

Walking is the most popular form of recreation in both Victoria and Greater Dandenong. Connecting people with places, walking is an activity that nearly everyone can participate in.

#### Vision

Greater Dandenong is a safe, lively, attractive city that has a culture of walking for both recreation and transport purposes.

#### Aim

Greater Dandenong aims to increase the number of people walking by offering more opportunities to do so, better access to places and spaces that encourage the health, social and community benefits of walking.

## Partnerships

Greater Dandenong will implement its Walking Strategy action plan in partnership with a range of stakeholders, including Victoria Walks, Vic Roads, Melway, state and federal government agencies and community organisations.

The Greater Dandenong Walking Strategy 2015-23 is available on Council's website at: [greaterdandenong.com](http://greaterdandenong.com)

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# GREATER DANDENONG *walking* STRATEGY 2015-23



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A walkable environment is one that is safe, lively, attractive and easy to walk around. It includes all things from travel routes, destinations, paths and footpaths, to creating a culture of walking for both recreation and transport.



Greater Dandenong maintains a healthy environment that supports walking for both transport and recreation purposes across the municipality.

The Walking Strategy supports the direction of the Imagine 2030 Community Plan, Council Plan 2013-17, Community Wellbeing Plan 2013-17 and Activate Sports and Active Recreation Strategy 2014-19.

The information and action plan contained within the strategy have been drawn from an extensive research and consultation process with the Greater Dandenong Community.

***“Walking is the first thing an infant wants to do and the last thing a person wants to give up”.***

*- John Butcher, Founder Walk21*

## Key themes

The Greater Dandenong Walking Strategy has been developed in the context of the Council Plan 2013-17 and the key themes of People, Place and Opportunity. These themes underpin the objectives and detailed action plan that have been developed to improve walking in Greater Dandenong by providing increased opportunities, places and spaces for people to walk.

### People

- Culture & Behaviour
- Educate, Promote & Raise Profile

### Place

- Infrastructure
- Creating Places for People

### Opportunity

- Leadership
- Partnerships

## Implementation

The strategy action plan has a focus on maintaining existing assets and promoting these, along with the benefits of walking, to the local community.

Key actions include:

- developing social marketing campaigns
- producing and distributing walking maps
- installing supporting facilities and infrastructure to enhance the walking environment
- implementing streetscape projects using best practice principles to promote active travel.

