



Great Public Facilities

Ideas and opportunities

Free and publicly accessible libraries, galleries, community centres, showgrounds, museums and indoor public sports facilities are key to our community's sustainability and are of increasing importance as our cities grow. Through telling our diverse stories in a positive and welcoming environment, they contribute to our identity, and local character. Within their buildings, grounds and virtual spaces, public facilities provide places for everybody to gather, share ideas, engage in cultural experiences and learn. Access to high-quality and free services has a direct impact on the social and economic wellbeing of citizens.

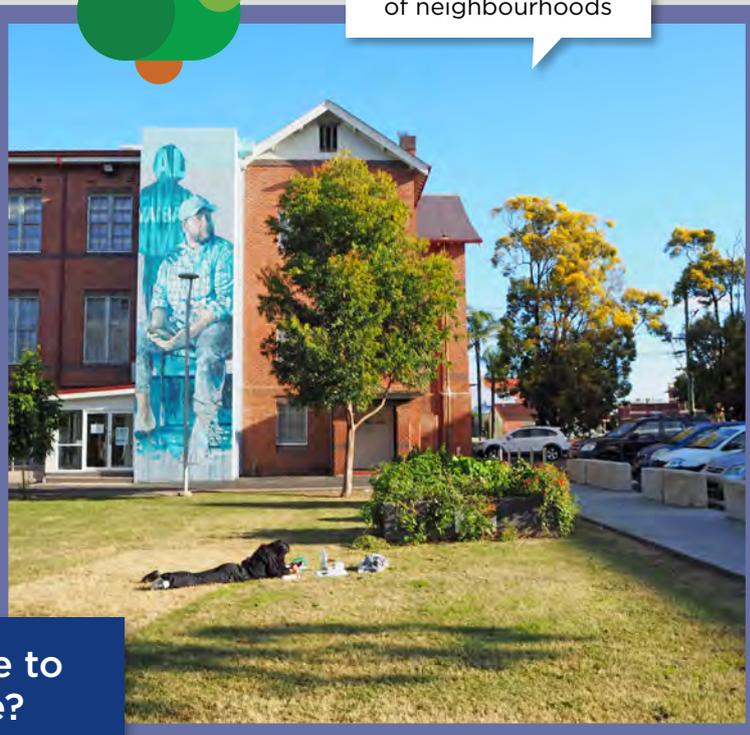
Some ideas that help create great Public Facilities include:

Am I able to get there?

- People of all abilities have equal access
- Connected and accessible by walking, cycling, and public transport
- Extended opening hours

Clear signage and centrally located wayfinding

Located in the heart of neighbourhoods

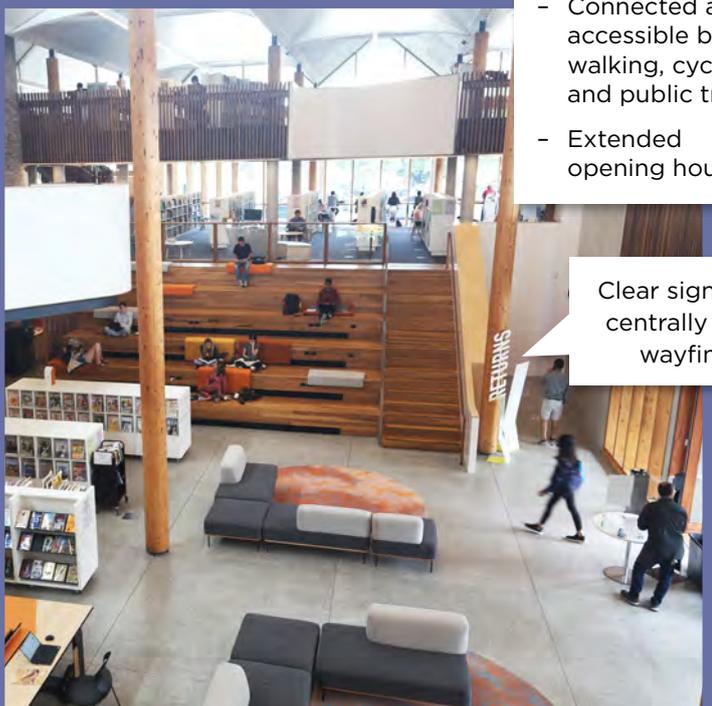


Welcoming, inclusive, safe, like community 'living rooms'

Am I able to stay?

- Access to community spaces
- Wi-fi and computer access
- Equitable access to educational services and materials
- Areas to collaborate, work or study

A place to gather and interact or for individual pursuits



Clockwise from header banner: MidCoast Bustles; Lismore Quad, Library and Gallery; Museum of Sydney; Marrickville Library. Images courtesy of MidCoast Council, Destination NSW and the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.



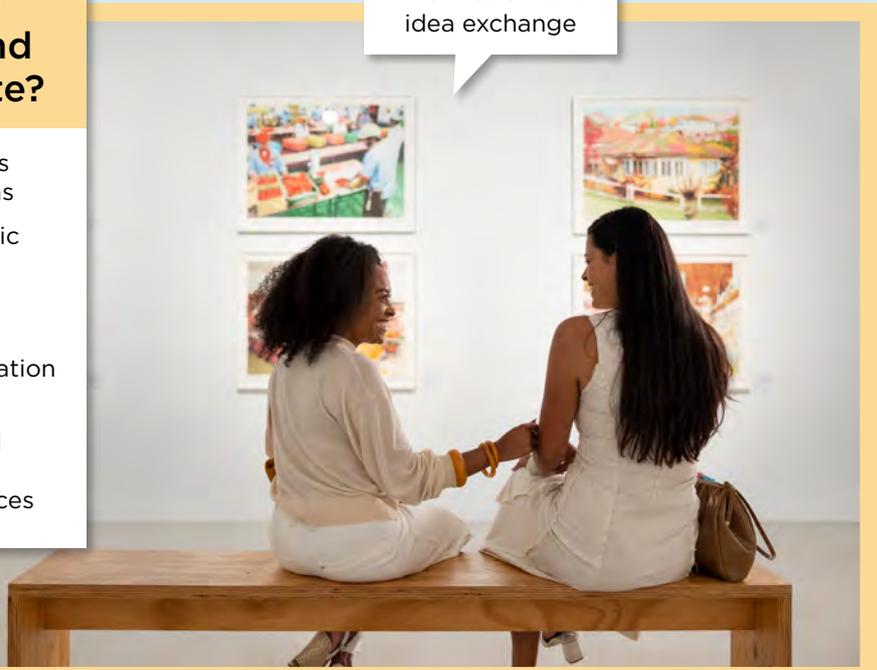
Am I able to play and participate?

- Opportunities for exhibitions
- Vibrant artistic and cultural activities
- Facilities for diverse education programs
- Open, playful creative or peaceful spaces

Opportunities for events, and sporting activities



Magnets for information and idea exchange



Am I able to connect?

- Community participation online and in-person
- A positive and joyful environment
- Participate in activities and networks
- Share knowledge and skills

Discover local, historic and contemporary cultural stories



Clockwise from above: Penrith PCYC, Penrith; Campbelltown Arts Centre; Great Cobar Heritage Centre, Cobar; Sydney Festival in Hyde Park. Images courtesy of Destination NSW.

How to get involved



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