



Safe Walking in West Hobart

Walking to and from school is great activity for kids. It teaches children positive habits that set them up for life. It's great for families and for the community.

All schools in the area want to encourage their children to walk to school. This is hard to do when children can't cross Hill Street safely.

During the peak morning and afternoon periods, 1,300 to 1,400 cars per hour travel along Hill Street. The street has three roundabouts and the constant flow of cars creates very few gaps in the traffic to allow a safe crossing environment, particularly for school children and the elderly. Over half of all children attending Lansdowne Crescent Primary School have to cross Hill Street to get to school. Other schools in the area face similar problems.

The West Hobart community, including its schools, have been advocating for many years for places where children and the elderly can cross Hill Street safely during peak periods. The State Government has extended the 40km per hour school zone and the Hobart City Council has allocated funding for extra infrastructure. This is a great start but we need a safe crossing to make a real difference.

There are a range of options that should be considered, including zebra crossings and adult crossing guards.

On 16 March 2017, parents and members of the community will be counting the number of cars travelling along Hill Street and the number of pedestrians trying to cross during the peak period from 8.00 to 9.00am. This will help us to work with the State Government and Hobart City Council to identify the best solution for the area.