



Zillmere Safety Walk

Co-produced by Zillmere Community Centre, Zonta Brisbane Club, Qld Walks, University of Queensland

We are grateful for the participants in the walk, including Zillmere residents and service providers



25 people participated in the safety walk in May 2024

23 women and 2 men walked + 22 completed surveys

Ages ranged from 14 to over 75 years

90% rarely or never have difficulty walking

Over 50% either feel unsafe or don't use public transport at night

Over 60% feel Brisbane and Zillmere are not healthy, safe and active places for women and girls at night

Over 90% feel that good lighting and walking with others make them feel safe when walking after dark

Four (4) locations were assessed for their safety and suggested improvement.

1. Zillmere Shops (Cnr Pretoria St and Handford Rd)
2. Zillmere railway station (eastern side), Zillmere Rd
3. Stitch Work, Cnr of Zillmere Rd and Handford Rd
4. Bus Stop (inbound), Handford Rd, IGA entrance



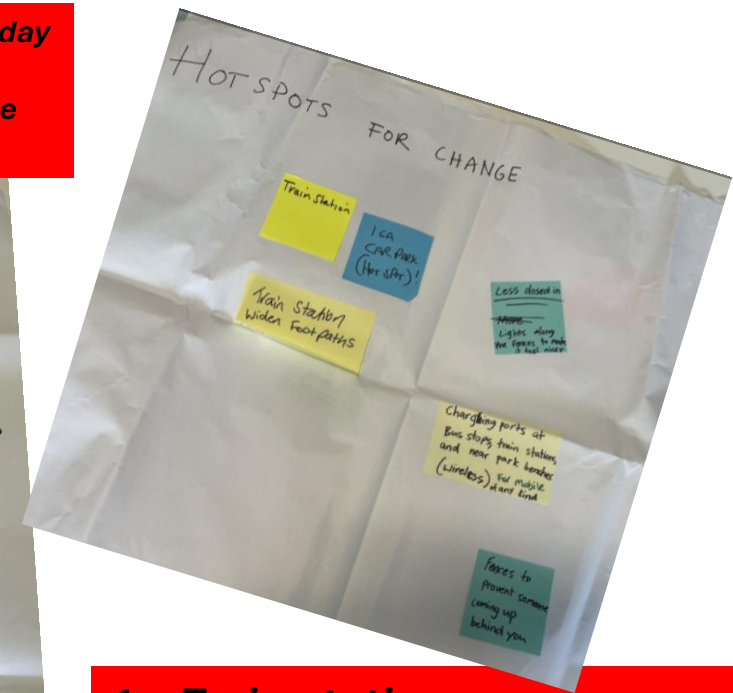




Hot Spots

Parts of the area did not feel safe in the day when we walked. It was observed by participants in the safety walk that those places would feel less safe at night.

- 5:30pm MAY
* Less safe
- ① Litter → unsafe → different sides of the road.
 - ② Lack of lighting - out/blown/ auto? timed? two separate lots individual shops
↳ where we walk
 - ③ Telephone boxes - vandalised.
 - ④ Rundown/unkept → closed early / unoccupied / hot chips
 - ⑤ IGA CARPARK **STAY AWAY**
↳ charity shop entrance / paths
 - ⑥ EXIT POINTS → drycleaners / station / 7/11 shop
 - ⑦ TRAFFIC - NOISE — √ people + noise
- *VANDALISM - [TRAIN | IGA] → TRAIN SIDE
↳ evidence of previous graffiti
*MISSING TRACTILE MARKERS
- IDEAS



1. Train station
2. IGA car park
3. Litter
4. Lighting
5. Vandalism
6. Litter and overgrown vegetation
7. Unsafe exits/paths
8. Blank walls/no eyes on street

Quick Wins + Great Ideas

The Boss Boxing made the Zillmere railway station access and the waiting area at the pedestrian crossing at Handford Road feel safer. *Boss Boxing* is engaging and open space for young people, and it activates the corner.

GREAT IDEAS:

- ✓ Improve the village – fairy lights on key corners and paths
- ✓ Use CPTED principles
- ✓ Wider walking paths to the centre, station, PCYC, library
- ✓ Cleaner paths and gardens throughout the centre
- ✓ Local street art and more colour, particularly on the access street to the station, and at the station
- ✓ Remove the obstacles, different levels so that it is easier to walk
- ✓ Places to charge your phone
- ✓ More food/activity: food trucks
- ✓ Workshop with local stakeholders

QUICK WINS:

- ✓ *Change the light sequence to prioritise pedestrians waiting at the crossings: it is too long a wait*
- ✓ *Make the bus stop advertising transparent to improve sight lines*
- ✓ *Move the crash barriers to the roadside, not inside the footpaths*
- ✓ *Ensure the street light bulbs are working*
- ✓ *Clean the rubbish (daily)*
- ✓ *Tidy the gardens (trim)*



Many thanks to the Zillmere Community Centre