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Second stretch of Blue Mile path begins

Work has started on the second stage of a \$3.4 million pathway along Cliff Road, starting north of the new viewing platform above the Continental Pool, and extending to North Wollongong Beach, opposite the Novotel.

When complete in June, the new three metre wide concrete shared pathway will provide a continuous link for pedestrians and cyclists from Belmore Basin to North Beach.

Council's General Manager, David Farmer said the new pathway will wind around the Cliff Road Norfolk Pines and include new lighting, landscaping, fencing and seating.

"Over the holiday period I received a lot of positive feedback from the community about the first stretch of promenade and the spectacular new viewing platform," Mr Farmer said.

"Once the second stage is complete, I hope we can draw even more locals and visitors to the foreshore."

"Construction of stage two of the project has been scheduled to coincide with the end of school holidays to minimise disruption around the foreshore during the peak holiday period."

Sharon Bird said that the Commonwealth Government is very pleased to continue its close partnership with Wollongong City Council in delivering new and improved community infrastructure, which was vital to the tourism industry and job opportunities in the region.

"The Blue Mile Promenade is fast becoming the walking version of the Grand Pacific Drive for tourists and residents— fantastic waterfront views and open foreshore public space", Ms Bird said.

The community may experience some disruptions along the Blue Mile over the next six months. Construction fencing means some parking along Cliff Road may be temporarily affected and the bus stop near Georges Place will be relocated to Gun Battery Park.

The Blue Mile Promenade has been funded by Council and a \$2.9 million grant from the Federal Government's Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program (RLCIP).