



Project Title

Connecting the Dots: The role of walking routes incorporating public art on physical activity and wellbeing in Toowoomba, Queensland - **Phase One (Part One): A Survey of Experiences with Public Art and Walking Routes Incorporating Public Art in Toowoomba**

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Description

This project is being undertaken through the University of Southern Queensland (UniSQ). This project is part of a larger PhD Candidature "Connecting the Dots" which examines the role of walking routes incorporating public art on physical activity and wellbeing in Toowoomba, Queensland. The ultimate goal is to create a framework for use in cities and towns that promote public art and public art walking routes, as a means of improving public health and wellbeing.

Participants for this survey will be over 18 years of age. The purpose of this survey is to understand participant's experiences with public art and walking routes incorporating public art. In this survey, we are interested in understanding your experiences with public art and walking routes incorporating public art in Toowoomba. We are particularly interested in hearing your perspectives on what information could be put on an artwork QR code-linked webpage that could make viewing the public art pieces more enjoyable and the increase physical activity and the general wellbeing of the community. Findings from this study will help to inform the ongoing development and refinement of QR codes about each public art piece on the walking routes and general information centred around the art.

Participation

How long will the survey take?

Your participation will involve completion of an online survey. Depending on the length of your answers it may take about 30 minutes to complete.

What will the survey ask?

Questions will broadly explore your experiences with public art and walking routes incorporating public art and your perspectives on QR Code-linked public art webpage content. There are also general questions about physical activity, wellbeing and general health.

- The first section asks general information about your age and background including gender identity, whether you identify as someone with a disability or long-term health condition, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identity, whether you were born in Australia or overseas, and your level of education.
- Section 2 asks a series of statements about your experiences and perceptions about public art and walking routes incorporating public art in Toowoomba.
- Section 3 asks for your perceptions on your general level of wellbeing.

- Section 4 asks about the duration and frequency of your walking habits.
- The final section asks for your level of interest related to potential content of a public art walking route webpage.

These questions help us get a sense of the background and perspectives of people participating in the survey. You may respond with 'prefer not to say' to any of these questions. You are free to provide as much or as little detail as you like or skip questions completely if you do not feel comfortable responding. There are no correct answers to the questions we will ask. All data collected is anonymous.

There is also an opportunity at the end of the survey to provide your details for further participation in workshops related to this project.

Do I have to take part in the survey?

No. Participation is voluntary. Clicking on the 'Submit' button at the conclusion of the online survey is accepted as an indication of your consent to participate in this project.

Can I change my mind about participating?

Your participation in this project is entirely voluntary. If you do not wish to take part, you are not obliged to. If you decide to participate and change your mind later, you are free to withdraw from the project at any stage. Due to the anonymous nature of the survey, you will be unable to withdraw data collected about yourself once you have participated in the survey.

If you wish to withdraw from this project prior to participating, If you do wish to withdraw from this survey before completion, simply closing the survey browser. Your decision whether you participate or not, or withdraw at a later date, will in no way impact your current or future relationship with the University of Southern Queensland.

Can I start the survey and return to it later?

Yes. If you start the survey, you can choose to stop at any time, without any reason by closing your Internet browser before completing the survey. Your answers will be saved every time you click the forward button in the survey. If you do not click the forward button the answers you provided in that section will not be saved. To return to the survey, re-open the survey link in the same browser (e.g., Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge) on the computer or mobile device where you started the survey. Your survey should open where you left it after clicking the forward button. If you have any problems, contact shirley-anne.gardiner@uq.edu.au.

Expected benefits

It is expected that this project will not directly benefit you. However, it may benefit others in the future. The community may be able to use walking maps incorporating public art, and this may play a role in their health and wellbeing.

Will I receive an incentive for participating in this survey?

No. Participants will not receive an incentive for completing this pre-workshop survey.

Risks

Participating in this survey will pose no risk beyond normal day-to-day living. Sometimes thinking about the sorts of issues raised in the survey can create some uncomfortable or distressing feelings. If you need to talk to someone about this immediately, please contact your support networks, or access a service such as Headspace ((07) 4639 9000, Lifeline Darling Downs and South West Queensland: 131114 or Qlife: 1800184527. You may also wish to consider consulting your General Practitioner (GP) for additional support.

Is the survey confidential?

All comments and responses are confidential unless required by law. The survey asks you to provide general information about your background as a survey respondent but does not ask you to provide your name or contact information. Due to the anonymous nature of data collection, all responses are non-identifiable. If you write any personally identifying information about yourself or other individuals in the survey, this information will be removed before analysis to protect privacy. Data may be used for future research purposes as part of the wider PhD project. Any data collected as a part of this project will be stored securely, as per University of Southern Queensland's Research Data and Primary Materials Management Procedure and will be accessible only by members of the research team from UniSQ.

The raw survey data is password protected and only accessible to the UniSQ researchers working on the Phase One Co-design project. The survey is stored in survey software securely managed by UniSQ as per University of Southern Queensland's Research Data and Primary Materials Management Procedure. All data storage adheres to industry standards and all reasonable steps will be taken to ensure that the information provided is accurate and complete and that it is protected from misuse, loss, unauthorised access, or disclosure.

What will happen to information I provide in the survey?

The results of the survey will be processed by the UniSQ researchers to facilitate the Phase One Codesign project. The survey results will be collated and may be used for further research towards a Doctorate in Philosophy (PhD) thesis paper.

Can I receive a copy of my responses?

Due to the anonymous nature of data collection, all responses are anonymous, and we are not able to identify individual participant data. Participants may contact the Principal Investigator Professor Tracy Kolbe-Alexander for a summary of the project results.

Questions

Please refer to the Research team contact details at the top of the form to have any questions answered or to request further information about this project.

If you have any concerns or complaints about the ethical conduct of the project, you may contact the University of Southern Queensland, Manager of Research Integrity and Ethics on +61 7 4631 2321 or email researchintegrity@unisq.edu.au. The Manager of Research Integrity and Ethics is not connected with the research project and can address your concern in an unbiased manner.