

Queensland Steps Up

Escalating the profile of walking

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Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners and Elders

I'd like to begin by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land where we meet today. I would also like to pay my respects to the Elders both past and present.

I also extend that respect to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people here today.



'Travelling' by Gilimbaa



Overview

- The state of play
- Queensland Walking Strategy
- Foundations to build on
- 35 new actions
- Monitoring progress
- Learnings.



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The state of play

- Transport, recreation and health:
 - ✓ cross-sectoral benefits
 - ✓ #1 for recreation and exercise
 - ✓ 84% trips to public transport
 - ✓ 10% of all trips
- But almost half would like to walk more:
 - ✗ 39% journeys <1km by private vehicle
 - ✗ barriers: paths, crossings, speed, shade, separation
 - ✗ limited planning and funding
 - ✗ islands of accessibility.



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Queensland Walking Strategy



Queensland Walking Strategy 2019–2029:
Sets the direction



Action Plan for Walking 2019–2021:
44 practical actions



Walking in Queensland Report 2019:
Provides a baseline

Queensland Walking Strategy 2019–2029

- First for Queensland
- Walking summit
- Vision for walking: an easy choice for everyone, every day
- Priority areas:
 1. planning
 2. building
 3. encouraging
 4. working together.



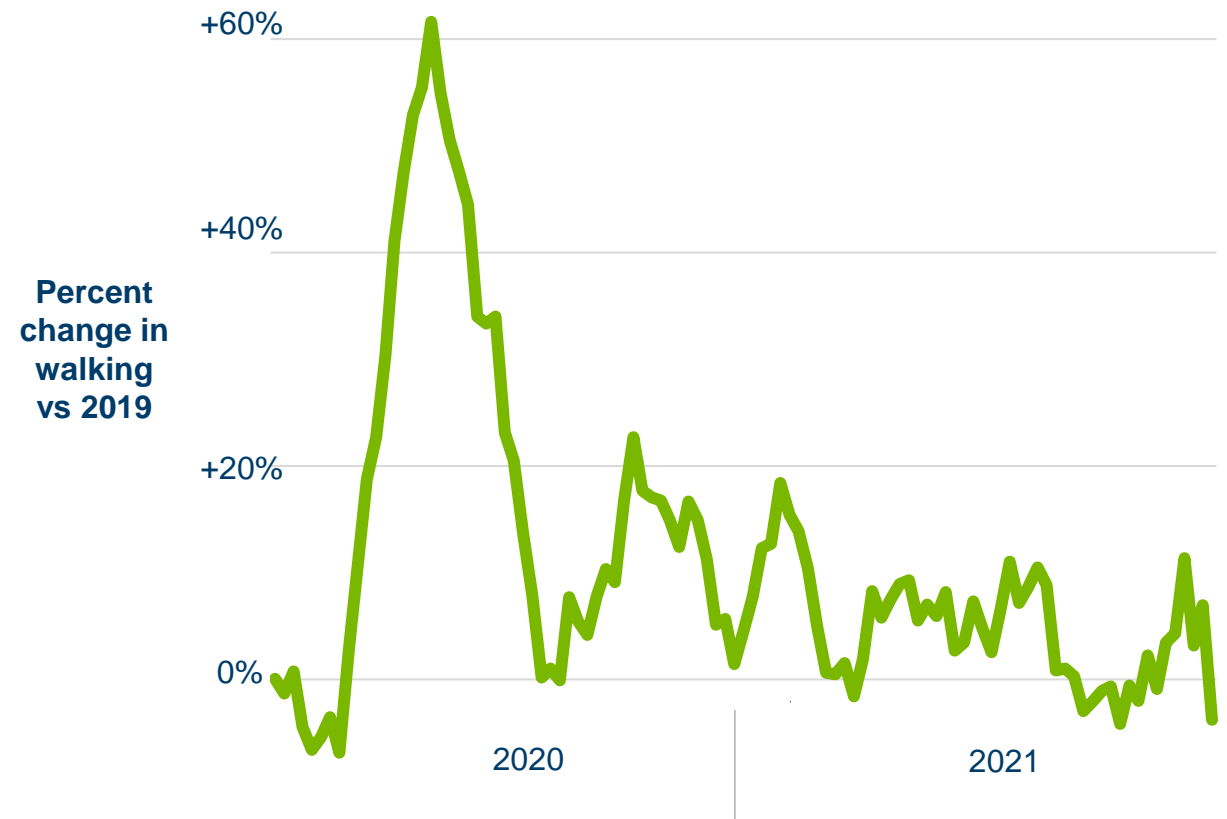
Foundations laid in 2019–2021

- Co-ordination and co-operation
- Visibility with raised profile
- Legitimacy: ‘We do walking now’
- Resources
- Network planning – foundation
- Two-year action plan was a start.



COVID-19: impact on walking

- Up to 60% increase from 2019
- Socially distanced way of getting around and staying active
- Initial spike March–May 2020
- Change in where and when people walk for transport and leisure
- Mobile phone data shows continued increase in walking in neighbourhood parks and nature reserves.



Source: Department of Transport and Main Roads permanent active travel counters

Action Plan for Walking 2022–2024

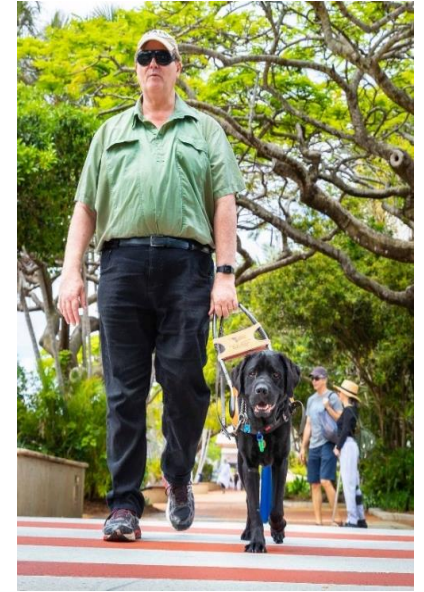
- 35 new actions
- 10 Queensland Government departments / agencies
- Complements other policies, strategies and action plans
- Government, industry and community.



Planning: 15 actions

Planning for walkable communities and places:

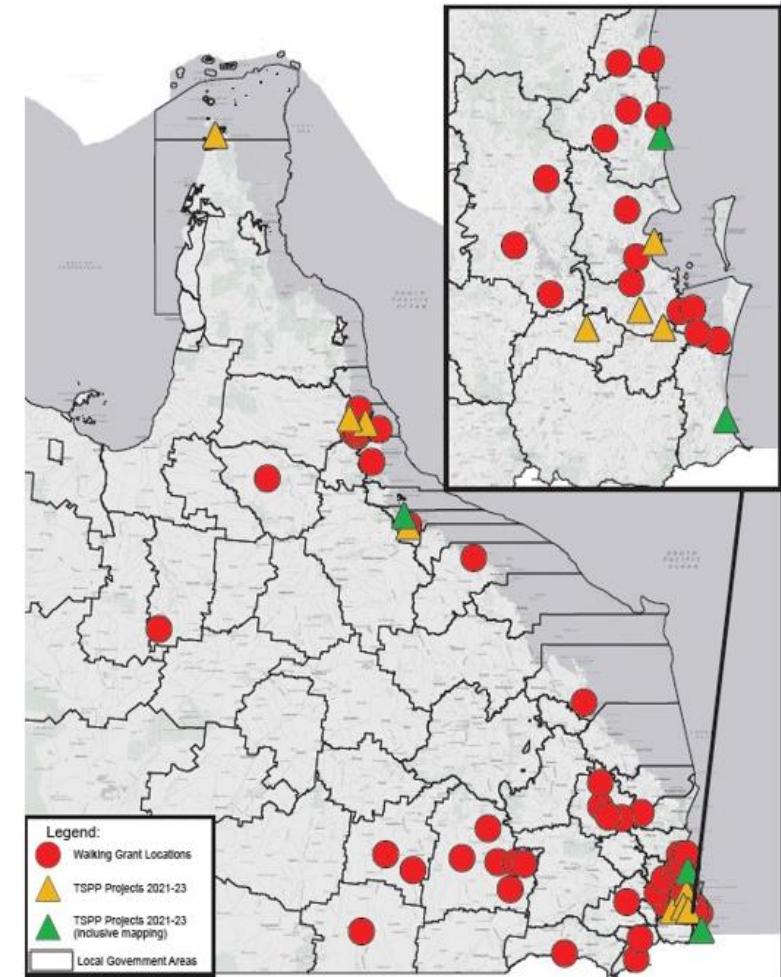
- Movement and Place
- Walking network planning around everyday destinations (local government and state-controlled network)
- Accessibility and inclusion
- Climate
- Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.



