

Impact Report: Unlocking more vibrant and activated places across NSW

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We pay our respects to Elders past and present and celebrate the diversity of Aboriginal people and their ongoing cultures and connections to the lands and waters of NSW.

Many of the transport routes we use today – from rail lines, to roads, to water crossings – follow the traditional Songlines, trade routes and ceremonial paths in Country that our nation's First Peoples followed for tens of thousands of years.

Transport for NSW is committed to honouring Aboriginal peoples' cultural and spiritual connections to the lands, waters and seas and their rich contribution to society.

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Image: Open Streets, Wagga Wagga City Council, Festival of W, 2024, Wagga Wagga. Credit: Anna Kucera.

Our work

Vibrant and activated public spaces

Transport for NSW delivers a suite of programs to help act as a catalyst to revitalise and reshape the idea of what a street or other public spaces in a transport hub precinct can be: a place for people to gather and spend time in, not just as corridors for movement. We collaborate with councils, state government agencies, local businesses and the community to implement innovative and creative solutions that support local economies, community connection and physical and mental wellbeing. We are helping to make it easier for stakeholders to stage pop-up events and festivals, including temporary street closures and pre-approvals for event sites.

Purpose of this report

This report provides an overview of the revitalisation initiatives delivered, and the outcomes achieved on the ground led by Transport for NSW's Vibrancy team between May 2020 – June 2025. The purpose is to highlight the impacts and tangible improvements

generated through collaborative partnerships, innovation and trialling activation approaches within public spaces and transport hub precincts. Projects delivered between the same period are detailed in the [Appendix](#).

All data in this report has been provided by delivery partners for the purpose of project acquittal and evaluating the success of each initiative. This is a point-in-time report, with additional data to be provided for projects delivered after 30 June 2025.

What is public space?

Public spaces are our streets, open spaces and public facilities, such as community centres or libraries. They are either publicly owned or open to public use. Public spaces are free and accessible for all members of the public to use and enjoy.

Public spaces are the heart of our communities and support the quality of people's lived experiences and wellbeing in everyday life.

[NSW Public Spaces Charter](#)



Open Streets, Kiama Municipal Council, Kiama Winter Street Festival, 2024, Kiama. Credit: Peter Izzard Photography.



Open Streets, Strathfield Council, Strathfield Winter Warmer in the Square, 2024, Strathfield. Credit: Strathfield Council.

The importance of streets as public spaces

Recent years have shown us how important quality public spaces such as streets are for communities to thrive. Vibrant, safe and activated places can generate positive social, economic, cultural and environmental outcomes. Great streets, avenues, boulevards, squares, plazas, pavements, and transport hub precincts are our towns' and cities' connectors. They provide places for people to gather, be active, work, visit, engage with businesses and enjoy public life. These places foster a sense of local character within the community and shape the way we go about our daily lives.

The quality of a public space such as a street is reflected not only in its physical form — how it's designed, maintained and integrated within its environment — but also through the activities it supports and the meaning it holds. Using the [Evaluation Tool for Public Space and Public Life](#) and the [Community Survey Tool for Public Space and Public Life](#), it can be evaluated by asking:

- Am I able to get there?
- Am I able to play and participate?
- Am I able to stay?
- Am I able to connect?



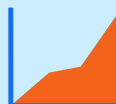
Improving access to active transportation and quality public space can improve road traffic safety, local air quality, and climate change mitigation.

— The Lancet Global Health



Urban regeneration projects can improve housing quality and enhance the overall quality of life for people living in urban areas.

— World Bank

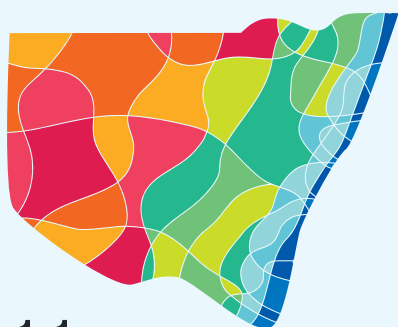


Investments in streets and public space infrastructure improves urban productivity, livelihoods and allows better access to markets, jobs and public services.

— United Nations

Key outcomes

The programs delivered with partners on the ground led by the Vibrancy team have positively impacted communities all across NSW and help to achieve the key priorities of Transport for NSW. Key outcomes achieved between May 2020 and June 2025 include:



11

programs

\$159m+

invested

506

projects across NSW (57% in Regional NSW) with **427** projects completed and **79** underway

120

councils across NSW have been engaged as partners

100%

of Greater Sydney councils have delivered projects

92%

of Regional councils have delivered projects

1,300+

events and activations delivered

380ha+

of public space brought to life equating to **530+** soccer fields

41,000+

community members provided input to plan and co-design projects across Permit/Plug/Play Pilot, Safer Cities, Community Improvement District Pilot, reVITALise, and Places to Love programs

26,000+

people employed or engaged through completed projects including over **4,000** hospitality workers and over **9,000** creative workers

90+

more minutes spent in public places on average during Open Streets and Summer Fund events

2.8m+

attendees across events and activations

8x

more visitors on average during events and activations across **129** projects

68%

average increase in sales turnover during Open Streets events

7

reforms to NSW's statutory framework were informed by program insights

14

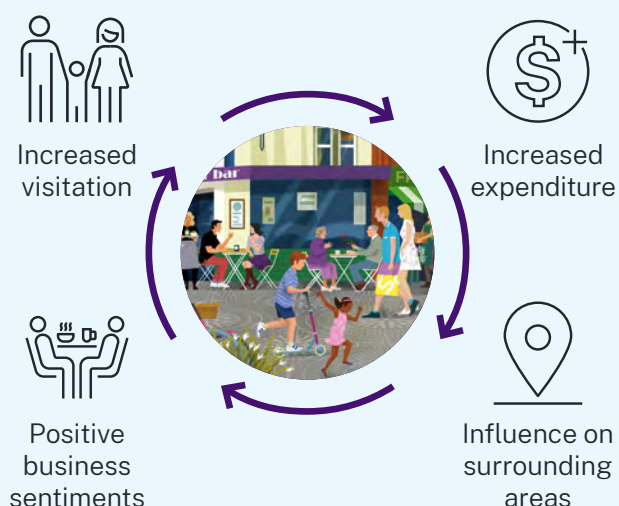
awards and commendations for the programs

250+

media mentions in 2024 sharing positive community sentiment towards the programs

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Projects catalysed a cycle of positive outcomes:



Place improvements delivered through projects

170+

added street furniture, providing more places to dwell in public space

260+

streets temporarily closed to cars and opened to people

150+

provided additional public art including murals, asphalt art and more

85+

parklets trialled

100+

incorporated urban greening and/or tree planting to help cool local climates

70+

trialled slower speed limits or traffic calming devices to help improve road safety

145+

added lighting, increasing perceptions of safety

100+

provided wayfinding and signage improving access and connectivity

25+

trialled smart technology

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Safer Cities, Transport for NSW, FIFA Women's World Cup, 2023, Moore Park Precinct. Credit: Katje Ford

Project outcomes illustration by Gregory Baldwin

Key insights

Ten key insights have been identified through program evaluations to enhance project delivery and program governance, helping achieve desired place outcomes.

1 Incremental changes seed long-term outcomes

Temporary projects are a good way to trial and test ideas that impact movement and place with the community. Small but scalable low-cost trials allow local placemakers to inform and refine their ideas before investing in more expensive, permanent or bold changes.

For example, Ballina Council's Streets as Shared Spaces project 'A Slow Path Not a Fast Shortcut' trialled traffic calming elements and streetscape elements in Lennox Village, which helped to slow speeds and refine where and how to design permanent changes.

2 Data is powerful

The social, cultural and economic benefits of placemaking are often not well understood. Projects that gather evidence before and after their trial can easily communicate the importance of their work to others.

For example, City of Newcastle's Streets as Shared Spaces project trialled a 30km/hr zone and streetscape activations on Darby Street with a large temporary outdoor dining deck, a moveable parklet, playable elements and an interactive art installation that plays music and lights up after dark. This enabled safer active transport routes and more pedestrian activity, which led to increased sales revenue. Based on community consultation and data insights, Council has approved the retention of the trial infrastructure.

3 Involve the community as active participants

A variety of community members should be engaged when planning, designing, managing and activating streets and centres to ensure their values, needs and aspirations are reflected. Successful projects use participatory processes, collaboration and co-design with community members to create welcoming and inclusive places.

For example, the Safer Cities program delivered many co-design sessions and walking workshops or 'walkshops'. Walkshops involve 'walking along' with women, girls and gender diverse people, to understand their lived experiences (where they feel safe and why). Involving historically underrepresented community members as active participants in shaping and measuring the success of gender-sensitive placemaking interventions helped realise positive outcomes across the state.

4 Partnerships and a multi-disciplinary approach to placemaking

Collaboration and consultation are critical. Projects that bring together people with different skillsets at the beginning and throughout project delivery are best placed to manage risks and deliver their expected outcomes.

For example, councils engaged in the Permit/Plug/Play Pilot program have conducted research and undertaken consultations with multi-disciplinary stakeholders to identify "local problems" related to cost and complexity for delivering street-based events, informing "local solutions" to pilot through their projects. This place-based approach strengthens stakeholder buy-in and assists in achieving high-quality outcomes.

5 More diverse funding models may help improve sustainability

As the capacity to deliver placemaking projects grows, it's important to enable local councils and businesses to actively contribute to the development of vibrant town centres and main streets, supporting local economies in meaningful and enduring ways.

For example, in an Australian first, Transport for NSW's Community Improvement District Pilot program is exploring what works to support partnerships and collaboration between local businesses and the community to strengthen the vibrancy of an area. Diverse governance models show promise in supporting local economic growth and creating desirable places.

6 Tools enable more consistent evaluation

Providing guidance on the importance of evaluation, what to measure, and how to collate findings supports effective and consistent project evaluation. This enables better understanding and more powerful communication of the impacts of revitalisation projects.

For example, The Evaluation Tool for Public Space and Public Life is part of a suite of Transport for NSW resources which delivery partners can use to gather data. The tool takes practitioners through a series of questions to analyse the look and function of public space and how people use streets and places. This information can be used to inform future planning, design and investment and to improve public spaces for everyone.

7 Legislative reforms can amplify outcomes

Simplified regulations, policy reforms and modernisation of legislation in NSW is cutting red tape that previously hindered cultural and economic activity.

For example, our programs complement the NSW Government's Vibrancy Reforms, boosting NSW's night economy, benefiting live music, dining, and the creative sector enhancing vibrancy in NSW. Our programs are helping make it cheaper to arrange events by installing enabling place infrastructure and streamlining the often slow and complex processes involved in delivering street activations.

8 Provide forums for knowledge sharing

Project delivery partners gain a breadth of knowledge through delivering placemaking projects across NSW. It is vital to create opportunities for people to discuss their approach, progress and learn from each other.

For example, forums like communities of practice have been established across multiple programs to enable delivery partners to share knowledge and collaborate to solve common problems. This also provides a regular touch point for Transport for NSW and delivery partners to share practical insights and learnings.

9 Affordable, accessible, and sustainable experiences underpin increased visitation

Vibrant places that attract people over time are often those that prioritise accessibility, affordability, and reflect local character. Communities respond positively to experiences that are inclusive and meaningful, whether as a one-off event or a longer-term intervention.

For example, the Open Streets program supported councils to deliver free and lower-cost activations such as outdoor dining, performances, and temporary play elements. These initiatives strengthened partnerships with businesses and the creative sector, while fostering successful place outcomes. By ensuring that public spaces and activations are affordable to access, easy to reach, and reflect local character, projects are more likely to increase visitation, dwell time, repeat use and improve social connectedness.

10 Reimagining road space provides a platform for shared community experiences

In line with the Movement and Place Framework, roads are not only for movement – they can also serve as platforms for community life. Even short-term reallocation of road space for temporary markets, street food, performances, or outdoor dining can create opportunities that reflect local identity and foster social connection. This adaptable approach transforms everyday infrastructure into places of shared experience.

For example, councils engaged in the Permit/Plug/Play Pilot program are temporarily reallocating sections of road space and simplifying approval processes for live music, cultural events, and community-led activities. These initiatives demonstrate how existing road infrastructure can be unlocked to stimulate an increased volume and frequency of street-based events.

Strategic alignment

The program summaries in this report outline a community-centred approach to achieve the objectives and key priorities of Transport for NSW and broader Government initiatives focused on vibrancy, active transport and wellbeing. Our work is:

- **Contributing to city shaping and precinct making initiatives** by activating public spaces, such as streets and public transport hubs to create quality places where people can live, work, and play.
- **Helping increase patronage** by creating vibrant, safe, accessible and active places to enable more people to use public transport.
- **Supporting the Vibrancy agenda** through the delivery of street-based events that bring together community, increase economic vitality, and enhance perceptions of safety and attachment to place.
- **Supporting active transport, such as walking and riding**, as a preferred mode of transport for short trips by creating more walkable and activated public spaces.

All programs align with the [NSW Government's Future Transport Strategy](#), [Movement and Place Framework](#), [Road User Space Allocation Policy](#) and [Procedure](#), and [Design of Roads and Streets](#). This ensures that Transport for NSW allocates physical and temporal road user space safely and equitably to support the movement of people and goods as well as place objectives. Aligning movement and place on streets can give people of all ages and abilities better, safer and healthier transport options while creating enjoyable public spaces.

The programs directly respond to the Government's commitment to restoring vibrancy in NSW by simplifying regulations, removing red tape and supporting outdoor activation. The programs contribute to the [24-Hour Economy Strategy](#), and complement initiatives, including the [Purple Flag](#) night-time accreditation scheme, [Uptown District program](#), and [Visitor Economy Strategy](#).

All programs are guided by the [NSW Public Spaces Charter's](#) 3 core values and 10 principles for quality public space, highlighted below.

NSW Public Spaces Charter 3 core values 10 Principles

Connection
to Country



Equity and
inclusion



Community
engagement



Open and welcoming



Community focused



Culture and creativity



Safe and secure



Designed for place



Well-managed



Healthy and active



Green and resilient



Local character
and identity



Local businesses
and economies



revITALise program, Transport for NSW, Art in Transit: Women's Makers Market, 2023, Stanmore. Credit: NSW Government

Timeline of key activities

Our programs have enabled projects that provide real change and benefits for communities right across the state. We do this by fostering collaborative partnerships and providing funding opportunities to councils, state government partners, businesses, and the community to deliver diverse projects. We have also invested in ways to use Transport for NSW's assets differently with revitalisation ideas from the community.

We work closely with policymakers across state government to advocate for great public space outcomes and simplify the processes that enable public life and activation in our streets, towns and transport hub precincts.

Our partners including stakeholders across other areas of Transport for NSW, the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, the Office of the 24-Hour Economy Commissioner, the Womens Safety Commissioner and other state agencies have been instrumental in executing regulatory changes to support public life and activation.

2020

May

Streets as Shared Spaces program launched alongside a temporary delegation under section 115 of the *Roads Act 1993* to streamline approvals for creating temporary pedestrian and cycling areas, supporting the program.

June

Places to Love program launched.

October

The Festival of Place launched as a network of both virtual and on the ground activities, curated with partners across NSW.

NSW Government trialled a streamlined approval process for outdoor dining under the *Roads Act 1993* and *Local Government Act 1993*.

The '[Public Spaces: Streets as Shared Spaces Engagement Report](#)' was released, capturing community views on the use and value of public spaces.

