

Place Plans

We're planning for the future of our places in a way that makes it easy for you to understand and get involved.

Local values



Start with yes



People-power



Test and trial



Measure and benchmark

What is a place plan?

Plans that put people and places first

Place plans start with our community — your values and priorities for your place. Together, we identify the unique local character of a place and the ways our community can shape, enhance or protect these aspects.

A place plan is guided by strategic documents — we put a local filter on all of our Council's existing strategies to make one easy-to-read, action-oriented plan. It also includes analysis of potential opportunities for a place in line with the community's vision.

Every place is **unique** and so is every place plan. A place plan may include events and activities, projects and works, actions for community, land use changes and more.

Creating vibrant places

Place plans aim to improve the liveability and wellbeing of our communities. They recognise the importance of public spaces, community infrastructure and healthy local economies in creating great places to live, work and visit.

The actions in a place plan help us to plan for the future, invest in infrastructure, attract investment and bring life to our streets.



Empowering our community

We know our community want to see action in their town centres, not plans that sit on a shelf. That's why we're taking a collaborative approach and working with our community to create great places.

The most important part of a place plan is the activation plan. It includes projects or ideas to create more vibrant places for people to connect, discover and enjoy with their community.

These actions can be championed by our community — including community groups, local businesses, schools, clubs or individuals.

By working together we can harness people-power to achieve more and best of all, create lasting connections. The 7 Day Makeovers in Anna Bay and Medowie are examples of amazing community-led initiatives in Port Stephens.

What is the process?

- 1 Place plans start with feedback from 2020 Liveability Index to identify what each community values most and your priorities for your place.
- 2 To develop a draft plan, we seek input through collaborative workshops.
- 3 Our technical experts will use your input to create opportunities for meaningful improvements. We also filter all of our existing strategies into one simple plan for your town.
- 4 We'll test this draft with the community to get feedback and input.
- 5 A final draft will be endorsed by our Council.
- 6 It's time for action! As well as actions for our Council, place plans include projects or ideas to create a more vibrant place which will be championed by our community, for our community.



How can I get involved?

You're the expert when it comes to your place — we need your local knowledge and passion for your place to help develop a plan and make things happen.

Find out more at portstephens.nsw.gov.au/placeplans

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