Action 1.3: Local government grants

First walking network planning grants:

- 50/50 funding
- Oversubscribed: assessment criteria
- 48 projects, 23 local governments
- 1–2 km precincts around:
 - shops and schools
 - bus stops, train stations and island ferry terminals
 - hospitals and aged care
 - town centres.



Action 1.4: Planning on state-controlled network

Walking network planning:

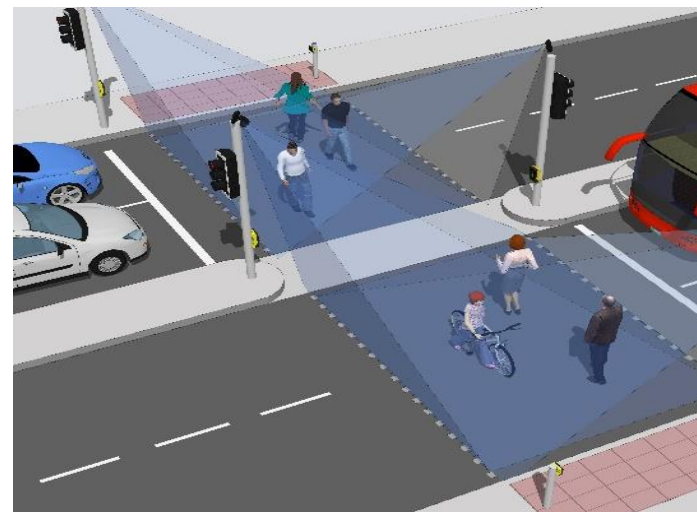
- 11 projects in varied locations from Bamaga to Broadbeach
- Diversity of catchments: town centres, hospitals, universities, bus, train and light rail stations
- Inclusive mapping
- Stakeholder workshops
- Delivering walking network plans and priority works programs.



Building: 8 actions

Building connected, comfortable and safe walking environments for all:

- \$14M Targeted Road Safety Program
- Lower speed limits
- Smart crossings with sensors to adjust crossing times
- Interactions with personal mobility device users
- Ecotourism Trails program.



Encouraging: 7 actions

Encouraging more people to walk as part of their 'everyday':

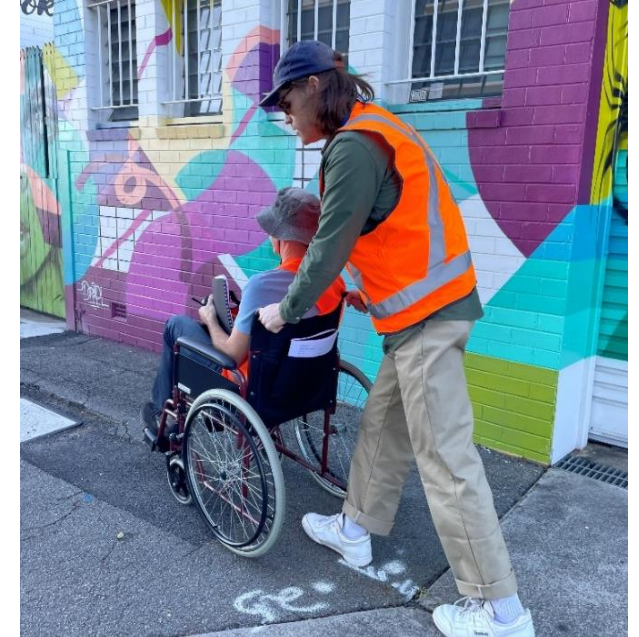
- Safe School Travel Program
- Walking programs such as 10,000 Steps
- Targeted communication to promote safe interactions
- Urban Design Awards
- Walking tours
- Professional capability.