November

Your High Street program launched.

December

Summer Fund program launched alongside a temporary amendment under the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 (Codes SEPP)* to allow temporary outdoor events and associated structures on council land for an extended period as exempt development, supporting the program.

2021

March

The Evaluation Tool for Public Space and Public Life (Version 1.0) was published.

October

\$66 million Alfresco Restart Package announced, which launched 'The Festival of Place... in your streets' initiative alongside a temporary amendment under the *Codes SEPP* for outdoor dining in carparks, laneways, open space, and public land as exempt development. This included the Streets as Shared Spaces program (Round 2), Open Streets program (2021-22), Summer Night Fund program and Long Summer Nights program.

Planning changes as part of the outdoor dining trial became permanent state-wide, making the exempt development pathway for outdoor dining on the footpath available to all food and drink premises including small bars and pubs.

November

A second report, 'Public Spaces during COVID-19: Adapting to the new normal' was released, which showed that people's use of public spaces including local and high streets remained high even as restrictions eased.

December

The final NSW Public Spaces Charter was released.

2022

March

The NSW Guide to Activation and the NSW Guide to Preparing an Activation Framework were published to support the preparation, delivery, and evaluation of activated public spaces and the benefits these provide.

June

Round 2 of the Places to Love program launched.

The temporary amendment for outdoor dining on private land in carparks, laneways, open space and public land as exempt development under the *Codes SEPP* was extended until December 2023 then were made permanent.

July

The reVITALise program launched.

December

Safer Cities program launched.

The 'Impact Report: Activating Streets and Centres across NSW' was published (updated by this report).

2023

February

Community Improvement District Pilot program launched.

The NSW Government Vibrancy reforms were announced.

Round 2 of the Long Summer Nights program launched to align with Sydney WorldPride.

July

Safer Cities Survey Report was released which provided new insights into the perceptions of safety in public spaces and transport hubs in NSW.

November

Vibrant Streets Package announced, which included the Permit/Plug/Play Pilot program and Open Streets program (2024-2025).

December

The Draft Community Improvement Districts Bill 2023 was released, with public feedback open until May 2024.

NSW Parliament enacted the *24-Hour Economy Legislation Amendment (Vibrancy Reforms) Act 2023*.

2024

January

The Open Streets program 2024-25 launched.

April

Updated NSW Guide to Walkable Public Spaces published.

May

Round 3 of the Places to Love program launched.

June

The Baseline Insights Report was released, adding to the Safer Cities Survey findings through the YourGround NSW project.

July

'Street harassment has no grey area' anti-street harassment campaign launched as part of the Safer Cities program.

September

The *Transport Administration Amendment Bill 2024* passed Parliament, amending Transport for NSW's objectives relating to active transport and activation of public spaces.

October

Five new resources were added to the Great Places Toolkit, through the Safer Cities program.

NSW Parliament enacted the *24-Hour Economy Legislation Amendment (Vibrancy Reforms) Act 2024*.

2025**January**

The reVITALise – Public Transport Precinct Vibrancy Grant launched.

February

The Open Streets program 2025-2028 launched.

March

Refreshed Women's Safety Charter for the Public Domain – Places and Transport launched as part of International Women's Day 2025.

May

NSW Parliament assented and enacted the Community Improvement Districts Act 2025.

June

The second round of the Community Improvement Districts Pilot Program launched.

Great Places Toolkit

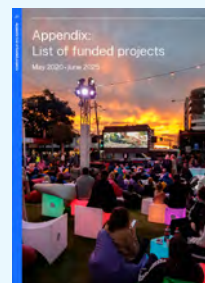
The Great Places Toolkit provides a collection of free resources that anyone can use to support planning, managing and creating better and more vibrant, safe and active public spaces and places.



Open Streets, Port Macquarie Hastings Council, ArtWalk Clarence Street East Activation, 2024, Port Macquarie. Credit: Alicia Fox Photography.

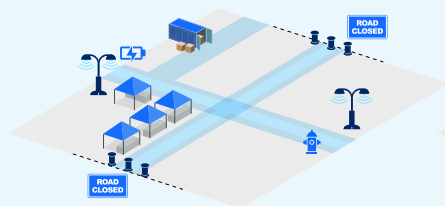
Our programs

The impacts realised by each program between May 2020 and June 2025 are summarised throughout this section.

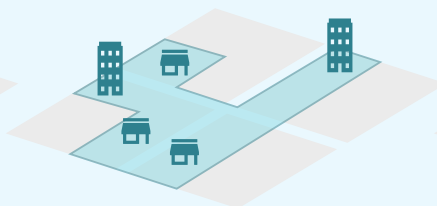


The [Appendix](#) provides details on each individual project funded under the 11 programs presented in this report.

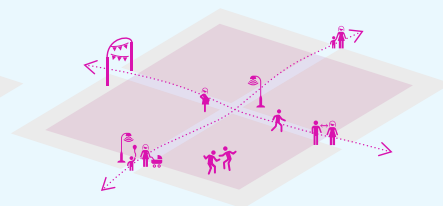
Ongoing programs at June 2025



Permit/Plug/Play Pilot



Community Improvement District Pilot



Safer Cities

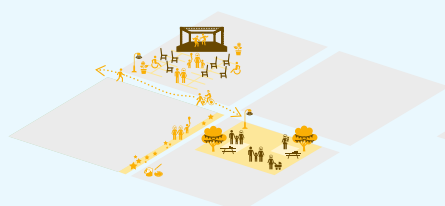


Open Streets

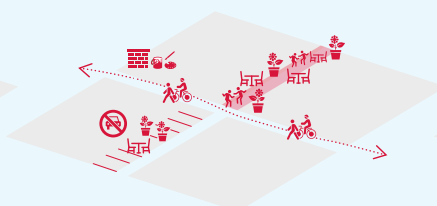


reVITALise

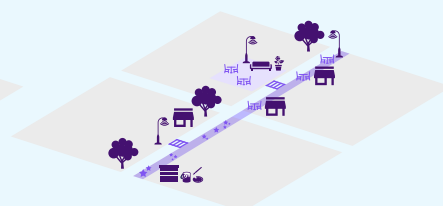
Completed programs at June 2025



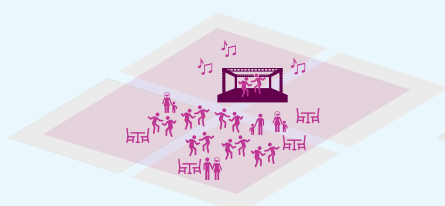
Places to Love



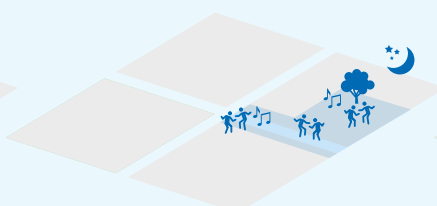
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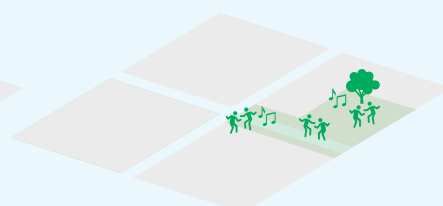
Your High Street



Long Summer Nights



Summer Night Fund



Summer Fund

Permit/Plug/Play Pilot



Permit/Plug/Play Pilot, City of Canterbury Bankstown, Lakemba Nights during Ramadan, 2025, Lakemba. Credit: NSW Government

Overview

The Permit/Plug/Play Pilot program is a partnership program that aims to reduce the cost and complexity of delivering street-based events and temporary road closures through an innovative “local solutions” model.

The program was announced as part of the Vibrant Streets Package in November 2023 and formally launched in September 2024. The program offered up to \$500,000 to 17 councils across NSW to identify 3-5 streets in their Local Government Area to streamline processes and reduce costs associated with street-closure based events and activations.

The Permit/Plug/Play Pilot program is piloting ways to improve efficiencies, collaboration and communication to enable event proponents to regularly transform streets into thriving places to support their local community, businesses and the creative sector.

“Internally the project has prompted greater collaboration across departments including traffic, events, assets, civil services and compliance teams... This has led to a more consistent experience within the working group whilst also improving operational efficiency.”

–Council staff, City of Newcastle

Big wins

- Partnering with 17 councils to help reduce the cost and complexity of delivering street-based events that require a temporary street closure.
- The program will provide a legacy by helping make it easier for councils and other event proponents to increase the volume and frequency of street-based events, delivering more inclusive and affordable local experience that help strengthen community connection.

Key Program Outcomes

\$8.5m

funding available

17

councils engaged

4 Regional councils

13 Greater Sydney councils

65+

streets being reformed

222,700+m²

of public space supported to be cheaper and easier to host events

4,700+

community members engaged

Types of projects

16

plan to deliver pre-approved Traffic Management Plans (TMP) (e.g. Global TMP's)

3

plan to deliver pre-approved Development Applications (DA) (e.g. Global DA's)

15

plan to improve power supply for events

6

plan to add storage for event infrastructure

13

plan to purchase vehicle barriers such as bollards

10

plan to deliver event toolkits or guides

6

plan to deliver furniture for events

7

plan to deliver online booking platforms or event portals

Note: This data was calculated based on information supplied by participating councils. These figures are accurate at the time of writing and are subject to change during program delivery.



Open Streets, City of Parramatta, Powerhouse Lane, 2024, Parramatta. Credit: Sandra Di Palma.

Community Improvement District Pilot



Community Improvement District Pilot, Murwillumbah District Business Chamber Limited, Proudfoot's Lane Party, 2025, Murwillumbah. Credit: NSW Government

Overview

The Community Improvement District Pilot program is a multi-round grant program led by the NSW Government. A Community Improvement District is a place-based partnership between local government and the community, led by local businesses, to support and grow local economies, town centres and main streets. Within a Community Improvement District, stakeholders work together for a common goal of improving their local spaces.

The program launched in February 2023. Across two funding rounds, 14 districts are participating and were awarded with up to \$400,000 in funding to test the viability of diverse governance models and strengthen local place economies.

The program fosters collaborative placemaking, involving property owners, small businesses and local governments in curating and growing local economies and improving local places, whilst accelerating public-private partnerships in centres across NSW.

Big wins

- The Community Improvement District Pilot is an Australian-first program.
- Strengthened public-private partnerships and collaboration to unlock better community outcomes.
- Evidence gathered through the program helped inform the development of the *Community Improvement Districts Act 2025* and future operations of Community Improvement Districts in NSW.

Key program outcomes

\$5.75m

funding available over multiple rounds

14

pilots

5 Regional pilots

9 Greater Sydney pilots

- **5** incorporated associations
- **8** councils
- **1** company limited by guarantee

9

pilots completed

5 underway

Round 1

6,000+

community members engaged

450+

stakeholders engaged, representing over **750** local businesses

130+

people employed for project delivery

316,000+

attendees at events

9%

average increase in in-district retail turnover

Types of projects

8

new place-based strategic plans developed

8

provided events and programming, with **5** districts delivering their events on streets

7

added smart technology to gather insights

6

provided additional public art for the community

5

provided wayfinding for the district

“The activation set a precedent for how private land can be leveraged for public good, fostering stronger collaboration between property owners and the community. By drawing attention to underutilised spaces, the intervention demonstrated how creative placemaking can unlock value in the public-private interface.”

–Community Improvement District Pilot representative, YCK Laneways Ass. Inc.



Community Improvement District Pilot, Clarence Valley Council, Birdsong Event, 2025, Yamba. Credit: NSW Government.



Community Improvement District Pilot, YCK Laneways Ass. Inc., Lightstream installation, 2025, Sydney. Credit: NSW Government.

Note: This data was calculated based on information supplied by participating grant recipients. These figures are accurate at the time of writing (September 2025) and are subject to change during program delivery. At time of writing Round 2 is underway.

Safer Cities



Safer Cities, Lismore City Council, Her Way Walkshop, 2024, Lismore.
Credit: Natskyy and Lismore City Council.

Overview

The Safer Cities program aims to improve perceptions of safety in our cities and towns, particularly for women, girls and gender diverse people. The program aims are aligned with the [United Nations Safer Cities for Girls program](#). The Safer Cities program is the first of its kind in NSW to specifically address perceptions of safety, gender and mobility.

The Safer Cities program is taking a holistic approach to improve perceptions of safety, engaging with women, girls and gender diverse people to understand their perspectives and co-design place-based approaches to improve perceptions of safety when walking to, through and within public spaces.

The program requires all interventions to be co-designed and evaluated with community to measure their impact. The iterative and collaborative nature of co-design has created opportunities for organisations and stakeholders to learn from women, girls, and gender diverse people who have been historically underrepresented in planning and design processes.

The Safer Cities program is developing a rich evidence base on perceptions of safety and gender, and a best-practice framework to share the learnings

and outcomes broadly. Projects have fostered stronger relationships between the community, local businesses and government organisations.

Big wins

- Released the first survey on perceptions of safety in NSW publishing valuable insights in the [NSW Safer Cities Survey Report 2023](#).
- Launched a public education campaign '[Street harassment has no grey area](#)'
- Launched the [YourGround NSW](#) partnership with the NSW Women's Safety Commissioner, Monash University and XYX Lab.
- Embedding co-design and a collaborative partnership approach is helping change the way that the community are involved in the future places of NSW.
- Released five new resources for the [Great Places Toolkit](#) which were co-designed with partners and community members to share learnings from the program.
- Featured in the [Women's Safety Charter for the Public Domain – Places and Transport](#), a NSW government-wide commitment to improving safety for women in the public domain and on public transport.

Key program outcomes

\$30m+

funding available

22

partnerships with

12 NSW State government agencies

4 Regional councils

6 Greater Sydney councils

19

partnership projects completed and **3** underway

23,000+

community members engaged on their perceptions of safety in NSW

90

walking workshops or 'walkshops' delivered

200+

events delivered across NSW

9

projects delivering permanent place interventions

"Every other session I have been to, Council would present a project. Co-design allowed us to create the project with council rather than reviewing it after the fact. It was empowering and I am glad to see they've delivered on what we proposed in those sessions."

–Co-design participant, Griffith City Council



Safer Cities Her Way, Wollongong City Council, MacCabe Park, 2024, Wollongong. Credit: Wollongong City Council.



Safer Cities, Greater Sydney Parklands, Co-design Workshop, 2024, Parramatta. Credit: NSW Government.

Note: This data was calculated based on information supplied by participating councils and state government agencies. These figures are accurate at the time of writing and are subject to change during program delivery. A report providing more information about the impact of the Safer Cities program will be released during 2025.

Open Streets

Open Streets, City of Sydney, Summer Streets, 2022, Surry Hills.
Credit: NSW Government

Overview

The Open Streets program aims to inject vibrancy into our streets and help create more thriving local places that support businesses, creative sectors, and the community. The program provides funding and support to councils to temporarily close streets and laneways to vehicles and open them for people, on a day or series of days, for demonstration projects involving community events and activities.

The first round of the Open Streets program launched in October 2021 under The Festival of Place. This round partnered with 13 Greater Sydney councils most impacted by the 2021 COVID-19 lockdowns, with each council offered up to \$500,000 in funding to deliver street activations up to May 2022.

The second round of the Open Streets program launched in January 2024 under the Vibrant Streets Package. This round was a non-competitive grant program open to all councils in NSW. The program supported 73 councils with up to \$150,000 in funding to bring vibrancy to streets and centres through free events and activations delivered between June 2024 to January 2025.

