

Increasing Walkability in Valentine



Valentine Sustainable Neighbourhood Group



Background

The Valentine Sustainable Neighbourhood Group want to make it safer and more enjoyable for people to walk and cycle around their neighbourhood. Walking and cycling are fun, social and healthy activities, that help to reduce traffic, improve safety, and save time, and travel costs.



How did we do it?

The group has focussed on some key strategies:

- Identifying key walking and cycling routes, infrastructure gaps and safety concerns in Valentine and surrounds
- Engaging with Valentine Public School to encourage students and parents to walk or cycle to school
- Advocating for better footpaths, crossings and safety features to Council, local MPs and Roads and Maritime Services (RMS).

What did we achieve?

So far, the project has resulted in some great outcomes for the Valentine community:

- Submission to Council's Cycleways Strategy
- Introduction of school 40km/h zone on busy Croudace Bay Rd
- Flashing lights installed at school (Tallawalla Rd and Croudace Bay Rd)
- Footpath improvements at front of school on Tallawalla Rd

The group continues to work for further improvements and to encourage neighbours to take up more active transport options.

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