

Place

Quick Reference Guide

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Place refers to a specific location that people connect with – physically, socially, and emotionally. It's not just about the infrastructure, but how it feels, how it's used, and how it supports community life.

Why is 'Place' included as an assessable criteria in Get NSW Active?

People are more willing to walk and ride in places that feel safe, welcoming and inviting. By integrating quality urban design and landscaping as part of your walking or riding project, you can increase the number of people that use the facilities. For example, adding lighting to a path project might make it more useable in the evening or throughout winter months, leading to more trips being made on the path for a relatively small upfront investment.

Street trees – All Get NSW Active projects should provide street trees to increase shade along paths. Trees make walking and riding paths more usable on hot, windy and rainy days, and improve the overall feel of the path, encouraging more people to use the paths more often. If your project does not include street trees, you will have to answer additional questions in the application form to explain why it isn't possible to include them.



Other Place improvements that will strengthen your score

Other place improvements that might strengthen your application are listed below. Not all improvements will be appropriate for all projects. You should determine which are most suited to the setting and target user groups for the project:

- lighting
- seating or rest stops
- traffic calming
- landscaping
- reallocation of road space to new/expanded areas for walking, riding, landscaping or parklets
- supporting facilities (e.g., bubblers, bike parking)
- buffers or setbacks to busy roads
- modal filters
- rain garden or water sensitive urban design treatments
- wayfinding.



Kerb build outs improve place outcomes by increasing and expanding pedestrian space and providing opportunities for landscaping