



# Sandy Point Road Safe Path Initiative

Joint letter / Petition to the South Gippsland Shire Council

5 April 2023

I/we, the undersigned are Sandy Point residents, ratepayers and visitors concerned about the unacceptable high level of risk to walkers, runners, cyclists and horse riders who use Sandy Point Road between Telopea Drive and Ennisvale Avenue.

Sandy Point Road provides access to Shallow Inlet, and approximately 300 properties in the south-eastern end of the township. It also forms a part of a circuit around and through the town which is used for (or would be used more frequently if safer) for recreation and fitness pursuits.

### **This stretch of road is unsafe because:**

1. The verge / road shoulder in many places is sloping, narrow and often obstructed by debris from fallen branches. Therefore, it does not provide an accessible and safe refuge from oncoming vehicles.
2. There are 3 – 4 particularly dangerous places where the road runs up against a property boundary on a bend or into a 'blind corner' so that oncoming traffic is obscured from view. Riders and those on foot are forced to cross the road to stay off the bitumen as far as they can to maintain visibility.
3. Vehicles (such as trucks and cars towing boats, caravans and trailers) travel at high speeds along this road, often ignoring the speed limits.

**I/We strongly believe the construction of a suitably designed safe path alongside the Sandy Point Road, similar to the Roy Henderson Path which connects Manuka Street and Shallow Inlet would greatly improve safety.**

**We thereby urge the South Gippsland Shire Council to address this matter as soon as possible by ensuring our request is placed on the South Gippsland Shire Paths and Trails Strategy.**

Signed:

Name	Address	Signature*

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