The third round of the Open Streets program builds on the success and learnings of the previous rounds, addressing council feedback by providing three years

of funding from 2025 to 2028 to enable longer-term planning and support enduring street vibrancy. The latest Open Streets program launched in February 2025 under the Vibrant Streets Package providing councils with up to \$350,000 in funding to help transform our streets into more vibrant, walkable public spaces for people to enjoy and safely access.

Big wins

- Rapidly establishing and implementing a program in partnership with 13 councils that supported communities and businesses as they re-emerged from COVID restrictions in 2021.
- Legislative reforms that enabled restaurants, cafes and bars to trade beyond the footpath –ensuring the street closure supported local businesses rather than creating competition.
- Helping to improve processes and reduce costs, strengthening partnerships with business and the creative sector, and deepen community connections to place.
- Supporting Destination NSW with Vivid Sydney 2025 as a state partner to expand and develop the festival offerings by delivering four street-based events.

Key program outcomes

\$30m+

funding available over 3 funding rounds

133

projects

87 completed

46 underway

88

councils engaged

57 Regional councils

31 Greater Sydney councils

1 State Government entity

Open Streets 2021-22 and Open Streets 2024-25

648,000m²+

of road space temporarily reallocated for people to use

230+

streets opened to people for events

68%

average increase in sales turnover for local businesses during events

1m+

attendees at events

12,900+

people employed including **5,800+** creative workers and **2,700+** hospitality workers

1h 40m

average time attendees spent at events

4,600+

delivery partners

93%

of businesses said they liked the atmosphere created by the events (Open Streets 2021-22)

1,500+

local businesses temporarily extended their trading hours

"The line up of artists was great but the highlight was all demographics of the community getting together in a wonderful atmosphere, enjoying themselves and catching up with friends."

–Attendee, Vision Splendid Country Music Extravaganza, Coonamble Shire Council.



Image: Open Streets, Strathfield Council, Strathfield Winter Warmer in the Square, 2024, Strathfield. Credit: Strathfield Council

Note: This data was calculated based on acquittal information supplied by participating councils. Additional data was collected by consultants to understand economic benefits of Open Streets 2021-22. At time of writing Open Streets 2025-28 is underway.

reVITALise

reVITALise, Transport for NSW, Rainbow Tunnels, 2023, Newtown.
Credit: NSW Government.

Overview

The reVITALise program is a series of demonstration projects that support best-practice placemaking and attachment to place. The program aims to trial creative place approaches, improve the community's perceptions of safety, encourage active transport, and improve walkability.

The reVITALise program was launched in July 2022. Projects with state-agency partners have increased engagement with the local community, and demonstrated the potential for adaptive reuse of underutilised public assets and assets owned by Transport for NSW.

Pilot projects included decorative lighting in pedestrian tunnels, a community festival in an underutilised regional train station, active transport improvements, a creative walking itinerary activation, and a pop-up market in a former parcel office at a train station.

The reVITALise — Public Transport Precinct Vibrancy Grant launched in February 2025. The \$7 million grant program has provided funding to seven partner councils across NSW to deliver placemaking initiatives within a 500-metre radius of transport hub precincts.

The grant program aims to help reinvigorate transport hub precincts with public domain upgrades and creative interventions that encourage mode shift to public and active transport options, and contributes to more accessible, safe, enjoyable journeys and a more walkable and vibrant NSW.

Big wins

- Trials and pilots with state-agency partners have helped unlock funding for future permanent place improvements that will provide ongoing benefit to communities and their places.
- Place-based, community-led, and multi-disciplinary activations developed with community members in underutilised transport assets helped projects respond to the immediate needs of local communities in NSW.
- Piloting with councils will help to improve amenity, perceptions of safety, and connectivity in and around public transport hub precincts.

"It is wonderful to see this space being put to such good use after years of remaining dormant, sad and empty. It has brightened up the neighbourhood."

—Female, Stanmore community survey response after the Womens Makers Market at Stanmore Train Station's Parcels Office activation.

Key program outcomes

\$24.5m

funding available

12

projects with **4** completed
and **8** underway

8

councils engaged

4 Regional councils

4 Greater Sydney councils

15,600m²+

of public space activated

17

public transport hubs within
500m of the projects

2,000+

community members engaged

40,500+

attendees visited the reVITALise
Rainbow Tunnels Creative Lighting
trial program, Glen Innes Railway
Station activation and Macquarie
Street East Place Experience
Pilot Program

100+

people employed on completed
projects including **40+** creative
workers



reVITALise, Transport for NSW, reVITALise Rainbow Tunnels, 2023, Petersham Credit: NSW Government



reVITALise, ReVITALise Glen Innes, Glen Innes. Credit: Honeybee Photography

Note: This data was calculated based on acquittal information supplied by participating councils, consultants and state partners

Places to Love



Places to Love, Georges River Council, Skate, Break and Build, 2024, Penshurst.
Credit: Georges River Council.

Overview

The Places to Love program enhanced local amenity, safety, walkability and liveability in partnership with councils across NSW. These demonstration projects tested innovative ways to make public spaces more vibrant and active using trials, pop-ups and semi-permanent changes.

The Places to Love program was launched in June 2020. There have been three rounds of the Places to Love program to-date. Round 1 projects trialled temporary interventions and based on the success of the short-term demonstration project on George Street, the City of Sydney was also supported for the permanent closure of south George Street to create a continuous pedestrian boulevard. Round 2 projects trialled temporary interventions in new locations, in line with a 'lighter, quicker, cheaper' approach. Round 3 focused on upgrades to public space within 15 minutes' walk of public transport hubs.

Project activations are influenced by diverse community voices to increase community stewardship, sense of pride and belonging. These temporary projects respond to an immediate need, as well as create an evidence-base of benefits to help build the case for longer-term change.

Big wins

- Co-designing with community throughout the program led to an improved sense of ownership, community pride, and attachment to place.
- Activities such as night walks with women, workshops, co-design sessions, and place renaming competitions help shape place improvements.
- The program showed temporary demonstration projects that use short-term but scalable, lower-cost methods can be executed faster and can help lay the foundation for longer-term change.
- Several partner councils either left improvements in-place permanently or increased investment in the public space after the demonstration project.

Key program outcomes

\$2.5m+

funding made available

12

councils engaged

3 Regional

9 Greater Sydney

12

projects completed

26,200m²+

of public space activated

19,000+

attendees across all activations

5,000+

community members contributed ideas to the program

5,600m

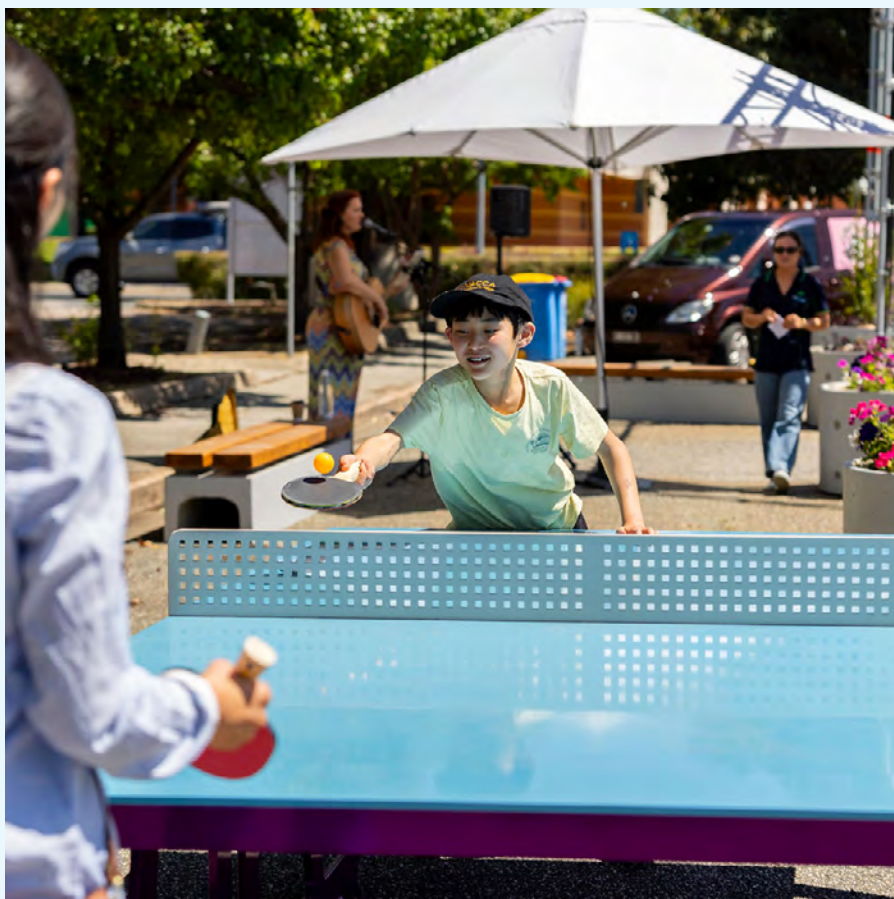
of additional walking space

60

additional trees and **590+** plants

17

pieces of additional public art



Places to Love, Albury City Council, Lavington CBD Activation, 2024, Lavington. Credit: NSW Government.



Places to Love, Campbelltown City Council, Ngalamby Billabong Underpass, 2024, Campbelltown. Credit: NSW Government.

Note: This data was calculated based on acquittal information supplied by participating councils.

Streets as Shared Spaces



Streets as Shared Spaces, City of Newcastle, Darby Street trial 30km/h zone and streetscape activations, 2023, Cooks Hill. Credit: NSW Government

Overview

The Streets as Shared Spaces program has provided \$35 million in funding for councils across NSW to deliver temporary street activation projects that test innovative ideas and build a case for permanent change.

Round 1 of the program was launched in May 2020 and Round 2 was launched in 2021 under the Alfresco Restart Package.

Streets as Shared Spaces enabled councils to engage with local businesses and community differently, changing the perception of how streets can be used and gaining insights to inform future planning for the area.

“I have lived here my whole life and the transformation of these laneways has been the best thing that I think has ever happened to our town. It makes me so proud to live here.”

–Community member, Kempsey Shire Council.

Big wins

- Trials delivered a range of initiatives, such as parklets, street beautification (additional plants and public art installations), speed reduction, cycleways, and street closures. In some areas, these were being attempted for the first time.
- Temporary street activation projects have encouraged car speed reduction, increased pedestrian and cyclist movements and improved road safety.
- The program has been a catalyst for working with communities on how streets can be used differently. The success of Streets as Shared Spaces has led to further programs being developed.

Key program outcomes

\$35m
funding made available

65
councils engaged
40 Regional
25 Greater Sydney

93
projects completed
57 Regional
36 Greater Sydney

80+
retained elements
beyond the trial or
activation period

148,500m²+
of public space created or activated, equating to
11,000 car parking spaces

7x
more people in streets
during trials, on average

70%
of businesses surveyed
liked the atmosphere
created by the program

2,200+
people were employed
or engaged by councils
delivering projects

Types of projects

Over **9km** of cycleways and **6km** of walking paths were added over the activation period.

Over **70%** of the projects incorporated urban greening and/or tree planting. These projects collectively contributed over **640** additional trees and more than **4,100** additional plants at footway level.

25
trialled closing streets to
cars and opening them
to people

73
trialled street furniture

65
added public art

57
added lighting

51
trialled parklets



Streets as Shared Spaces, Woollahra Municipal Council, Rose Bay Centre Connectivity Program, 2023, Rose Bay. Credit: Steven Siewert / Woollahra Municipal Council

Note: This data was calculated based on acquittal information supplied by participating councils. Additional analysis was undertaken by consultants to understand the economic benefits of Streets as Shared Spaces Round 2, this analysis was based on a small sample size, and therefore reflects outcomes of a selection of projects delivered under this program.

Your High Street



Your High Street, Hornsby Shire Council, Coronation StrEat, 2023, Hornsby. Credit: Hornsby Shire Council

Overview

The Your High Street program aimed to improve the experience of high streets for the community and support local businesses. The program provided one-off grant funding for councils across NSW to make permanent improvements to the amenity and functionality of high streets in their strategic centres. The program was delivered between November 2020 and April 2024.

“Looks better visually and has a warming feel. Shade and seating invite more people and seeing people hanging out gives a warm feel and inviting feel.”

–Community Member, Maitland

Big wins

- Delivered a range of permanent street improvements including urban greening and tree planting, public art and lighting, traffic calming measures, footpath widening, street furniture, and better pedestrian connectivity.
- Projects addressed local needs by reducing ambient street temperatures, improving perceptions of safety, reducing traffic speed and noise and promoting outdoor dining.
- Funded projects increased a sense of community pride through the creation of vibrant places that reflected the local place identity.
- Four Your High Street projects permanently implemented projects trialled through the Streets as Shared Spaces program. Evaluation and feedback of the trial were used to inform longer-term change, illustrating the benefits of testing changes before making them permanent.

Key program outcomes

\$15m

funding made available

19

councils engaged

11 Regional

8 Greater Sydney

385+

people were employed
or engaged in delivery

39,500m²+

of public space was improved or made accessible
through the program, including **4900m²+** of
reallocated road space

Types of projects

13

added pedestrian
crossings or easy
crossing points

13

provided additional
public art

18

incorporating urban
greening and/or
tree planting

5

implemented slower
traffic speeds

13

added new lighting

17

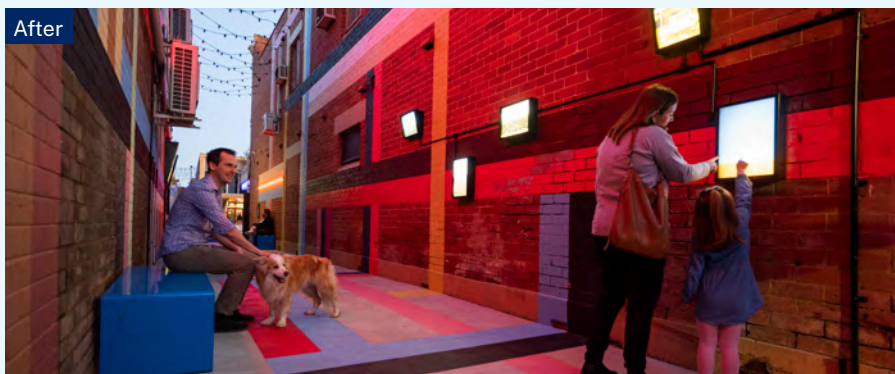
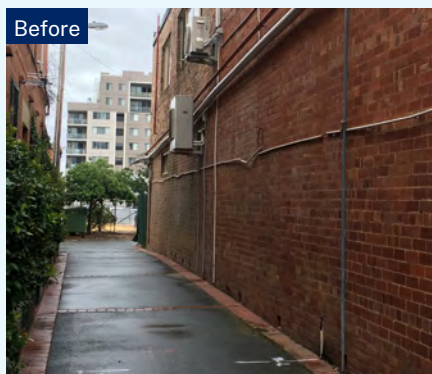
added street furniture

5

added smart technology

Note: This data was calculated based on acquittal information supplied by participating councils and consultants.

Queanbeyan



Your High Street, Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council, Monaro Lanes Before and After, 2023, Queanbeyan. Credit: Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council, Al Stark, Andy Townsend, Suzie Bleach, Micheal Warner and Yanni Pounartzis and Hilary Wardhaugh

Long Summer Nights

Long Summer Nights, Placemaking NSW, Sydney WorldPride 2023, The Rocks.
Credit: NSW Government.

