



Walking SA

walking awards

Walk your way

Walking SA Annual Walking Awards recognise and celebrate contributions and advancements to walking in South Australia

The Annual Walking SA Walking Awards program provides a key vehicle for the promotion of the achievements and work of groups, organisations, local and state government, and volunteers in South Australia. The Awards process is an opportunity for public and peer recognition of achievements in walking, and demonstrates to volunteers, community groups, the recreation industry, business, government, and the wider community the significant and positive impact that can be achieved through improvements to walkability.

The release of the 10-year South Australian Walking Strategy in 2022 is the most significant piece undertaken to shape improvements to walking in South Australia. To align with this work, the Annual Walking SA Walking Awards are structured around the three key themes of the Strategy which are Walking for Health, Transport, and Recreation. Two additional categories have also been added to recognise and celebrate first, an 'Outstanding Contribution to Make Walking an All-Inclusive Activity' and the second, an 'Outstanding Individual Contribution' as a volunteer to walking in South Australia.

In 2023, the five award categories are:

- **Walking for Health:** Supporting South Australians' health and wellbeing through walking
- **Walking for Recreation:** Supporting South Australians accessing green open space for walking
- **Walking for Transport:** Supporting South Australians making short trips by walking
- **Outstanding Group or Individual Contribution to advance walking inclusivity:** Outstanding group or individual contribution to make walking an all-inclusive activity
- **Outstanding Individual Contribution of volunteer to walking:** Outstanding individual contribution to walking in South Australia

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Award Criteria – guiding principles

Each award will be assessed against its defining criteria, and the four guiding principles:

Award category	Defining criteria
Walking for Health	Initiatives that support South Australians' health and wellbeing through walking
Walking for Recreation	Initiatives that support South Australians accessing nature and green open space for walking
Walking for Transport	Initiatives that support South Australians making short trips to local destinations, such as transport stops or local services by walking
Outstanding group or individual	Outstanding group or individual to make walking an all-inclusive activity
Outstanding individual contribution	Outstanding individual contribution to walking in South Australia

Four guiding principles for all awards:

1. Evidenced-based action and sustainability — outline any evidence or support that demonstrates the project/program/individual has had (or will have) a positive impact on walking practices, walking infrastructure, walking programs/clubs or numbers of people walking.
2. Community engagement, participation, partnerships, and volunteerism — describe any engagement or involvement from the community and volunteers.
3. Equitable outcomes — consideration will be given to projects/programs that support vulnerable and low socio-economic communities to support the creation of healthier walking environments; for example, older people, children, and their families and for priority populations (e.g., Aboriginal population, people from culturally and linguistically diverse populations, people with a disability).
4. Sharing the learning – consideration will be given to projects/programs that can share what they learned through their project/program. What were the key elements of success? How were obstacles overcome?

All initiatives must have been undertaken in the last 12 months.

Each of the three award categories of Walking for Health, Transport and Recreation will be awarded a \$1500 prize. The two awards for Outstanding Contribution will be awarded \$750 to an organisation that furthers the work of their cause (including their organisation if it is an organisation recipient. An individual recipient of either of the Outstanding Contribution Awards will also receive a Walking SA Lifetime Membership.

Key Dates for Awards Entries

Entries Open:	11 September 2023
Entries Close:	16 October 2023
Awards Ceremony:	9 November 2023 (Walking SA AGM)

Awards Nomination Form

Applicant Details

Award applying for <i>(each applicant/project may only apply for one award category. Please select the category with best fit):</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Walking for Health <input type="checkbox"/> Walking for Recreation <input type="checkbox"/> Walking for Transport <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Group/Individual Contribution to make walking an all-inclusive activity <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Individual Contribution to walking in South Australia
Organisation/business/group <i>(where applicable)</i>	
Contact Name	
Position	
Postal Address	
Phone	
Email	
How did you hear about these awards?	
Have you previously applied for a Walking SA Walking Award?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes Year/s: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> No

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Please supply up to three high quality jpeg images with your application and ensure consent for the use of information, quotes and photographs has been obtained.

Application

Project/program/individual title	
<p>Application outline:</p> <p>Please describe your application in relation to the defining criteria and four guiding principles. This summary may be published on the Walking SA website and used for case studies and promotional purposes.</p> <p>(500 word maximum)</p>	

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