

Locomote Seatscape Project

The City of Geelong funded a Seatscape project in Portarlington in 2014. Local community groups and schools were invited to reclaim, redecorate and repurpose old chairs. These chairs were then featured in a 'pop up' exhibition around Portarlington's streets and laneways.

Locomote members were keen to get involved. They reclaimed an old chair, repaired and repainted it with assistance from a local woodwork artist. The chair was then decorated with various elements to represent the group's activities and interests.



The final product reflected Locomote's concerted effort to involve other organisations - walking shoes were sourced from the local op-shop, banner design from a local graphic designer, and graphics for pedestrian street signs were obtained from Council's engineering department. A hat, dog lead, water bottle, sunglasses and explanatory flyer were also included.

Locomote's Walking Chair was exhibited along with many others over two weekends. At the end of the exhibition, Locomote decided to keep their chair for future promotional purposes. "We plan to use it at festivals and events to promote what Locomote is doing, promote walks and sustainable travel in our local area. It's very portable, *and* you can sit on it!"



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