Overview

The Long Summer Nights program included a series of activations that were delivered in partnership with Placemaking NSW, the Royal Botanic Garden and Domain Trust and Property and Development NSW, under the Alfresco Restart Package.

From November 2021 to June 2022, the Rocks, Darling Harbour, The Domain and Wynyard Park celebrated a long summer with reimagined and newly created areas featuring outdoor dance floors, live music, theatre, and comedy shows under the stars.

As part of Sydney WorldPride 2023, The Rocks and Barangaroo each created and hosted stages that showcased music performances from the Sydney LGBTQIA+ community across three weekends. To support this, a wayfinding and communications program was implemented to lead the public through the WorldPride stages and other activations.

Big wins

- Collaboration between the state government place and precinct managers resulted in a series of coordinated, free and publicly accessible activations across The Rocks, Darling Harbour, The Domain, Barangaroo and Wynyard Park that attracted families, visitors and business workers to visit and spend time in public spaces.
- Public activation at Wynyard Park catalysed a mix of private organisations, local government and state government representatives, to come together and invest in Wynyard Park as a micro-district. This collaborative model for activating micro-districts can inform future activation of public spaces.

Key program outcomes

22,000m²+

of public space improved or made accessible

69,000+

attendees across the activations

1270+

people employed or engaged

225+

artists and local suppliers supported through The Garden Social, including **135** student artists from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music

\$41

average spend for visitors across all activations

3,700m²+

of walking and cycling paths improved or made accessible for Sydney WorldPride 2023

35%

increase in sales turnover in The Rocks between Jan-Apr 2022 compared to Jan-Apr 2021.

40+

activations delivered across **7** projects by state agency partners

40%

increase in sales turnover in The Rocks between Jan-Apr 2022 and Jan-Apr 2023

Note: This data was calculated based on acquittal information supplied by state agency partners.

Summer Night Fund



Summer Night Fund, Cootamundra Gundagai Regional Council, Festival Of Lights, 2022, Cootamundra. Credit: Delta Charlie Images.

Overview

The Summer Night Fund program aimed to support the community by providing opportunities to safely return to public spaces and activate the night-time economy across the state following COVID-19.

The program ran from January to April 2022, under the Alfresco Restart Package. It offered up to \$15,000 to all NSW councils and saw about three-quarters of councils engaged to deliver free activations or events that enlivened public spaces.

Big Wins

- Showcased the ability to activate public space on a lower budget with high-impact events.
- An initiative that significantly supported the creative and cultural sector in a particularly turbulent period for these industries.
- For many communities, these projects provided an opportunity for people to safely return to their public spaces, with some being the first activations since the beginning of the pandemic.

“What is normally a very small and inactive CBD after 5pm became a vibrant centre that attracted both locals and visitors to the region, making the township a positive and safe environment for all to enjoy.”

–Port Macquarie-Hastings Council

Key Program Outcomes

\$1.8m+

funding made available

88

councils engaged

59 Regional councils

29 Greater Sydney councils

270

activations or events delivered

137,000+

attendees across all activations

640,000m²+

total public space brought to life through activations

5,000+

people employed or engaged, including **1,700+** hospitality workers and **1,900+** creative workers

Note: This data was calculated based on acquittal information supplied by participating councils.

Summer Fund



Summer Fund, Hunter's Hill Council, Magic on Massey, 2021, Hunter's Hill.
Credit: Hunter's Hill Council.

Overview

The Summer Fund program supported councils across NSW to deliver activations and events in public spaces and town centres. Every council in NSW was offered up to \$10,000 in funding for activations to support communities and local businesses to bounce back during COVID-19. The purpose of the program was to provide free activations or events to draw people to public spaces in local centres over summer.

The program was delivered between December 2020 and April 2021 under The Festival of Place.

Big Wins

- At a time when communities had been impacted by bushfires, floods and then the COVID-19 pandemic, this program re-enlivened public spaces, empowering the community and economic recovery.
- The program brought immediate relief to communities and local businesses over the summer.
- 12 councils took advantage of an amendment to the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 (Codes SEPP)* to deliver their project.
- The program left a lasting impression and uplift in wellbeing in communities across NSW, especially in regional centres, which saw significant attendance at events.

"Feedback was overwhelmingly positive. People were so happy to see some action in the area and commented how exciting it was to see things happening again."

– Council staff, Inner West Council

Key Program Outcomes

\$1m+

funding made available

94

councils engaged

62 Regional councils

32 Greater Sydney councils

390+

activations or events delivered resulting in people spending more time **(1.5 hours)** in place

934,000m²+

estimated activated public space

125,000+

attendees across all activations

3,400+

people employed or engaged

Note: This data was calculated based on acquittal information supplied by participating councils.

Awards



These programs have been recognised by State, National and International bodies, winning **14** awards and commendations presented below.

2024

The Open Streets program (2021-22) won the Place Leaders Asia Pacific's Large Scale Place Project Award (February 2024).

reVITALise - Rainbow Tunnels won the Place Leaders Asia Pacific's Small Scale Place Project Award (February 2024).

The Safer Cities: Her Way Project delivered in partnership with Central Coast Council won the Community Development Award and received an Honourable Mention for Project of the Year from IAP2 Australasia's Core Values Awards program. (September 2024).

2023

The Places to Love program won the NSW Landscape Architecture - Community Contribution Award (June 2023).

reVITALise - Rainbow Tunnels won the President's Award, at the Awards for Planning Excellence by the Planning Institute of Australia (NSW) (November 2023).

2022

The Alfresco Restart Package 'The Festival of Place... in your streets' initiative won the NSW Planning Institute of Australia Planning Excellence - Community Wellbeing and Diversity Award (May 2022).

Recognition by UN-Habitat at the World Urban Forum: NSW Smart Public Spaces Guide was the only solution from the Oceania region in UN-Habitat's 'Compendium of people-centred places' (June 2022).

The Places to Love program won the Place Leaders Asia Pacific's Large Scale Place Project Award (October 2022).

2021

The Festival of Place won the NSW/ACT Parks and Leisure Australia's Community Based Initiative of the Year Award (May 2021).

The branch won the NSW Award for Temporary Activations Responding to a Global Pandemic and the Research, Policy and Communications Award by the NSW Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (June 2021).

The Festival of Place won the Conference Awards, Public Space Ideas Competition at the Australian Walking and Cycling Conference (September 2021).

Festival of Place won the Public Space Ideas Competition awarded by the NSW Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (October 2021).

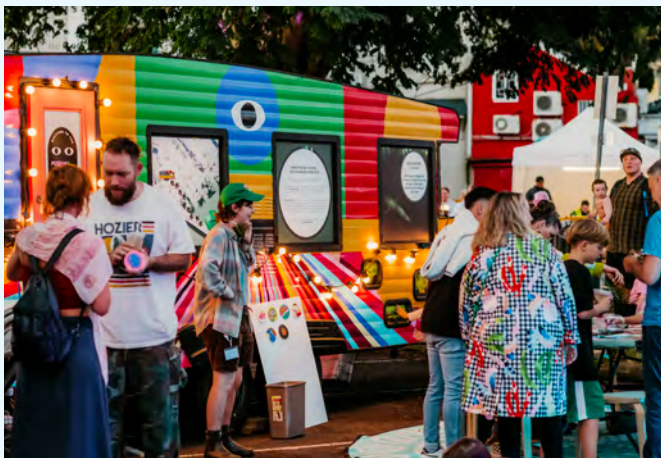
The Festival of Place initiative won the Place Leaders Asia Pacific's Centrepiece Award and Digital Placemaking Award (November 2021).

2020

The Streets as Shared Spaces program won the Greater Sydney Commission Planning Awards' Chief Commissioner's Award (October 2020).

Media coverage

A selection of the coverage is presented below.



18 May 2025: NSW wants small businesses to take charge of reviving high streets. It comes at a cost (Sydney Morning Herald)



6 July 2024: Sydney street festivals: The state government wants to close streets for parties, but can councils afford it? (Sydney Morning Herald)



3 June 2024: Local Districts Get Backing To Shine Brighter (Mirage News)



31 August 2024: Suburbs v CBD: Can the state government revitalise both? (Sydney Morning Herald)



4 July 2024: Main streets to come alive under Open Streets program! (Western Herald)



29 December 2022: Sydney outdoor dining: Sydney's streets being revamped with al fresco dining, more public spaces (Sydney Morning Herald)

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Cover image: Open Streets, Bayside Council, Streets Alive – Bay Street, 2022, Brighton-Le-Sands. Credit: NSW Government.

Appendix: List of funded projects

Overview

This Appendix has been prepared to provide insight and transparently report on the funded projects that underpin the outcomes, impacts and key findings presented in the body of the Impact Report: Unlocking more vibrant and activated places across NSW across NSW 2020-2024. This Appendix provides details on each individual project funded under the programs, with recipients grouped into either Greater Sydney and Regional NSW. Projects shown as expecting completion are defined by the status of their acquittal reports.

Information reported in the Appendix has been provided by project delivery partners for the purpose of evaluating the success of each project and, in some instances, this has been interpreted for consistency. Data are subject to change during the delivery of programs. The information contained in this Appendix is based on knowledge and understanding at the time of writing.

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Permit/Plug/Play Pilot

Up to **\$8.5 million** in funding was made available with the program delivered from September 2024.

Permit/Plug/Play Pilot				
Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Greater Sydney				
Bayside Council	Bayside Eventful Avenues	King Street, King Lane, and Market Street, Rockdale	The “Bayside Eventful Avenues” initiative will benefit local businesses, residents, and visitors by activating public spaces with events, street performances, and community art projects. These activities will foster community accessibility, engagement, increase foot traffic, and enhance the vibrancy of our streets, leading to a more connected and lively urban environment.	Expected completion 2025
Burwood Council	Licence to Play: Burwood Event-Ready Streets	Burwood Road, Clarendon Place and Ford Lane, Burwood	This project will streamline approval processes and deliver infrastructure, such as road closure equipment, public art, and lighting, to support event-ready streets in three zones: Burwood Road, Ford Lane, and Clarendon Place. By reducing barriers for event proponents, it will catalyse the frequency and quality of events in these areas.	Expected completion 2025
City of Canada Bay Council	Plug and Play Canada Bay	Formosa Street, Drummoyne Jellicoe Street, Concord Rodd Road, Five Dock	This project will support and increase street-based event delivery by both Council and community groups through streamlined processes and improved efficiencies, enabling a diverse range of activations and events that contribute to local economic and cultural vibrancy.	Expected completion 2026
City of Canterbury Bankstown	Lakemba Nights during Ramadan	Haldon Street, The Boulevard, Gillies Street and Oneata Street Lakemba	Ramadan Nights Lakemba is Council’s signature event, operating 31 consecutive nights, 6pm -3am. This project will deliver operational infrastructure and manpower to streamline nightly road closures, improve stallholder management and ensure continued project management to deliver social, cultural, and economic benefits to Council, the community, event stakeholders and attendees.	Expected completion 2025
City of Parramatta	‘Ready, Set, Activate’ - Streamlining the process of Street Activations for Community Events	Wigram Street, Harris Park Chambers Court, Epping Good Street, Granville Burroway Road, Wentworth Point	This project will harmonise cultural planning and regulatory frameworks for street-based events through research, industry consultation, and community engagements. Testing the learned outcomes to streamline the event application processes aiming to minimise costs and complexities for both council and event organisers. Benefiting local communities, businesses, event stakeholders, public infrastructures, and the visitors.	Expected completion 2025
Cumberland City Council	Bump In –Celebrate Cumberland –Bump Out Program	Auburn Road, Auburn Guildford Road South, Guildford Merrylands Road, Merrylands Joseph Street, Lidcombe Station Street, Wentworthville	The program funding will be used to upgrade a street in each of the Council’s five wards. These streets have been venues for past street activations and festivals and have the potential to turn into active, vibrant streets.	Expected Completion 2026

Permit/Plug/Play Pilot				
Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Georges River Council	Streamlining Events held in Georges River	Belgrave Street, Kogarah Carwar Avenue, Carss Park Forest Road, Hurstville	The Streamlining Events held in Georges River initiative aims to transform the process of organising community events by leveraging local streets for temporary closures and implementing efficient planning strategies. Through pre-approved Global Development Applications (DAs) and Traffic Management Plans (TMPs), Council can reduce costly and time-consuming processes. The project recognises that streamlined processes has benefits for Council, event organisers, local businesses and event attendees.	Expected completion 2026
Inner West Council	Creating event-ready sites for community activation	Railway Parade, Sydenham Illawarra Lane and Calvert Street Carpark, Marrickville Hercules Street, Ashfield	Inner West Council proposes to consider Hercules St Ashfield, Calvert St laneway and carpark and Railway Parade, Sydenham as the three sites to refine traffic management, infrastructure, and planning processes in order to benefit both Council-led and privately run events in the Inner West.	Expected completion 2026
Liverpool City Council	Liverpool Permit/Plug/Play Pilot Program – Starry Sari Nights 2025	George Street, George Lane, Railway Street and Scott Street, Liverpool Powerhouse Road, Casula	Review, design, and implement both streamlining processes and place enabling infrastructure improvements to support cost savings and the longevity of road closure events in Liverpool. This will support the Liverpool economy, Council's major events, and encourage local businesses to host their own events utilising council infrastructure.	Expected completion 2025
Northern Beaches Council	Implementation of 'global' traffic management plan and installation of place infrastructure	Kalang Road, Elanora Heights Orchard Road, Brookvale Hilltop Crescent, Fairlight The Strand, Dee Why North and South Steyne, Manly	Traffic Management Plans for multiple events for the selected five streets, focused on streets in town centres and adjacent to transport hub precincts. Delivery of enabling place infrastructure (bollards that facilitate regular temporary road closures) that reduces the ongoing costs of delivering street-based events at the selected three streets.	Expected completion 2025
Penrith City Council	Penrith -a Street Party City	High Street, Riley Street and Penrith Street, Penrith Queen Street and Carinya Avenue, St Marys	Council will work with stakeholders to identify and streamline processes to hold street-based events more cost-effectively and easily across key locations in Penrith Local Government Area's two major strategic centres, Penrith and St Marys. This will involve an end-to-end transformation of processes and approvals for the use of Council and external stakeholders.	Expected completion 2025
Randwick City Council	Randwick Open Streets	Anzac Parade (La Perouse Loop), La Perouse Coogee Bay Road (Brook Street to Arden Street), Coogee Middle Lane and Meeks Street, Kingsford	Randwick Council will commission a suite of 3 Transport Management Plans (TMPs) for 4 strategic streets, acquire on-street event infrastructure and storage, and commission an events management framework to enable future activations at Kingsford, Coogee, La Perouse -working in partnership with each community and business networks, with an open street trial activation to evaluate at the end of the project.	Expected completion 2025

Permit/Plug/Play Pilot				
Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Waverley Council	Waverley Council - Permit/Plug/Play Pilot Program proposal	Campbell Parade, Hall Street and Gould Street, Bondi Beach, Spring Street, Bondi Junction	Waverley Council aims to optimize the benefits of street-based events within the Local Government Area by reducing temporary road closure and event implementation costs, streamlining related processes to improve financial viability in key locations.	Expected completion 2025
Regional NSW				
Newcastle City Council	Newcastle Street Events Made Simple	Darby Street, Cooks Hill Laman Street, Cooks Hill Beaumont Street, Hamilton Wharf Road, Newcastle Nelson Street, Wallsend	Council will work with local event proponents to develop a range of resources to decrease the cost and complexity of hosting street-based events. Resources to achieve this will include standardised off-the-shelf Traffic Management Plans, a street-events guide, and installation of enabling street infrastructure. The project increases opportunities for street-activation through reduced barriers.	Expected completion 2025
Port Macquarie-Hastings Council	Port Macquarie-Hastings Permit, Plug and Play	Horton Street, Clarence Street, Phillips Lane and Hay Street, Port Macquarie Hastings Street, Wauchope	Council will develop new or streamline existing processes to simplify approval processes required for street-based events in the Port Macquarie-Hastings Local Government Area. Council will implement enabling physical (event) infrastructure and pilot the activation of a local street for social and cultural connection and activities.	Expected completion 2025
Wagga Wagga City Council	Wagga Wagga cultural precinct revitalisation project	Bayliss Street, Morrow Street, and Burns Way, Wagga Wagga	The Wagga Wagga cultural precinct revitalisation project aims to streamline event management processes for community members, support the reduction of operational costs for events and deliver an enhanced cultural, economic and social benefiting event through a series of street-based activations at Festival of W 2025.	Expected completion 2025
Wollongong City Council	Wollongong Permit Plug Play Pilot Program	King Street, Thirroul Wentworth Street and Military Lane, Port Kembla Lower Crown Street and Keira Lane, Wollongong	This project will investigate and implement streamlined approval processes for street closures and event approvals and the purchase of strategic event equipment to support a reduction in event organiser costs to hold events on five identified local streets. This will benefit local business and the local community by making events more accessible.	Expected completion 2026

Community Improvement District Pilot

Round one

Up to **\$3.75 million** in funding was made available with the program delivered from June 2024 to September 2025.

