

## W.A. Walking Strategy



# Background

- Perth Walking: The Metropolitan Region Pedestrian Strategy 2000
- Premier's Physical Activity Taskforce 4-year plan identified the need for a Statewide walking strategy



# Adult Survey 2002 – physical activity levels



- 55% of Western Australian adults participate in sufficient levels of physical activity (58% in 1999)
- Walking for recreation was the most popular activity for men (55%) and women (70%)
- Local streets/paths were the most frequently used facilities used for physical activity (57%)

# The State Walking Strategy Forum

- Conducted 24 September 2004
- Representation from State & local government, NGOs, academic and community
- Information from forum was then presented to Walking WA committee
- Partnership between the PATF and Walking WA and work starts on a draft framework

# The Stakeholders

# The Sectors

Forums with:

- DSR
- DoH
- DET
- DPI
- DoE
- CALM
- LGs
- DSC
- WAPC
- NGOs

- Recreation/Sport
- Health
- Urban design
- Town planning
- Community development
- Education
- Transport planning
- Crime prevention
- Engineering

# The Consultations

- Initial forum – Sept 04
- Focus groups with key sectors
- First round written submissions
- Second forum, focusing on Action Plan – April 05
- Second round written submissions
- Local government forum – July 05
- Local government written submissions



# The Framework – Part 1

- 2020 the vision
- What underpins the strategy?
- Defining a supportive walking environment
- WA – the walking state
- Learning from others
- Links to LG walking strategies
- Links to State government walking strategies

# The Framework – Part 2

- Targets
- Reviewing and monitoring
- The Action Plan
  - Five key objectives



# The Action Plan Objectives

To:

- Provide advocacy and leadership; and improve coordination and inclusiveness in the Strategy
- Promote walking
- Improve the places where people walk
- Improve safety and security
- Implement and expand programs and services which provide opportunities for walking

# Appendices

- Appendix 1 – the facts, benefits and barriers
- Appendix 2 – Glossary
- Appendix 3 – Links to other strategies
- Appendix 4 – Case Studies
  - Town of Kwinana
  - Bunbury – walk it Bunbury
  - Walk the Wheatbelt



# Taskforce Website



<http://www.patf.dpc.wa.gov.au>