



Great Open Spaces

Ideas and opportunities

Open spaces make for liveable, sustainable and healthy neighbourhoods. Public open spaces include our parks, gardens, play spaces, public beaches, riverbanks, waterfronts, publicly accessible bushland and outdoor playing fields and courts. Quality open spaces provide us with places to exercise, play, rest, participate in social activities, and contribute to healthy, happy and resilient communities. Open spaces are also critical in supporting plants, wildlife and a healthy environment.

Some ideas that help create great Open Spaces include:

Am I able to get there?

- People can easily access and move through the place
- Near public transport
- Multiple entry points
- Equitable and accessible footpath network

Accessible by walking or riding a bike

A short walk or cycle from home, school and places of work



Clear and legible wayfinding



Am I able to stay?

- Feels safe during the day and night
- Enjoyable places to sit in the sun or shade
- Protected from the weather
- Public and accessibility toilets and changing facilities
- Sufficient lighting to improve surveillance and allow night time use

Trees and plants for shade, comfort and a healthy environment



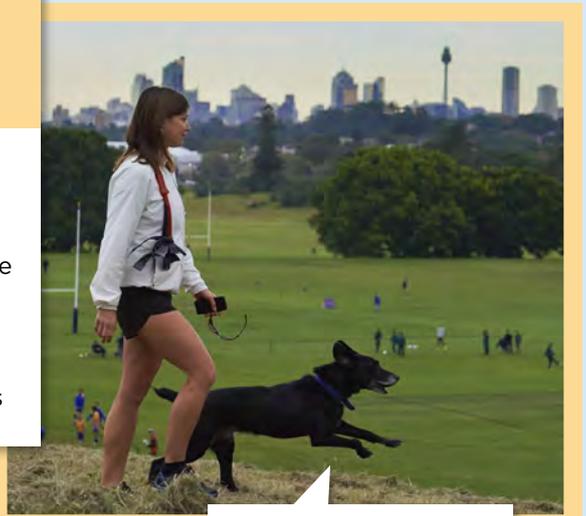
Sustainably maintained, clean and healthy

Inclusive play spaces for all ages, abilities and backgrounds



Am I able to play and participate?

- Range of diverse and affordable activities
- Spaces for respite or relaxation
- Places for community groups and clubs



Sport and recreational facilities

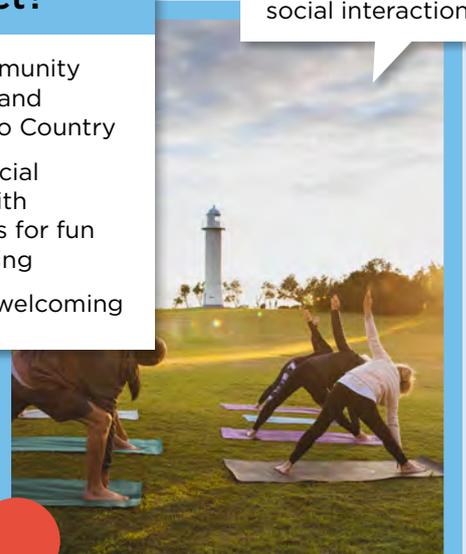


Event spaces and facilities

Am I able to connect?

- Inspires community stewardship and connection to Country
- Places for social gathering, with opportunities for fun and celebrating
- Vibrant and welcoming

Promotes positive social interactions



Clockwise from above: Hyde Park; Sydney Park; Moore Park; Woolli Park, Yamba; Port Macquarie Breakwall. Images courtesy of Destination NSW.

How to get involved



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