Community Improvement District Pilot – Round one				
Entity Name	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Greater Sydney				
Haymarket Alliance Incorporated	Neon Playground 2.0 and Haymarket/Chinatown Revitalisation	Haymarket Precinct	This pilot developed community partnerships, leveraging marketing, smart technology, and public space improvements to attract visitors to the Haymarket Precinct. Dixon Street and the Haymarket Precinct were activated by events, art installations, lighting and music which invited people to explore the precinct.	Completed 2025
Inner West Brewery Association Incorporated	Inner West Ale Trail and Inner West Brand Building and Activation	Victoria Road and surrounds, Marrickville	Shining a light on local business, arts, and culture, the Inner West Ale Trail pilot formed partnerships with local businesses and artists to create an engaging program of events and activations aimed at attracting visitors to the area. Together, the pilot delivered public art installations, and outdoor dining experiences along Victoria Road, Marrickville, and its surroundings. The pilot helped revitalise the area, supporting the growth of local businesses and the arts community.	Completed 2025
Penrith City Council	St Marys - Transforming into a Thriving Urban Hub	Queen Street, St Marys	This pilot aimed to elevate Queen Street, St Marys into a thriving urban hub through place branding and marketing, public space improvements, and engaging activations. The pilot collaborated with local businesses, and the community to create an engaging and authentic local experience that reflects the unique identity of St Marys.	Completed 2025
Randwick Health and Innovation Precinct	Heart of Randwick Collaboration	High Street and Avoca Street, Randwick	The Heart of Randwick Collaboration pilot aimed to unlock the potential of its public streets and spaces, delivering public space improvements on High Street and Avoca Street to transform the Randwick Health Precinct into a thriving centre. The pilot fostered district-level collaboration through governance and branding exercises to reconnect with the community through a program of events.	Completed 2025
Walsh Bay Precinct Association Incorporated	Walsh Bay Precinct Community Improvement District trial and Hickson Road bridges activation	Walsh Bay Precinct	The Walsh Bay Precinct pilot will develop community partnerships to collaboratively enhance the vibrancy of the modern arts and cultural hub. The pilot showcased the unique character of the precinct with public art installations on the Hickson Road bridges, seeking to create a vibrant and culturally rich local centre that attracted visitors.	Completed 2025
YCK Laneways Association Incorporated	Safer YCK Laneways	York Street, Clarence Street and Kent Street, Sydney	The Safer YCK Laneways pilot developed a collaborative model to make the public spaces within the York, Clarence, and Kent Street precinct safer, creating a more inviting, and vibrant space for the community. The pilot aimed to revitalise the laneways with improved lighting, installation of engaging public art, cultural events, and wayfinding initiatives, attracting people to explore and experience the laneways.	Completed 2025

Community Improvement District Pilot – Round one				
Entity Name	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Regional NSW				
Clarence Valley Council	Clarence Valley Community Improvement District Pilot Program	Yamba Street and Coldstream Street, Yamba	This pilot trialled a new community engagement model, bringing the community together to support the sustainable economic growth and revitalisation of the centre of Yamba. By working together, the pilot delivered public space improvements such as outdoor furniture, public art, lighting, and urban greening on Yamba and Coldstream Street. The pilot brought vibrancy to Yamba by holding community events and activities.	Completed 2025
Murwillumbah District Business Chamber Limited	Connect Murwillumbah: A CID Transformation	Main Street and Proudfoot's Lane, Murwillumbah	The Murwillumbah pilot aimed to enhance the public spaces on Main Street and Proudfoot's Lane to activate both the day and night economy. Through public space improvements, art installations, and engaging community events, the pilot helped to create a vibrant, economically strong city centre that reflects and enhances the local community identity.	Completed 2025
Muswellbrook Shire Council	Activating the Hunter Innovation Precinct in Muswellbrook	Hunter Innovation Precinct, Muswellbrook	This pilot aimed to engage with local businesses and the community to deliver a revitalised and thriving Hunter Innovation Precinct in Muswellbrook. The pilot utilised smart technology, delivered public space improvements and organised pop-up retail activations and events on Bridge Street and surrounding areas to help create an active, vibrant community hub.	Completed 2025

Round two

Up to **\$2 million** in funding available with the program delivered from June 2025.

Community Improvement District Pilot – Round two				
Entity Name	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Greater Sydney				
Bayside Council	Suburb as a Stage -Carlton	Carlton Parade, Carlton	Working with local businesses, cultural institutions and Chambers of Commerce to develop a sustainable governance model as a framework for collaboration with Council on district branding, events and activations. The governance model will be tested with a vibrant street activation to revitalise the high street and promote Carlton's local economy.	Expected Completion 2026
Blue Mountains City Council	Springwood CID Place Activation Program	Macquarie Road, Springwood	The program will provide green space connections, a trial parklet program, activations, Smart City technology, place-based marketing and youth support to Springwood high street precinct, in partnership with key business and community stakeholders, delivering activations and interventions to support a vibrant local economy and guide future place-based initiatives.	Expected Completion 2026
Cumberland Council	Building a Better Guildford	Guildford Plaza, Guildford Road, Guildford	The program will be a celebration of the town centre's unique character, diversity and cultural richness. Through collaboration with key stakeholders, a series of amenity upgrades combined with experiences will attract residents to explore the area's culinary offerings and discover the fascinating stories that make Guildford special.	Expected Completion 2026

Community Improvement District Pilot – Round two				
Entity Name	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Regional NSW				
Gilgandra Shire Council	Meet Me @ Miller Street (CBD Collaborative Project)	Miller Street, Gilgandra	Meet Me @ Miller Street will see Gilgandra Shire Council work collaboratively with local businesses to develop innovative place-making strategies that support the delivery of a creative, activated and vibrant, Miller Street and city centre. Gilgandra businesses and community will benefit through the enhancement of public life which will stimulate day and night economies and increase visitation to the Region.	Expected Completion 2026
Parkes Shire Council	Our Main Street -Council and Business Working Together	Clarinda St, Parkes	The 'Our Main Street' project aims to create a flexible system to enable effective collaboration between council and businesses to work together to support Parkes Shire's busiest area. The program will deliver vibrant and welcoming spaces and events to engage with businesses and draw community and visitors to the area to boost the local economy.	Expected Completion 2026

Safer Cities

Up to **\$30 million** in funding was made available with the program delivered from December 2022.

Safer Cities				
Entity Name	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Greater Sydney				
Bayside Council	Safer Cities: Her Way -Bayside Council	King Street Mall and Astridge Lane Arcade, Rockdale Laycock Street, Mascot	Women and girls identified King Street Mall and Astridge Lane in Rockdale and Laycock Walk in Mascot as places they would like to see improved through the Safer Cities: Her Way program. Bayside Council delivered festoon lighting, social seating, new landscaping, and public art to encourage community to spend time, move through and feel safe in these spaces. As part of these efforts, Council also transformed King Street Mall into a pedestrian-friendly hub through the trial of a one-year road closure.	Completed 2024
Blacktown City Council	Safer Cities: Her Way -Blacktown City Council	Blacktown City Centre	Feedback from women and girls identified the need for various temporary and semi-permanent public space interventions adjacent to Blacktown Station and along Main Street in Blacktown City Centre. Council's semi-permanent interventions included removing unused furniture, old signage, and trolley bays, along with the installation of fairy lighting, new seating, and planter boxes. Temporary improvements centred around daytime activities, evening events, and public art celebrating women's stories and their contributions to Blacktown. These efforts aimed to transform Blacktown City Centre into a vibrant and welcoming public space across the day and night.	Completed 2024
City of Canterbury Bankstown	Safer Cities: Her Way -City of Canterbury Bankstown	Lakemba Town Centre and surrounds	City of Canterbury Bankstown's project focused on enhancing walking connections and creating family-friendly spaces in Lakemba Town Centre, particularly at Gillies Reserve, around the Women's Rest Centre Laneway, and Lakemba Station Precinct. Council implemented lighting, temporary seating, and wayfinding interventions alongside the trial of temporary interactive play activities such as pavement games, a playground, and a pump track at Lakemba Station Precinct and Gillies Reserve to encourage people of all ages to spend time and play.	Completed 2025
City of Sydney	Safer Cities: Her Way -City of Sydney	Belmore Park, Hay Street, Haymarket	City of Sydney trialled a range of temporary improvements and activations at Belmore Park. The park is located directly north of Central Railway Station and is well serviced by all modes of public transport. Council delivered wayfinding, creative lighting, temporary seating, welcome banners and decorative graphics together with a program of community led workshops and activities across the day and night including dancing and food trucks.	Completed 2024

Safer Cities				
Entity Name	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Cumberland City Council	Safer Cities: Her Way - Cumberland City Council	Guildford Plaza, Guildford Road, Guildford	Women and girls consulted by Council identified Guildford Laneway as an important area for improvement near Guildford's main street and Guildford Station. Council installed a large mural, creative lighting, circular seating, stages, smart bins, and charging stations to create a welcoming space for everyone (particularly women) to move through, spend time, and connect. To celebrate these improvements, the Council collaborated with local artists, musicians, and businesses to revive the beloved 'Back to Guildford Festival', attended by thousands of residents and visitors.	Completed 2024
Fairfield City Council	Safer Cities: Her Way - Fairfield City Council	Canley Vale Town Centre	Fairfield City Council was focused on four key connecting public spaces across Canley Vale Town Centre to enhance the perception of safety for women, girls, and gender diverse people. Adams Park, Diggers Lane, Westacott Lane and Canley Vale Road received a range of temporary and permanent improvements including public art, wayfinding, and better lighting. The additional lighting and games in Adams Park allows safe play into the evening, and the outdoor dining trial along Canley Vale Road created a vibrant atmosphere – activating streets and public space and building a sense of community.	Completed 2025
Greater Sydney Parklands	Parramatta Park	Parramatta Park, Parramatta	Greater Sydney Parklands identified an opportunity to apply a gendered lens to a key walking and cycling connection through Parramatta Park. The project installed new light poles and bollards in Parramatta Park from George Gatehouse to Coleman oval along Railway Parade and West Domain Avenue.	Completed 2025
NSW Women's Safety Commissioner	YourGround NSW	State-wide	YourGround NSW was a crowd-sourced social research project developed by Monash University YXX Lab and Crowdsport for the NSW Women's Safety Commissioner. It captured perceptions of safety for women and gender diverse people by inviting them to share their experiences in public spaces through a web-based interactive map and survey. The map was open from November 2023 to February 2024. The results were summarised into a Baseline Insights Report .	Completed 2024
Office of the 24-Hour Economy Commissioner	Purple Flag – Safer Cities Research	York Street, Clarence Street, and Kent Street (YCK), Sydney and Parramatta	Purple Flag is an international accreditation program for safety and excellence in the night-time economy. In partnership with the Office of the 24-Hour Economy Commissioner, a series of co-design workshops with women and gender diverse people were held in two Purple Flag precincts, YCK Laneways and Parramatta, to help improve women and gender diverse people's perceptions of safety.	Completed 2024
Placemaking NSW	The Rocks/ Tallawoladah	The Rocks, Sydney	Placemaking NSW engaged with women and girls to co-design safety, lighting and wayfinding strategies and are implementing public domain improvements in key pedestrian links in The Rocks/ Tallawoladah precinct, including Foundation Park, Unwins Lane and Nurse's Walk. Findings from the co-design process shaped the Women's Safety Strategy , a long-term strategic document outlining key principles and actions to improve women's experiences moving through and within the precinct.	Completed 2025

Safer Cities				
Entity Name	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
South Eastern Sydney Local Health District	Randwick Health and Innovation Precinct	Randwick Health and Innovation Precinct	Randwick Health and Innovation Precinct is a 24-hour ecosystem of health, education and community uses. This project focused on the feelings of safety for staff, patients, their carers, and the broader community. The project implemented a range of creative placemaking initiatives to activate public spaces, add gender sensitive lighting, and develop a lighting masterplan to connect pedestrian routes in the precinct from day to night.	Completed 2024
Transport for NSW -Brand and Marketing	Public education campaign: Street harassment has no grey area	Greater Sydney	Street harassment affects the safety of women, girls, and gender diverse people. Transport for NSW launched a new campaign ' <u>Street harassment has no grey area</u> ' in Greater Sydney to call out that there is no grey area. The campaign launched in July 2024, with a second burst of the campaign completed in early 2025.	Completed 2025
Transport for NSW -Active Transport and Vibrancy	Moore Park Precinct	Moore Park Precinct	Workshops with local teenage girls identified the need for improved lighting and wayfinding in the Moore Park precinct particularly for the FIFA Women's World Cup™ 2023. Transport for NSW repurposed lights from VIVID to guide patrons from public transport to the stadiums.	Completed 2023
Transport for NSW -Sydney Trains	Inner West Pedestrian Tunnels	Rail corridor between Newtown and Ashfield train stations, Inner West Sydney	Building on the success of 'reVITALise – Creative Lighting', a series of community co-design 'walkshops' were held in and around the three Inner West pedestrian tunnels in April 2024. Local women, girls and gender diverse people were invited to participate in the walkshops, to help inform any potential future permanent creative lighting opportunities. The walkshops sought to understand the local character, safety concerns, and local sentiment with the aim of informing any possible future unique, place-based lighting solutions that reflect community.	Expected Completion 2025
Transport for NSW -Active Transport and Vibrancy	Benchmark NSW, Recharge Spot Trial Implementation and Data Insights and Dashboard projects	University of New South Wales (UNSW), Randwick Health and Innovation Precinct, Gosford CBD, and Guildford Laneway	Aimed to build awareness and provide technical advice of how to embed applications of smart technology and data solutions into initiatives to help improve perceptions of safety across the program. Three projects being delivered include: • Recharge Spot: a smart, modular piece of street furniture that has been co-designed with women, girls and gender diverse people that offers a place to relax and recharge while waiting for transport connections or friends and family, and be connected in the public realm. • Data Insights: involves the collection, analysis and application of place-based data across the program. The Data for Places guidance methodology has been applied to enhance measurement and evaluation of three Safer Cities interventions. • <u>Benchmark NSW</u>: a pilot project that uses temporary seating, combined with smart technology and data to better understand how women, girls and gender diverse people use public space.	Expected Completion 2025

