



# WALK, CYCLE GREATER BENDIGO

## Making it easier to walk and cycle

The City of Greater Bendigo is developing a new Walking and Cycling Strategy to make it easier for more people to walk and cycle more often.

### Walking



Walking for transport and recreation includes all types of walking and use of independent mobility aids such as wheelchairs and motorised scooters

### Cycling



Cycling includes all types of pushbikes used for everyday cycling, commuting, recreation and sport, including electric bicycles, tricycles, recumbent cycles and cargo bikes which are all becoming more common

### Why is this important?

Walking and cycling can be many things to many people. Making it easier for people to walk and cycle more often will create more opportunities to participate and extend the benefits for individuals and society. The

strategy will guide the City's priorities for walking and cycling infrastructure, activation and behaviour change programs and evaluation.



### Why people walk and cycle

- Health
- Social interaction
- Transport
- Recreation
- Sport/challenge
- Low cost
- Independence
- Enjoyment

### Benefits to Individual and society

- Health savings
- Efficient use of resources
- Resilient communities
- Reduced congestion
- Liveability
- Tourism
- Economy
- No noise or air pollution

### Do you want to walk or cycle more often in Greater Bendigo?

Residents are telling us they want to walk and cycle more often. We want to understand what is preventing residents from walking and cycling more often, your needs and priorities across Greater Bendigo. The City wants your views and ideas on how we can help get

more people walking and cycling more often to create healthier, more connected and liveable communities. There are a variety of opportunities to get involved and have your say.

# Walking and cycling in Greater Bendigo – where are we now?

Greater Bendigo has:

**700km** of footpaths  
**165km** of trails  
**12** road underpasses



Bendigo is Australia's first accredited Bicycle Friendly Community



Rates of walking and cycling are growing more quickly in some parts of the community than others



Walking and Cycling are the most popular ways residents get physical activity in Greater Bendigo (Active Living Census)



Communities are increasingly active and engaged in supporting walking and cycling



Use of the Spring Gully Creek Trail has almost doubled since 2015



Walking and cycling creates more options for independent travel for children and people who have a disability



Construction of footpaths has been accelerated in past 5 years



O'Keefe Rail Trail extended from Axedale to Heathcote



Female participation in bicycle commuting (19%) is lower than the state (21%) and national average (22%)



The McIvor Road Underpass is completed

Strategic directions set in plans to support walking and cycling

- ITLUS (2014)
- Health and Wellbeing plan (2017)
- Public Space Plan (2018)
- Environment Strategy (2016)

## How you can get involved

Throughout the community engagement period there will be many opportunities to have your say and let us know what would help you walk and cycle more often in Greater Bendigo. Opportunities include:

### Walk, Cycle Greater Bendigo – Crowdspot Interactive Map

This allows you to place points on a map of Greater Bendigo for your walking and cycling issues, ideas and the things you'd like to see more of. You can do this by visiting [www.walkcyclegb.crowdspot.com](http://www.walkcyclegb.crowdspot.com)

### Survey

Complete the online survey at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/walkcyclegreaterbendigo](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/walkcyclegreaterbendigo)

### On trail engagements – enjoy a free coffee for your thoughts (limited availability, details subject to change)

- **Cooinda Park**, Bendigo Creek Trail, 10am-12pm, Sunday July 8
- **Wolstencroft Park**, Spring Gully Trail, 10am-12pm, Sunday August 12
- **Lake Weeroona**, 11am-1pm, Thursday August 16
- **Lake Neangar**, 10am-12pm, Sunday August 19



### Listening posts (details subject to change)

- **NAIDOC Children's Day**, Golden Square Primary School, 11am-1pm, Wednesday July 11
- **Bendigo Farmer's Market**, Rosalind Park, 10am-12pm, Saturday July 14
- **Eaglehawk IGA**, 10am-12pm, Saturday July 21
- **Maiden Gully IGA**, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Thursday July 26
- **La Trobe University Market Day**, Flora Hill campus Student Union, 11am-1pm, Wednesday August 1
- **Strathfieldsaye IGA**, 3.30pm-6pm, Thursday August 2
- **Long Gully IGA**, 10am-12pm, Saturday August 4

Note: Details of engagement are subject to change please visit [www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/walkcyclegb](http://www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/walkcyclegb) for the latest information.

## Make a submission

Written submissions can be sent before Tuesday August 28 to [r.kretschmer@bendigo.vic.gov.au](mailto:r.kretschmer@bendigo.vic.gov.au) or post to City of Greater Bendigo, Attention: Robert Kretschmer, PO Box 733, Bendigo, VIC 3552.