Action 3.6: Building capability

Deliver training to build professional capability:

- Walking Infrastructure Masterclass
- State and local government, consultants and community representatives
- Local site visits with real world examples
- Brisbane / regional / in-house.



Working together: 5 actions

Working together to deliver for walking:

- Investment
- Active Transport Infrastructure Policy
- Community advocacy
- Data
- Cost-benefit analysis.



Action 4.1: Community Advocacy

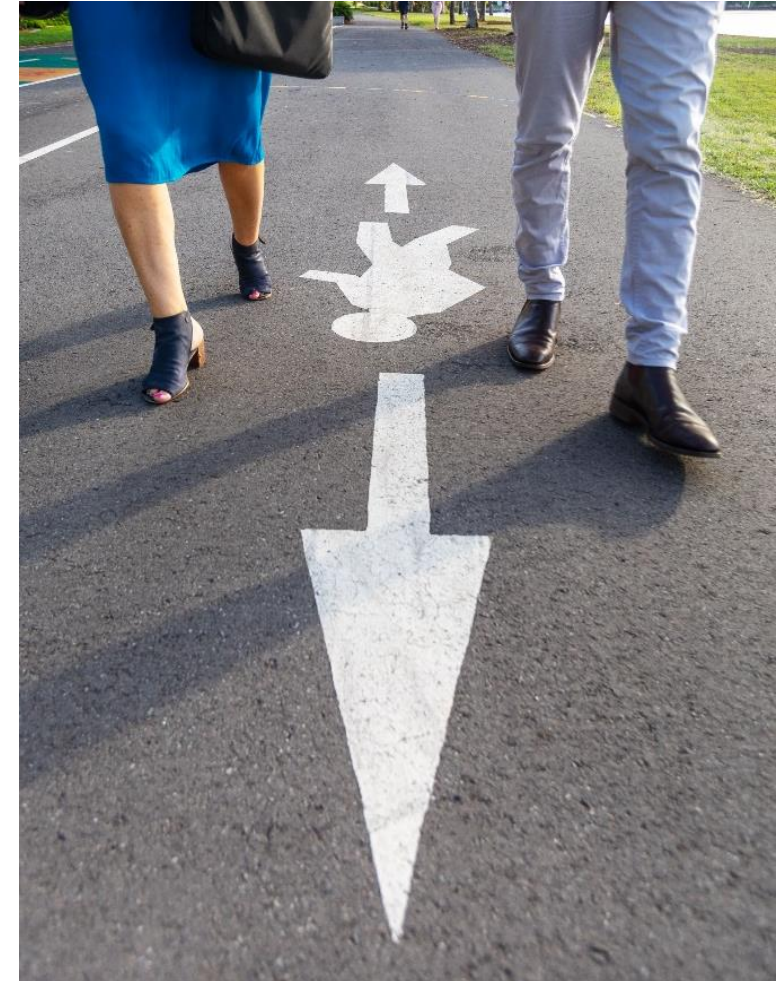
Queensland Walks facilitate:

- Queensland Walking Alliance
- Queensland Walks Month
- Walking Resource Hub
- Committees, forums and submissions.



Learnings

- A planned approach is replacing ad-hoc investment
- Importance of building support within our own organisation
- Finding the most effective ways for state and local government to work together
- Creating a collective voice through the Queensland Walking Alliance
- Value of raising walking awareness and involving local people
- Ensuring quick wins in a long game.



Thank you and stay connected



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Monitoring progress

Promotion → Reporting → Relationships → Community of practice.