Safer Cities				
Entity Name	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Transport for NSW - Safe Accessible Transport Program	Stanmore, Redfern, and Waitara train stations	Stanmore train station, Redfern train station, Waitara train station	Upgrades at Stanmore, Redfern and Waitara station precincts included feature interventions informed by co-design and consultation with local women, girls, and gender diverse people.	Completed 2025
Western Sydney Local Health District	Westmead Health Precinct	Westmead Health Precinct	At Westmead Health Precinct, the project aimed to facilitate easy access and navigation for women, girls and gender diverse people as they move through and around the precinct, especially at night. Interventions included gender-sensitive lighting, footpath upgrades, landscaping to improve sightlines and wayfinding.	Completed 2025
Regional NSW				
Central Coast Council	Safer Cities: Her Way - Central Coast Council	Gosford city centre	Engagement and co-design gathered 3,500+ suggestions from the community on how to enhance the feeling of safety and help Gosford city centre feel more vibrant at night-time. This feedback identified key public space improvements at Burns Place Park, Kibble Park, Gosford City Car Park, and important pedestrian connections at Mann Laneway, William Street Plaza and Baker Lane. In response to community's desires, Council implemented a range of creative and gender-sensitive lighting interventions, colourful artwork, and landscape improvements. Alongside these enhancements, a summer-long program of activities the 'Good Times Festival' encouraged the community to stay longer in the city centre, with the aim of activating the city and increasing vibrancy within Gosford city centre.	Completed 2024
Griffith City Council	Safer Cities: Her Way - Griffith City Council	Griffith town centre	Griffith City Council aimed to improve the walking and public transport connection within Griffith town centre. Council has delivered a range of public space improvements including new pedestrian bridges, smart bus shelters, murals, lighting, wayfinding, and landscaping improvements. Council actively engaged the local community through various collaborative creative interventions. This included partnering with a local Wiradjuri artist, Karissa Undy to co-create public art with schoolgirls, collaborating with the popular Banna Lane Festival to install a public art mural, and working with local female-led community groups to establish a community garden in Don Best Park.	Completed 2024
Hunter and Central Coast Development Corporation	Teenage girls playground	Bernie Goodwin Park, Morisset	Hunter and Central Coast Development Corporation (HCCDC) worked with a group of enthusiastic teenage girls in Lake Macquarie through creative workshops to uncover what impacts their sense of safety in public, determine a suitable space to enhance, and to co-design a place that they'd love to spend time in. The ideas from the teenagers are being delivered in a new playground at Bernie Goodwin Park, Morisset.	Expected Completion 2025

Safer Cities				
Entity Name	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Lismore City Council	Safer Cities: Her Way -Lismore City Council	Lismore city centre	To enhance the perception of safety in Lismore city centre, women and girls identified Harold Fredericks Car Park and a laneway in the city centre as priority areas to trial place improvements. In response, Council implemented semi-permanent interventions aimed at enhancing amenity and celebrating the local character and identity. These interventions included improved accessibility, a range of public art, lighting, seating, wayfinding, and greenery.	Completed 2025
Wollongong City Council	Safer Cities: Her Way - Wollongong City Council	Port Kembla, Wollongong and Dapto city centres	Wollongong City Council focused on three key centres - Wollongong, Dapto, and Port Kembla town centres. All three centres are installing improved lighting, light installations, wayfinding, landscaping and maintenance. Port Kembla had wayfinding signage and Dapto Square had public art and smart technology improvements. Council also implemented a range of free family-friendly events at Wollongong and Dapto, including youth picnics, exercise series and open-air cinemas to improve vibrancy in the evenings.	Completed 2024

Open Streets

Round one 2021-2022

Up to **\$6.5 million** in funding was made available with the program delivered from December 2021 to May 2022.

Open Streets 2021-2022				
Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Greater Sydney				
Bayside Council	Streets Alive Brighton-Le-Sands	Bay Street and surrounding laneways, Brighton-Le-Sands	Over a weekend in May 2022, Bayside Council closed off Bay Street, in the heart of Brighton-Le-Sands, for an all-day event that kicked off with breakfast. Throughout the day, people enjoyed lunch or dinner while enjoying the market stalls, live music, and a synthetic ice-skating rink, before settling down to enjoy the outdoor cinema in the evening.	Completed 2022
Blacktown City Council	F.A.M Fest -Food, Art and Music	Main Street and the Warrick Lane Precinct, Blacktown	Main Street in Blacktown was partially closed to vehicles over a weekend in May to host a food, art and music activation called 'F.A.M Fest'. Welcoming people back into Blacktown CBD, the festival featured a street parade along Flushcombe Road, a live art mural, petting zoo, amusement rides, market stalls and headliner performances from Jessica Mauboy, The Wiggles, and others.	Completed 2022
Burwood Council	Burwood Bounce Back	Burwood Road and surrounding laneways, Burwood	Over three weekends, Burwood Road was transformed into an urban park. Themes each week differed, starting with the Lantern Festival, timed with Lunar New Year. Beats and Eats added music, light, and colour to the town centre. Autumn Fest had a family focus with alfresco dining, amusement rides and food trucks. Clarendon Place also came to life with a large-scale floor mural bringing colour and excitement to this hidden laneway.	Completed 2022
Campbelltown City Council	Campbelltown Festival of Place-On Q and Ingleburn	Queen Street and surrounding laneways, Campbelltown Oxford Road, Ingleburn	Seven exciting place activations prioritised pedestrians in Campbelltown and Ingleburn. Handmade and Homegrown Markets, Thank Q It's Friday and Wander On Q took place along Queen Street, Lithgow Street and Short Street in Campbelltown and Sweet Street took over Oxford Road in Ingleburn. Campbelltown Arts Centre led a program to install two art murals in Campbelltown's City Centre.	Completed 2022
City of Canterbury Bankstown	Campsie Street Festival	Beamish Street and surrounding streets, Campsie	A weekend long activation saw Campsie's Beamish Street opened to people and closed to cars for food stalls, outdoor dining, kids' activities, live entertainment, large-scale chess, and public art to showcase the thriving, dynamic diversity of this community. The event focused on building partnerships with local businesses.	Completed 2022
City of Parramatta	Parramatta Nights Street Festival	Phillip Street, Parramatta	Parramatta Nights Street Festival was based around a temporary closure of Phillip Street and surrounding laneways in Parramatta's city centre-linking five activation areas from Friday to Sunday for two weeks. Live performances, pop-up bars, outdoor dining, art installations and lighting treatments re-imagined the town centre and celebrated the diverse culture and talent of Western Sydney.	Completed 2022

Open Streets 2021-2022				
Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
City of Sydney	Summer Streets	Darlinghurst Road and Macleay Street, Kings Cross, Crown Street, Surry Hills	As part of the ‘Summer Streets’ activations, Council held two road closure events along Darlinghurst Road in Kings Cross and Crown Street in Surry Hills. Each street was closed to traffic from 9am, with the events commencing at 11am and running until late in the evening. The road closures were accompanied by a program of roving and pop-up performances to entertain the public, and tables and chairs for people to sit and enjoy.	Completed 2022
Cumberland City Council	Ramadan Street Food Festival Good Vibes Granville	Auburn Road, Auburn South Street and surrounding streets, Granville	Council held events in two local centres: Auburn and Granville. The Ramadan Street Food Festival saw Auburn Road transformed and jam-packed with food trucks and stalls to create an authentic outdoor dining experience. Good Vibes Granville turned South Street into a vibrant and interactive hub over seven days, showcasing Western Sydney’s diverse food culture and dynamic art and music scene.	Completed 2022
Fairfield City Council	Culinary Carnival	Arthur Street and surrounding laneways, Cabramatta Spencer Street and surrounding laneways, Fairfield	Over two weekends in May, Culinary Carnival transformed Cabramatta and Fairfield town centres into a street party celebrating all things food and culture. Park Road, Arthur Street, Freedom Plaza and surrounding laneways in Cabramatta, and Ware Street, Spencer Street and Crescent Plaza in Fairfield were decked with food carts, live performances, and cooking demonstrations from a celebrity chef – ‘Fast Ed’.	Completed 2022
Georges River Council	Summer Streets In Good Taste Festival	Forest Road, Hurstville Belgrave Street, Kogarah	The Summer Streets series transformed Kogarah Plaza into a circus school and Belgrave Street was pedestrianised for a night market featuring kids entertainment, food, and market stalls. The Little Lunar Night Market along Forest Road, Hurstville kickstarted the ‘In Good Taste Program’ with food stalls, a three-metre-tall tiger sculpture and roving performances. This was followed by multiple Friday night markets showcasing live cooking demonstrations.	Completed 2022
Liverpool City Council	Starry Sari Nights	George Street and surrounding laneways, Liverpool	Taking place over three nights, Starry Sari Nights was a sensory experience with live performances, a market bazaar and outdoor dining to celebrate the local South Asian community. Council worked with local businesses to curate the fashion showcase, which featured their own designs. The road closure of George Street allowed businesses and attendees to rethink streets as places for people with the potential of activation and vibrancy.	Completed 2022
Penrith City Council	Festival of Place Open Streets	West Lane, St Marys Woodruff Street, Penrith	Seven activations in Penrith and St Marys town centres included closing off Woodruff Street, Masters Place and Masters Place Car Park in Penrith to cars to host a street party style program of food and drinks, DJs, and world-class comedy acts. West Lane and Crana Street (surrounding Kokoda Car Park) in St Marys became an ambient festival environment with alfresco dining, an outdoor bar, pop-up green space and performance stage.	Completed 2022

Open Streets 2021-2022				
Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Strathfield Municipal Council	Festival 2140	Rochester Street, Homebush Henley Road, Homebush West	Activations across Rochester Street in Homebush and Henley Road in Homebush West over nine days featured live performances, market stalls, amusement rides and expanded outdoor dining. Local schools and cultural groups performed, and local restaurants extended their licensed areas. Permanent elements were also installed, including an art mural, overhead lighting, garden renovations and installation of historical banners.	Completed 2022

Round two 2024-2025

Up to **\$8.7 million** in funding was made available with the program delivered from June 2024 to June 2025.

Open Streets 2024-2025				
Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Greater Sydney				
Bayside Council	Bayside's Winter Wonderland	Shaw Street, Bexley North	Bayside Council brought a winter wonderland onto Shaw Street in Bexley North turning it into a pedestrian mall, providing markets and activities, bringing businesses onto the streets and local residents into the area.	Completed 2024
Blacktown City Council	Blacktown City's 4Elements HipHop Festival 2024	Main Street, Blacktown	Vyva Entertainment and Blacktown City Council presented an extended 4ESydney event that saw a one-day takeover of Blacktown's vibrant main street and train station carpark. The Open Streets grant enabled the creation of a temporary activated precinct supporting road closures and local businesses in the heart of the city centre.	Completed 2024
Burwood Council	Burwood Culture Streets	Burwood Road, Burwood Paisley Lane, Croydon	Burwood Culture Streets delivered three temporary activations that transform streets within the Burwood and Croydon town centres into vibrant public spaces. These events celebrated the Burwood Local Government Area's thriving arts and cultural scene, drive visitation, support the local economy and create new public places for people to connect and participate in community cultural life.	Completed 2025
Camden Council	Camden Christmas Festival	Argyle Street, Camden	Camden's annual Christmas event saw local businesses come together with live and local entertainment, kids' activities, Santa, and a Christmas market with more than 80 food, gifts and homeware stalls all located within the Camden town centre.	Completed 2025
Campbelltown City Council	WanderOnQ	Queen Street (Cordeaux to Allman Street); Lithgow Street (Queen to Oxley Street) and Dumaresq Street, Campbelltown	WanderOnQ was a multilocation event showcasing performance, art, and culture in Campbelltown city centre. The event supported local businesses and the local creative industries to activate and restore vibrancy in the streets, encouraging the community to socialise, connect and explore on foot.	Completed 2024
City of Canada Bay Council	Halloween on Majors Bay Road, Concord	Majors Bay Road, Concord	Halloween on Majors Bay Road transformed Concord into a vibrant space for Halloween encouraging self-expression, social interaction, and community bonding through music, performances, games, and dance.	Completed 2024

Open Streets 2024-2025				
Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
City of Parramatta	Powerhouse Lane	George Street, Parramatta	Powerhouse Lane was a collaborative initiative held as part of the annual Parramatta Lanes festival. The event activation celebrated the diverse culinary landscape of Western Sydney through a curated program of food, music, and installations. Delivered in collaboration with local stakeholders, this event provided an opportunity for the community to interact and foster meaningful connections through food and creative expression.	Completed 2024
Cumberland City Council	Moon Festival 2024	Joseph Street, Lidcombe	A celebration of community cultural event, the Moon Festival in Lidcombe showcased the vibrant night-time street life of Lidcombe town centre through arts, culture, food, and community.	Completed 2024
Fairfield City Council	Cabramatta Moon Festival 2024	Arthur Street, Cabramatta	This festival was a free family-friendly one day event that celebrated the traditional harvest festival in the heart of Cabramatta. The event provided a diverse program of entertainment consisting of vibrant cultural performances, lion dancing parades, interactive children’s shows, and roving performers, capped off with a spectacular fireworks finale.	Completed 2024
Georges River Council	Lunar New Year Festival	Forest Road, Hurstville	Lunar New Year Festival is Georges River Council’s largest event with over 50,000 people activating Forest Road in Hurstville. For 2025, there was an introduction of a new and exciting Local Business Precinct that integrated cultural festivities with concrete economic benefits, promoting sustainable growth and fostering enduring partnerships within the community. This precinct provided an informal stage with decorations, seating, and creative installations.	Completed 2025
Hawkesbury City Council	Light Up Windsor	George Street, Windsor	Light Up Windsor was a free event that kicked off the Christmas Season and assisted in activating the town, building community connections and stimulating the local economy. The event included illumination of historic buildings, snow activations, over 70 market stalls, live and roving Christmas entertainment, a reindeer passport activity, quiet zones in museums, children’s ornament craft activities and the lighting of the Christmas tree.	Completed 2024
Hornsby Shire Council	Hornsby Spring Festival	Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby	An energetic, diverse, and family-friendly street festival showcasing local artists, market vendors and food stalls and trucks. Linking a widely enjoyed green space with iconic town centre venues through safe activation of a main road with children’s activities and street-dining opportunities, Hornsby Shire’s diverse residents shared cultural diversity, community, and togetherness.	Completed 2024
Inner West Council	2044 Street Takeover	May Street, St Peters	The 2044 Street Takeover activated the creative destination of May Street, St Peters as part of a local community one-day street-takeover. Through outdoor dining, local business stalls and creative entertainment, this event celebrated the unique character of postcode 2044.	Completed 2024
Liverpool City Council	Starry Sari Nights Liverpool	George Street, Liverpool	Starry Sari Nights was a celebration of the colours and flavours of South Asia. George Street transformed into a vibrant bazaar of spices and fabrics, showcasing local Sari vendors and elevating the profile of Sari Street, Little India Liverpool.	Completed 2024

