

## WALKSHOPS FOR CANBERRA

**International walking expert, Dr Rodney Tolley, will lead a two-day program of workshops and public forums with the ACT Government, the Heart Foundation (ACT) and the Planning Institute of Australia on 17-18 MARCH 2016**



Walking as part of our daily life has multiple benefits for individuals and the wider community. The ACT Government is encouraging people to walk more as part of implementing key ACT Government priorities for healthy living, active travel, economic prosperity and environmental resilience.

Join us to progress our goal of making Canberra Australia's most walkable city.

### DR RODNEY TOLLEY

Dr Tolley is the Conference Director of Walk21, a not-for-profit organisation that raises international awareness of walking issues and supports professionals in the delivery of best practice. He chaired the Program Committee for all 17 international Walk21 conferences.

Dr Tolley has been central to the development of the International Charter on Walking. The ACT Government became a signatory of the Charter in 2010.

Dr Tolley has extensive experience in leading workshops, walkabouts and master-classes on walkability, accessibility, way-finding and pedestrian amenity in public spaces and streets. Through these activities he has a unique oversight of developing practice in walking in Australasia and across the world.

Dr Tolley is lead author for the Heart Foundation publications:

- 'Good for Busine\$\$ (2011): The benefits of making streets more walking and cycling friendly – Discussion Paper' (2011)
- 'Does Density matter? The role of density in creating walkable neighbourhoods – Discussion Paper' (2014)



## PROGRAM OF EVENTS

- **Presentations for practitioners:**

Hear Dr Tolley present on leading best practice and international examples. Ideal for built environment, industry and interest group practitioners.

- **'Walkshops':**

Get your feet on the pavement with Dr Tolley and colleagues to experience the local walking environment first hand. The 'walkshop' concludes with an informal debrief in a nearby cafe. Walking distance is approximately 3km so bring comfortable shoes! Places are limited – so book early.

- **Public forum and panel discussion:**

Hear Dr Tolley's keynote address and join the public discussion with Dr Tolley and a panel of local experts.

- **Summary workshop:**

An opportunity to draw together the discussions and learnings with Dr Tolley.

All events are open to industry practitioners, special interest groups and the public.

## REGISTRATION

Please register your interest by email to [epdplacemaking@act.gov.au](mailto:epdplacemaking@act.gov.au)



## THURSDAY 17 MARCH

### WALKING – GOOD FOR BUSINESS?

**Presentation: 9:00–10:00 am**

*What are the economic benefits of walking and cycling for Canberra?*

A presentation on how walking supports business and economic activity, with lessons from Australian and international experience.

*Ground Floor Function Room (North), DPMH 16 Challis Street, Dickson*

**'Walkshop': 11:00am–1:00 pm**

*Creating Walkability in Canberra's Town Centres – focus on Woden and Phillip*

Interactive walking workshop in Woden, covering key elements of the Woden Town Centre Master Plan, the 'hospital link' and walking and cycling projects.

*Pickup at 16 Challis Street, Dickson. Limited to 15 places – registration is essential.*

**Public Forum and Panel Discussion: 5:00–7:00 pm**

*'Making Canberra Australia's most walkable city'*

Dr Tolley delivers his keynote address on what makes places walkable, drawing on his international experience to offer insights for Canberra.

Leading minds from government, private sector and academia will lead discussion.

*Pilgrim House, 69 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra*

## FRIDAY 18 MARCH

### DOES DENSITY MATTER FOR WALKING?

**Presentation: 9:00 – 10:00 am**

*What is the role of density in creating walkable neighbourhoods?*

A presentation on how urban density and other design factors such as building design can create a walkable, healthy and vibrant city.

*Ground Floor Function Room (North), DPMH, 16 Challis Street, Dickson*

**'Walkshop': 10:30 – 12:00 pm**

*How can walkability support compact neighbourhoods?*

Interactive walking workshop through inner North Canberra covering how walkable places can be created through urban renewal, including elements of the City and Gateway Urban Renewal Strategy.

*Departs from 16 Challis Street, Dickson. Limited to 15 places – registration is essential.*

**Summary Workshop for Practitioners: 2:00 – 4:00 pm**

*'Does Canberra need a walking strategy?'*

An interactive session reflecting on opportunities and constraints to realising the vision for Canberra as Australia's most walkable city, covering best practice examples, walkability assessments and more.

*Level 4 Conference Room, Nara Centre, 1 Constitution Avenue, Canberra.*