

Rodd Place Footpath

Community Insights Snapshot

The City of Cockburn sought feedback on the potential construction of a pedestrian footpath along Rodd Place, Hamilton Hill, to improve pedestrian safety and access near Bethanie Illawong Aged Care Home.

From 30 June to 28 July 2025, nearby residents and Bethanie Illawong Aged Care Home were invited to provide feedback on the proposal, including whether a footpath would benefit residents, visitors, staff and other users of Rodd Place.

Feedback showed broad support for improving pedestrian safety along Rodd Place, but differing views on where the footpath should be constructed.

Nearby residents indicated they preferred a southern-side footpath, while Bethanie Illawong residents, staff and management provided feedback that they supported the proposed northern-side footpath.

How we promoted the consultation



Letters to residents and property owners on Rodd Place



Online feedback page on Comment on Cockburn



Letter to Bethanie Illawong Aged Care Home Manager



Direct feedback options including online survey, email and phone

Who we heard from



23

visits to Comment on Cockburn



3

contributions from nearby residents



8

aged care resident paper survey responses



Feedback

from Bethanie Illawong Aged Care Home management and staff



What we heard



Safety and accessibility were the main priorities

Feedback indicated that a footpath could improve pedestrian safety and provide safer access for aged care residents, visitors, staff, contractors and other people using Rodd Place.



Nearby residents preferred the southern side

Nearby residents supported the idea of a footpath but did not support construction on the northern side of Rodd Place. They felt a southern-side footpath would provide a more direct route for Bethanie Illawong residents to Southwell Crescent and nearby bus stops, while reducing the number of driveways pedestrians would need to cross.



Bethanie Illawong supported the northern side

Bethanie Illawong residents, staff and management supported the proposed northern-side footpath. They highlighted improved safety, access and convenience for aged care residents, visitors, staff, contractors and the wider community.



Traffic, parking and verge impacts were important concerns

Nearby residents raised concerns about existing congestion on Rodd Place, staff and visitor parking, potential loss of verge parking, impacts on landscaped verges and whether the proposed footpath location would provide long-term value.



Construction planning will be important

Bethanie Illawong staff and management noted the need for careful construction planning, including maintaining parking availability, managing traffic and ensuring continuous emergency access.

Overall

Feedback showed support for improving pedestrian access and safety on Rodd Place, especially for aged care residents and other people walking to nearby bus stops, parks and local services. The key issue raised was not whether a footpath would be beneficial, but which side of Rodd Place would provide the safest, most practical and least disruptive outcome.

Further information and next steps

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on the potential construction of a footpath along Rodd Place.

Community feedback helped inform the City's consideration of the project, alongside safety, accessibility, technical, parking, traffic and construction requirements.

The City will keep the community updated through the Comment on Cockburn project page.