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Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Mosman Municipal Council	Open Streets Mosman	The Crescent and Middle Head Road, Mosman	Open Streets Mosman was a six-month street activation program across Mosman including a Mosman Street Party, themed night-markets, and a youth event. Events were free to attend and feature live music and entertainment, food by local businesses and activities for families, older residents and young people, activating the night-time economy.	Completed 2024
North Sydney Council	North Sydney Festival	Mount Street, North Sydney	The centre of North Sydney was rejuvenated with an energetic one-day festival around Victoria Cross Metro Station, fostering enduring social and economic benefits and a cohesive identity. The event featured music, dance, art, and family activities to stimulate involvement from businesses, residents, and visitors, enhancing economic vitality and celebrating community diversity.	Completed 2024
Penrith City Council	St Marys Lights Up	Queen Street, St Marys	St Marys Lights Up in 2024 saw Queen Street, St Marys come to life, transformed into a night-time carnival. As the sun set, St Marys lit up with entertainment, amusement rides, workshops, food trucks and more for the community to enjoy.	Completed 2024
Randwick City Council	Spot On	St Pauls Street, Randwick	Spot On saw St Pauls Street, Randwick temporarily closed for pedestrianisation from 6pm – 10pm on Thursday evenings for 10 weeks. The Spot has a range of restaurants and local cultural institutions, such as the Randwick Ritz which allowed opportunities for businesses, creatives, artists, and community to participate in the delivery of a family-friendly and inclusive series of events, adding vibrancy to this location.	Completed 2024
Strathfield Council	Winter Warmer in the Square	The Boulevard, Strathfield	Winter Warmer in the Square showcased the local character and identity of the town centre, whilst engaging with the community and receiving feedback on the area’s future. The event featured art installations, sports-based activations and food markets which aimed to warm up locals and break the mid-winter chill. The town centre and it’s streets became a place for people not just cars.	Completed 2024
Sutherland Shire Council	Jannali Moonrise Festival	Box Road, Jannali	Jannali is the Aboriginal name for ‘place of beautiful moonrises’. The Jannali Moonrise Festival activated the main street of Jannali with a stage for cultural performances, stargazing and storytelling, night markets, music and a ‘movie by moonlight’. The event showcased Jannali, increasing visitation and supporting local performers and businesses.	Completed 2024
Waverley Council	Bondi Festival Gould Street Party	Gould Street, Bondi	Bondi Festival Gould Street Party transformed Gould Street and Roscoe Street into a vibrant street party for Bondi Festival’s final weekend. Alfresco dining, bands and roving performers, pop-ups and themed retail offers took over the streets for locals and visitors to rediscover the heart of Bondi free from cars.	Completed 2024
Willoughby City Council	Artarmon Street Festival	Hampden Road, Artarmon	Artarmon Street Festival welcomed the community back to discover the new, revitalised Artarmon Local Centre, celebrating and sharing with the community and local businesses.	Completed 2024

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Wollondilly Shire Council	LIVE IN 25 – Creating Space for Everyone –Wollondilly PAC Launch Street Party and Community Arts Festival.	Menangle Street, Picton	LIVE IN 25 -Creating Space For Everyone was a community street party and arts festival in Picton which coincided with the formal ceremonial opening of the new Wollondilly Performing Arts Centre (PAC). The inclusive and welcoming celebration featured live music, a Welcome to Country, pop-up community performances and roving artists, all ages arts workshops, and an aerial rig featuring stunning circus performances. There were makers’ markets, local produce stalls, an artist laneway, and guided tours of the PAC –so people could explore it in a fun and inviting way, with surprise performances.	Completed 2024
Regional NSW				
Albury City Council	WinterGlow	Dean Street, Albury	WinterGlow was a night-time winter activation including creative performers, creative workshops, light displays and hospitality from local food and beverage vendors. The event aimed to increase city vibrancy, build community spirit and local interest, provide an opportunity for entertainment and celebration, deliver positive economic impact for local businesses and support of the growth of creative industries.	Completed 2024
Armidale Regional Council	Armidale Lights Festival	Marsh Street, Armidale	The Armidale Lights Festival was a free street festival. Community members from across the Armidale region experienced a vibrant event showcasing art and lighting installations to the community, resulting in improved social cohesion and support for local regional businesses and the economy.	Completed 2024
Ballina Shire Council	Wonderful Wardell	Richmond Street, Wardell	Ballina Shire Council brought fun, activity and vibrancy to Richmond Street by transforming it into a temporary pop-up place space. Council partnered with community groups and the local primary school to deliver a program of events, featuring local artists, craft workshops, mural painting, and live music.	Completed 2024
Bathurst Regional Council	The Dhuluny Project	Kings Parade, Bathurst	The Dhuluny Project was a series of community-led events commemorating the bicentennial of the 1824 Proclamation of Martial Law. This project supported the temporary closure of several streets in the centre of Bathurst for the delivery of two separate market events.	Completed 2024
Bellingen Shire Council	Bellingen Shire Events	Morgo Street, Urunga Church Street, Bellingen Hickory Street, Dorrigo	The Bellingen Shire Events aimed to increase access to the arts, involve the entire community and showcase our region’s cultural diversity, music and performance talents. The events also promoted the creativity of artisans, designers and producers from our local regions while encouraging the importance of supporting local businesses and strengthening social cohesion.	Completed 2024
Blayney Shire Council	Newbridge Winter Solstice	Trunkey Street, Newbridge	The Newbridge Winter Solstice was held on the main street of the village of Newbridge in partnership between Blayney Shire Council and the Newbridge Progress Association; it was a medieval-themed event held on the Winter Solstice with music, dances, markets, bonfire, jousting, Viking battles and a street parade.	Completed 2024

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Bogan Shire Council	Big Bogan Street Festival	Pangee Street, Nyngan	Big Bogan Street festival aimed to create a vibrant community celebration in the heart of Bogan Shire. The event is named after the titular tourist attraction, the Big Bogan, and features live music, a best-dressed bogan competition, kids' activities, delicious food from local vendors, vibrant markets, and support for local suppliers.	Completed 2024
Bourke Shire Council	Back O' Bourke Fiesta	Oxley Street, Bourke	The Back O'Bourke Fiesta was a celebration of the different cultures that make up the Bourke community. The celebration saw the main street and adjoining wharf area precinct closed to traffic to host the street party.	Completed 2025
Cabonne Council	Support Local, Celebrate Together	Bank Street, Molong Smith Street, Cudal Gaskill Street, Canowindra	Support Local, Celebrate Together aimed to bring excitement and cultural enrichment. Diverse activities including music, markets, and a festive atmosphere in the street for residents and visitors, laid the groundwork for ongoing collaboration and investment in the long-term development of our communities.	Completed 2025
Cessnock City Council	Kurri Curry Festival and Street Art Workshop	Barton Street, Kurri Kurri	Kurri Curry Festival was a new event that showcases local and regional curry making skills. The community was entertained with lights, fire, music and treats for the entire family, followed by an artist workshop where live art was created.	Completed 2024
Clarence Valley Council	Clarence Community Celebrates	Prince Street, Grafton Main Street, Wooli Skinner Street, South Grafton Coldstream Street, Ulmarra River Street, Maclean	Clarence Community Celebrates hosted five free community events between May and December 2024 across Grafton, South Grafton, Ulmarra, Maclean and Wooli that fostered unity, celebration, and resilience. 15,000 locals, 500 local businesses, and 50 local community groups benefit from activations contributing to economic recovery, community pride and connection.	Completed 2024
Coolamon Shire Council	Coolamon NYE Street Party	Cowabbie Street North, Coolamon	This vibrant event provided a night of fun, entertainment, and community spirit. The event brought together friends, family, and community members from near and far to ring in the New Year. With a host of exciting activities and offerings, this event was perfect for everyone, regardless of age.	Completed 2025
Coonamble Shire Council	Vision Splendid Country Music Extravaganza	Castlereagh Street, Coonamble	The Vision Splendid Country Music Extravaganza activated Coonamble's city centre by transforming it with a line-up of professional musicians, food and market stalls, bar, children's amusement rides and activities. The event complemented other local events programmed during the October long weekend benefiting local businesses, community groups, residents and tourists.	Completed 2024
Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council	Starry Nights Festival	Carberry Park and Otway Street, Gundagai Sheridan Street, Gundagai Parker Street, Cootamundra	The Starry Nights Festival featured four events. Two Christmas-themed events showcasing the main centres, supporting Shop Local campaigns and fostering community connections. Additionally, two community festival events provided platforms for local producers, artists, and creatives to display their talents, shining brightly as the stars of our communities.	Completed 2024

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Gilgandra Shire Council	Under the Gums + Goin' to Gil Weekend	Miller Street and Newell Highway, Gilgandra	Under the Gums + Goin' to Gil Weekend (UTG + GTG) brought Gilgandra alive with a spectacular array of events, entertainment, and community spirit. The weekend showcased the UTG evening music event in Gilgandra bringing together friends, family and Real Country seekers from backroads to beach tracks.	Completed 2024
Griffith City Council	Activation of Olympic Street	Olympic Street, Griffith	A weekend activation of Olympic Street and Griffith Youth Precinct that included markets, public art, artist workshops, skate and BMX demonstrations, food trucks, youth activities and live music.	Completed 2024
Gwydir Shire Council	Gwydir Shire Open Streets Project	Maitland Street, Bingara Holden Street, Wialalda	The Gwydir Shire Open Streets Project expanded on four community events: Orange Festival in Bingara, the Honey Festival in Wialalda, and the end of year celebrations in Bingara and Wialalda. These events were family-friendly and all free to attend.	Completed 2025
Kiama Municipal Council	Kiama Winter Street Festival	Terralong Street, Kiama	Kiama Winter Street Festival was a two-day event which brought Kiama's main hub on Terralong Street alive. The event infused excitement to chilly days and illuminated the darkest of winter nights with entertainment such as stage shows, roving artists, musical gardens, enviro-beat workshops, artmaking, festive lights, and live art activations.	Completed 2024
Lachlan Shire Council	Condo Comes Alive	Bathurst Street, Condobolin	Condo Comes Alive transformed the main street of Condobolin with a spectacular array of art and cultural activities, live music, entertainment, market stalls, outdoor dining and child friendly activities giving residents and visitors a chance to rediscover their local businesses.	Completed 2024
Lake Macquarie City Council	Lake Mac Open Streets Program	Victory Parade, Toronto The Esplanade, Warners Bay Brooks Parade, Belmont	The Lake Mac Open Streets Program supported the expansion of two lake-based events ('Float your Boat' and 'Fast and Loud') in Lake Macquarie onto the streets to creating an active foreshore program across Warners Bay, Toronto and Belmont.	Completed 2024
Leeton Shire Council	Leeton Alive	Jarrah Street, Chelmsford Place and Church Street, Leeton	Leeton Alive was a vibrant series of community events and activations that brought the streets and public spaces of Leeton to life. Leeton Alive aimed to temporarily close streets to vehicles and transform them into lively community hubs. Kicking off with an extended Leeton Chill N Grill event featuring live entertainment, the program included diverse offerings such as the Wade Hotel Street Party with local fire brigade involvement, Moonlight Movie nights under the stars and Night Markets showcasing local artisans. Additionally, a stunning mural installation added an artistic touch to the community.	Completed 2024
Mid-Coast Council	Mid Coast Mains	Wharf Street, Forster Church Street, Gloucester Bent Street, Wingham	Three nights, three locations, and four events where residents, businesses, musicians, and creatives collide, rendering people the heart of their public space. The event celebrated, activated and took ownership of streets, towns, and communities. It stimulated the economy outside of tourist season and encouraged people to share stories, experiences and collect memories.	Completed 2024

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Moree Plains Shire Council	Open Streets Festival	Bingera Street, Pallamallawa Heber Street, Moree Generoi Street, Pallamallawa Narrabri Street, Mungindi Anne Street, Moree	Open Streets Festival saw a vibrant series of community festival-type events throughout the year in several different locations throughout the Shire that provides a safe, vibrant space for community to experience. Moree Plains connected with live entertainment, market stalls, festive celebrations, car shows, cultural displays and celebrations.	Completed 2024
Murrumbidgee Council	Murrumbidgee Open Streets Program	Carrington Street and Kidman Way, Darlington Point	The Murrumbidgee Open Streets program saw the expansion of opportunities available at the Darlington Point Spring Festival and the Marrambidya River Festival, providing the local community and visitor economy with a unique experience.	Completed 2024
Muswellbrook Shire Council	Denman Wine, Food and Film Festival	Ogilvie Street, Denman	Bringing back the Denman Wine and Food Festival and combining it with the 2024 Blue Heeler Film Festival, created a multifaceted street celebration, attracting visitors and benefiting local residents and businesses. The event showcased local wine, produce and providers, and featured street theatre, music and original films.	Completed 2024
Nambucca Valley Council	Wallace Lane -Night Market and Lanterns	Wallace Lane, Macksville	Wallace Lane Night Market offered a range of local food and craft vendors, live entertainment, and a lantern display to add flair and excitement. The lane is bordered by the Nambucca River which was utilised to float and showcase the lanterns bringing a creative element to the event.	Completed 2024
Narrabri Shire Council	Boggabri Business Chamber monthly markets and Narrabri LGA Christmas Activation 2024	Merton Street, Boggabri Maitland Street, Narrabri Rose Street, Wee Waa	The project brought a new event to the central precinct (Boggabri business Chamber monthly markets). The event encouraged artisans to showcase their products and encouraged the community to dwell in the main street. The project also expanded on the Narrabri Local Government Area Christmas Activations 2024 to encourage patronage in the centres of Narrabri, Wee Waa, and Boggabri.	Completed 2024
Narrandera Shire Council	Narrandera Spring Fair	East Street, Narrandera	The Narrandera Spring Fair was held on East and Bolton Streets, Narrandera, providing community and cultural activities and entertainment options catering to all ages.	Completed 2024
Narromine Shire Council	Dolly Parton Festival	Dandaloo Street, Narromine	The Dolly Parton Festival incorporated a day-time street party and night-time concert that brought the streets of Narromine alive creating a positive vibe, bringing the community together and positively affecting the local economy and the mental wellbeing of a small rural community.	Completed 2024
Newcastle City Council	New Annual Festival First Night and Wallsend150	Nelson Street, Wallsend King Street, Newcastle	New Annual Festival First Night was an outdoor event to officially open the 2024 New Annual Arts Festival and Wallsend150 was a free community event celebrating the history of the area.	Completed 2024
Oberon Council	Oberon End of Year Spectacular	Oberon Street, Oberon	The Oberon End of Year Spectacular was a planned street festival aiming to bringing remote villages and communities together. Due to adverse weather conditions, the event did not go ahead.	Completed 2025 (Withdrawn)

