



20x20 Vision for walking in 2040 from Leon Yates - Transcript

Hello my name is **Leon Yates** and I'm from Tasmania, in Australia I'm currently working on a Destination Action Plan for the beautiful little coastal town of Bicheno where I live on the east coast of Tasmania. The DAP as it is also known is a walking and way finding strategy that assists visitors and locals to navigate by walking throughout the town and along the 3.5 km foreshore. The town is steeped in history as an old whaling station in the first European settled Bicheno in 1866 as a fishing village. Today, it's a beautiful place where you could do some whale watching as they migrate south.

The plan maps out up to five walks that explore and explain the heritage and flora and fauna of the area, as well as a history trail of buildings and sites, both built and natural environments. The project has installed way finding markers and information boards along with a map, with the intention of introducing a smart phone app in the future, as a guide of points of interest.

My Vision of the world of walking in 2040

Now my Vision for walking in 2040 is a fairly optimistic one as I believe more people will choose to walk, particularly as a mode of transport, as well as venturing on foot, and contributing to a very important factor of living a healthier lifestyle. This year with the global pandemic, there has been significant increases in walking and also given the global lockdown many people saw the need and the desire in fact, to get out and walk locally, as here in Australia, we were given 5 km restrictions in most of our cities.

Thank you