Night-time walking tour Brunswick

Invitation to participate!

Merri-bek City Council

What is the walking tour about?

There can be a big difference in the way we experience our cities during the day, versus at night. Feeling unsafe when walking alone at night is a common issue, particularly for women and other vulnerable people. People are less likely to visit areas where they don't feel safe and this can impact their movements and their sense of freedom. It can also make economic and social constraints worse for disadvantaged people or communities.

What will we be doing on the tour?

Night lighting is one of the most important factors impacting our sense of safety in a street or park. During the guided, small-group walking tour of central Brunswick participants will be provided with torches and will be asked to provide feedback about how they feel in different spaces and why, and will be able to 're-light' spaces with their torches, so that we can better understand how to design spaces for people to feel safe at night.

Who will take part in the tour?

A group of 20 participants from different age groups, genders and backgrounds will be invited to take part in the tour.

ARUP lighting consultants will be leading the walking tour, with support from Merri-bek Council staff. There will be 7-10 facilitators there to support participants and make sure that everyone has the chance to have their say, whether they prefer to speak in a larger group or one-on-one. The facilitators will provide instructions, answer questions and take note of participants ideas and feedback.

What will the results be used for?

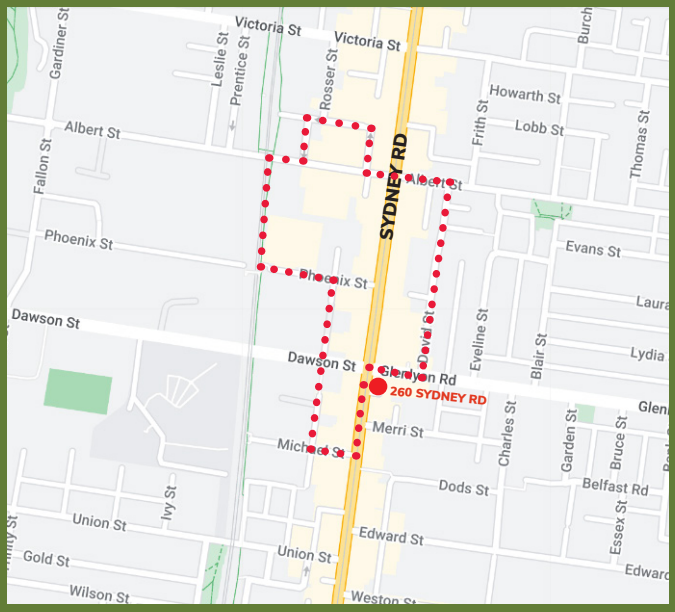
The results of the survey will be used to inform the lighting and space design of the new Park Close to Home at 260 Sydney Road, Brunswick. It will also help us to understand how people feel in other urban spaces and streets at night. This will help us when we design future parks, open spaces and street upgrades in Brunswick and beyond.

KEY INFORMATION

Date : Monday 8th May 2023

Time: 6pm - 8pm (2hrs)

Location: We will start and finish at 260 Sydney Road, Brunswick (opposite the Brunswick Town Hall)



WALKING TOUR MAP - BRUNSWICK

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Accessibility & Safety

The safety of all participants and facilitators is our priority on the walking tour. Participants will be walking or standing for 2 hours on the tour. Some of the footpaths and pavements on the journey may be uneven, and being night-time, light levels will be low. All participants will have a torch, and we will be moving at a slow pace. Please be sure to wear appropriate footwear, and be prepared for the weather.

The walking tour will include people under 18 years old. These younger participants will need to have a guardian with them on the tour. All facilitators will have Working With Children Checks. A Victoria Police officer will also join us on the tour.

Privacy & Data

Merri-bek is a diverse community and we want our designs and community spaces to benefit as many of the people living, working and playing in Merri-bek as possible. Your personal information and the feedback you provide to us will not be used for any other purpose.

Your personal details will not be shared by us with the other participants and any survey results published will remain anonymous.

Support

We understand that walking at night-time and discussing issues around safety may be distressing for some people. If you need support, or if you need to step away from the group for a break, please do not hesitate to speak to one of the council officers in attendance. You can also contact support organisations, including;

Lifeline - call 13 11 14

1800RESPECT - call 1800 737 732

Rainbow Door (LGBTIQA+) - call 1800 729 367

Kids Help Line - call 1800 551 800

Merri-bek Language Link

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Ελληνικά	Greek	9280 1912	Tiếng Việt	Vietnamese	9280 1915	**National Relay Service:** 13 36 77 or relayservice.com.au	
عربي	Arabic	9280 1913	ਪੰਜਾਬੀ	Nepali	9280 0751		