tourism opportunities having cycling infrastructure will provide.

“The NSW Coastline has so much to offer tourists. Having infrastructure that allows people to access the beauty of the NSW Coast in a safe and social way will provide an added incentive for tourists to visit local coastal communities.”

Ms Keneally said councils interested in applying can obtain further information, including an application form, from the Department of Planning website at:

[http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/programservices/coastal\\_cycleway.asp](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/programservices/coastal_cycleway.asp).

Submissions for the 2008/09 NSW Coastline Cycleway grant funding round close on **Friday 19 December 2008**.

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