Streets as Shared Spaces

Ideas and opportunities

Streets are our towns and cities’ connectors. In our urban areas they provide places where people can be walk and cycle, socialise and add vitality to neighbourhoods, creating better and more vibrant places to live. Aligning movement and place on streets can give users of all ages and abilities better, safer and healthier travel options while creating enjoyable urban environments for people.

Some ideas that help create great streets include:

- Walking and cycling paths
- Tactile paving and colour contrast at crossings
- Reduce obstructions and clutter
- Good wayfinding
- Remove pinch points for people walking and riding
- A clear and positive interface with private domain

Am I able to get there?

- Appropriate traffic levels and speeds
- Wide footpaths and equitable access

Am I able to stay?

- Shade and shelter
- Setbacks for local street character
- Good materials
- Clean and well maintained
- Good lighting
- Sense of safety

Green and leafy

Space for business
- waiting and outdoor dining

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Am I able to play and participate?
- Play streets and shared zones
- Interactive activities and place infrastructure
- Encourage social interaction
- Active frontages

Am I able to connect?
- Colour through public art and flowers
- Interesting things to see at eye level
- Places of meaning
- 10+ things to see, do and connect with
- Interesting atmosphere
- Access to local services

How to get involved
For more information, please contact: PublicSpace@planning.nsw.gov.au

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