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Orange City Council	Zest Fest	McNamara Street, Orange	A free, all-ages, live music event for the community, that drove benefits to local businesses. Multiple streets across Orange's civic precinct were closed, which increased trade to local businesses. Concurrently, the central park was activated with live music, driving high attendance and creating a template for future music events.	Completed 2024
Parkes Shire Council	The Parkes Elvis Festival and Trundle ABBA Festival	Forbes Street, Trundle Clarinda Street, Parkes	The project activated festival boulevards transforming them into vibrant, accessible, and free space with entertainment and themed activations for thousands of festival goers, while engaging and supporting local businesses to get involved.	Completed 2024
Port Macquarie-Hastings Council	ArtWalk 2024 Clarence Street East Activation	Clarence Street, Port Macquarie	ArtWalk 2024 Clarence Street East Activation temporarily closed a road and car park to create a never-before-seen precinct at ArtWalk, including a Youth Precinct and a street party/on street dining experience in collaboration with restaurants. There were cultural additions like working artists, projections, musicians, performers, participatory activities, and lit installations to discover.	Completed 2024
Port Stephens Council	Port Stephens Vibrant Street Series	King Street, Raymond Terrace Shoal Bay Road, Shoal Bay	The Port Stephens Vibrant Street Series featured Illuminate, a free family-friendly community event designed to open the streets up and celebrate, engage, and entertain the local community of Raymond Terrace. Shoal Bay Food, Fire and Light invited local residents and visitors to the region to see Shoal Bay in a different light. Local restaurants were invited to trade onto the road, with a stronger food and wine focus at the event.	Completed 2025
Richmond Valley Council	Richmond Valley Street Fair	Walker Street, Casino Oak Street, Evans Head	The Richmond Valley Street Fair temporarily closed main streets in the township of Casino and village of Evans Head creating engaging spaces that increased foot traffic. This initiative fostered collaboration with local businesses by extending trading hours and allowing businesses to utilise footpaths for displays.	Completed 2024
Shellharbour City Council	Eco Eats and Beats Festival	Beverley Avenue, Warilla	Eco Eats and Beats Festival was a vibrant street festival that showcased a variety of eco-friendly activations including long table dining using upcycled furnishings, a mural extending on the residential waste campaign branding project, workshops focusing on recycling and the re-use of materials, waste wise activations, a car boot market, kids' entertainment encouraging nature play and street performances.	Completed 2024
Snowy Valleys Council	Bloom	Elm Drive, Tumut	Bloom was a vibrant street festival nestled in Snowy Valleys, uniting the local community through placemaking, showcasing local food vendors and producers, engaging performances, cultural immersion, and creative entertainment. The event fostered community cohesion and boosted local commerce, yielding a stronger, more interconnected community fabric.	Completed 2024

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Tamworth Regional Council	Taking it to our Community Streets	Peel Street, Tamworth Queen Street, Barraba Jenkins Street, Nundle Manilla Street, Manilla Gate Street, Kootingal	Taking it to our Community Streets elevated and extended community events currently occurring across the Tamworth Regional Council Local Government Area; providing additional opportunities for local businesses and artists to demonstrate and promote their products and talents. The initiative reached five towns and communities across Tamworth Regional Council.	Completed 2024
Tweed Shire Council	Local Streets Alive	Bay Street, Tweed Heads Queensland Road, Murwillumbah Prospero Street, South Murwillumbah	Tweed Shire Council, in partnership with the Tweed Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc. and Business Murwillumbah, brought Local Streets Alive with four free community events.	Completed 2024
Upper Hunter Shire Council	Upper Hunter -Celebrating Home	Vennacher Street, Merriwa Adelaide Street, Murrurundi Kelly Street, Scone	A series of events held across the major business precincts of Scone, Merriwa, and Murrurundi in a unique way. The events aimed to stimulate the local economy and build community connection whilst providing pride and optimism in the Shire.	Completed 2025
Upper Lachlan Shire Council	Christmas Festival Crookwell	Goulburn Street, Crookwell	Christmas Festival Crookwell was a street festival in the centre of town with market stalls, food, and community activities to celebrate the region.	Completed 2024
Uralla Shire Council	Uralla Christmas Street Fair	Bridge Street, Uralla	A participatory community event featuring performances, markets and street activations culminating in the lighting of the town's first Christmas tree.	Completed 2024
Wagga Wagga City Council	Festival of W	Baylis Street, Wagga Wagga	Festival of W is Wagga Wagga's largest destination event held in the depths of winter. Amidst the fog and mist, the centre of Wagga Wagga's transformed into a magical winter festival with ice-skating, immersive lighting and sound projections, a premier dining experience, live music, and light installations.	Completed 2024
Warren Shire Council	Warren Christmas Street Party	Dubbo Street, Warren	Warren Christmas Street Party was designed to spread holiday cheer with activities for the whole family. The event was complete with a visit from Santa Claus, kids' rides and holiday market stalls showcasing unique gifts and crafts from local artisans, performances by local artists and a fireworks display.	Completed 2024
Warrumbungle Shire Council	Warrumbungle Shire's Vibrant Street Fests	Dalgarno Street, Coonabarabran Binnia Street, Coolah	Two vibrant community street fest events across the Warrumbungle Shire ("Bloomin' Birds" in Springtime Coonabarabran and Coolah's Christmas Parade Festival) aimed to revitalise and celebrate the region, blending local natural wonders with community spirit and engagement. They transformed the town centres into a canvas of light, creative activity, food art and music.	Completed 2024
Weddin Shire Council	Light Up the Night	Main Street, Grenfell	A New Year's celebration with the town's new main street festoon lights official 'turn-on' event and mural unveiling. Residents enjoyed live music, market stalls, and communal spaces.	Completed 2024

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Wingecarribee Shire Council	The Kaleidoscope Street Festival	Main Street, Mittagong	The Kaleidoscope Street Festival celebrated the vibrant diversity of the Southern Highlands through a unique street festival. This event featured a variety of food stalls, art activations, and cultural activities. The festival served as a platform for local producers, chefs, restaurateurs, community groups, and cultural organisations to showcase their heritage, creating a vibrant and inclusive atmosphere.	Completed 2024
Wollongong City Council	Sprung Festival	Wentworth Street, Port Kembla	Port Kembla comes to life as day turns to night. The event included an evening of family-friendly fun, featuring lighting effects, projections, on-street dining, live music, and roving entertainment.	Completed 2024
Yass Valley Council	Christmas on Comur Street	Comur Street, Yass	Christmas on Comur Street was a festive celebration aimed at bringing the community together during the holiday period.	Completed 2024

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Greater Sydney				
Bayside Council	Creative Carlton	Carlton Parade, Carlton	Creative Carlton is a vibrant arts and culture event that brings together local artists, performers and creatives to showcase their talents in the heart of Carlton. The event aims to celebrate artistic expression, foster community engagement and provide a platform for emerging and established artists to connect with the community.	Expected Completion 2028
Blacktown City Council	FAM Fest	Main Street, Blacktown	Blacktown City Council's FAM Fest transforms Blacktown's Main Street and Warrick Lane into a vibrant, all-ages festival with music, entertainment, lighting installations, and outdoor dining. This event will boost local businesses, create inclusive social spaces, and attract visitors, enhancing cultural experiences and community connections in a day and night event.	Expected Completion 2027
Blue Mountains City Council	Restart: Glenbrook Spring Fair and Katoomba Winter Magic	Katoomba Street, Katoomba	The Winter Magic Festival and Glenbrook Spring Fair will create vibrant, people-friendly spaces, benefiting businesses, communities, artisans and local artists. Day-and night-time activations include live performances, street-based entertainment and cultural activations. Expected outcomes include increased tourism, economic growth, strengthened community engagement, and long-term event sustainability.	Expected Completion 2027
Burwood Council	Destination Burwood: Electric Lanes, Epic Experiences	Ford Lane, Burwood Burwood Road, Burwood	The project features two event series: Fridays@ Ford and expansion of the Lunar Street Party into a multi-street/laneway festival, continuing the transformation of Burwood Town Centre. It will celebrate Burwood's thriving arts and cultural scene, drive visitation, support the economy, and create new public spaces for community connection and cultural participation.	Expected Completion 2028

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Campbelltown City Council	Campbelltown Street fest- Where lights, culture and flavours unite!	Queen Street, Campbelltown	Street Fest Campbelltown is a dynamic, multi-location event in the heart of the city, celebrating the rich history of the Fisher's Ghost story. This festival aims to activate various city centre locations, fostering community engagement and exploration. By combining captivating lighting installations with performances from local artists and creatives.	Expected Completion 2027
Canterbury Bankstown Council	Love Earlwood – Meet you at the Plateia Festival	Clarke Street, Earlwood	A vibrant three-year festival transforming the heart of Earlwood into a lively celebration of cultural diversity. Families and friends will gather to enjoy a rich tapestry of flavours, crafts, and activities that celebrates best of Earlwood's Greek and Mediterranean heritage and highlight the unique spirit of the community.	Expected Completion 2027
City of Parramatta	Parramatta Lanes	Horwood Place, Parramatta	Lanes Collective is a collaborative space that celebrates the artistic and culinary talents of Western Sydney within the popular Parramatta Lanes festival in October annually.	Expected Completion 2027
City of Ryde	Lunar New Year Expansion - Railway Parade, Eastwood	West Parade, Eastwood	Expansion of the Eastwood Lunar New Year Festival onto Railway Parade to improve accessibility, enhance economic activation, and increase cultural engagement between the western and eastern precincts of the Eastwood Railway Station.	Expected Completion 2028
Hills Shire Council	Hills Lunar Festival	Old Northern Road, Castle Hill	Hills Lunar Festival is a celebration of East Asian cultures that will breathe new life into Castle Hill Main Street with food, song, dance and art.	Expected Completion 2028
Inner West Council	Balmain Festival	Darling Street, Balmain	The Balmain Festival is a new destination event showcasing the unique character and history of the Balmain peninsula, celebrating local business, artist and resident communities. A flagship annual event on Darling Street, in the heart of the high street, brings the community together through outdoor dining, creative stalls, workshops and performances.	Expected Completion 2028
Lane Cove Council	St Leonard's Lunar Laneways	Canberra Avenue, St Leonards	A free and accessible twilight Lunar New Year Street party series featuring a night flower market, traditional and contemporary arts, food, activities and performances. The program will drive awareness and patronage for this key transport precinct and local businesses, encouraging cultural exchange amongst the growing community in St Leonards.	Expected Completion 2028
Liverpool City Council	Starry Sari Night	George Street, Liverpool	Starry Sari Night is a celebration of South Asia. George Street will be transformed into a vibrant bazaar, showcasing local vendors and elevating the profile of Little India Liverpool - Sari Street. The event will activate the precinct through local business fashion showcase, music and cultural performances, street art, food.	Expected Completion 2027
Mosman Municipal Council	Streets Alive Mosman	The Crescent, Mosman	Streets Alive Mosman is a celebration of community and place, activating streets for people of all ages to enjoy and safely access through street parties and themed night markets, offering free entertainment and experiences, while activating the night-time economy for the benefit of local hospitality and creative industries.	Expected Completion 2028

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North Sydney Council	North Sydney Streets (working title)	Blues Point Road, McMahon's Point Young Street, Neutral Bay Broughton Street, Kirribilli	Three different North Sydney precincts will become the stage for community to gather and businesses to throw their doors open to the streets to celebrate local. The streets will be activated with music, food, art and family friendly activities, showcasing the thriving potential of our neighbourhoods.	Expected Completion 2028
Randwick City Council	The Spot On Series	St Pauls Street, Randwick	The Spot On Series builds on the success of Spot On 2024, with an annual festival over 3 years in the heart of Randwick. The program builds vibrancy in this key town centre, partnering with local businesses and the best of our creative sector to celebrate The Spot's unique identity.	Expected Completion 2027
Sutherland Shire Council	Jannali Moonrise Festival	Box Road, Jannali	Sutherland Shire Council's successful 2024 Jannali Moonrise Festival will return in 2025. Building on the momentum of the event's success it will be held in the same location and again activate the main street with a performance stage, storytelling, markets, workshops and children's activities promoting visitation to Jannali town centre.	Expected Completion 2028
Waverley Council	Bondi Streets	Glenayr Avenue, Bondi Beach	Bondi Streets will transform local streetscapes into vibrant places for community connection, recreation and entertainment. Outdoor furniture, DJs and roving performers, outdoor trading, food and beverage pop-ups and themed retail offers will take over dedicated streets for locals and visitors to rediscover the heart of Bondi free from cars.	Expected Completion 2027
Wollondilly Shire Council	Arts Alive Festival	Menangle Street, Picton	A program of free cultural and creative activities for the community at an inclusive, interactive and entertaining festival. The Arts Alive Festival will include cultural performances, live music, theatre, performing arts, roving artists, markets and food trucks and will include the season launch of the Wollondilly Performing Arts Centre.	Expected Completion 2027
Woollahra Municipal Council	Celebrate Double Bay	Bay Street, Double Bay	Celebrate Double Bay is a two-day festival celebrating community, culture, food, fashion and leisure. Experience local cuisine, vibrant retail, live music, art, and family-friendly activities along the streets of Double Bay. An Immersive experience to promote a wider community identity and the evolving business precinct's style, taste, and culture.	Expected Completion 2028
Regional NSW				
Albury City Council	WinterGlow	Dean Street, Albury	WinterGlow is a nighttime winter event showcasing creative performances, interactive workshops, light displays, and local food/beverage vendors. It aims to enhance city vibrancy, foster community spirit, and attract local interest while providing entertainment and celebration. The event also supports the local economy and promotes growth in the creative industries.	Expected Completion 2027
Armidale Regional Council	Armidale Creative Streets Festival	Beardy Street, Armidale	The Armidale Creative Streets Festival is a free annual street festival. Community members from across the Armidale region will benefit from experiencing and participating in a vibrant street event showcasing art, music, theatre and outdoor dining, resulting in improved social cohesion and support for local regional business and the economy.	Expected Completion 2028

Open Streets 2025-2028				
Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Bega Valley Shire Council	Arts on Carp	Carp Street, Bega	Arts on Carp will enhance the vibrancy of Bega's main street with annual springtime events featuring outdoor dining, street entertainment, a photographic competition, and mural installation. The project will temporarily close Carp Street to vehicles to create a pedestrian-friendly environment that supports local businesses, artists, and the community.	Expected Completion 2027
Broken Hill City Council	Beyond the Dust	Ross Street, Broken Hill	Beyond the Dust is a vibrant street festival in the outback, featuring multicultural cuisine, live music, interactive art, market stalls, camel rides, and extended retail trading. It transforms the streets into a dynamic, family-friendly space, celebrating community and offering unique experiences that bring people together.	Expected Completion 2027
Coonamble Shire Council	Vision Splendid Coonamble	Castlereagh Street, Coonamble	Vision Splendid Coonamble will transform Coonamble's central business district into a vibrant hub with live music, food stalls, a bar, and family-friendly activities during the October Long Weekend, over three consecutive years. It will boost local businesses, support community groups, and attract tourists, enhancing the town's cultural and economic vitality.	Expected Completion 2027
Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council	Starry Nights	Parker Street, Cootamundra Sheridan Street, Gundagai	The Starry Nights Festival unites Wattle Time Festival, Festival of Gundagai, Sparkling Streets, and Christmas on Sheridan, celebrating community, culture, and festive spirit. Locals and visitors enjoy vibrant events, installations, and performances, with the events outcomes consistently boosting local businesses and tourism while fostering regional pride and connection.	Expected Completion 2028
Cowra Shire Council	Bell Beats Music and Arts Festival	Darling Street, Cowra	Bell Beats Music and Arts Festival is a series of three music and arts events that will be staged in Darling Street in Cowra, a location that is already known as Cowra's cultural precinct. Over the three events the festival will delight a wide range of participants with age-appropriate activities.	Expected Completion 2027
Forbes Shire Council	Forbes Street Dreams	Court Street, Forbes	This event sees the development of an annual street-based art event delivered in Youth Week and aimed at celebrating community and culture. Young people will come together with creative partners in a collaborative event to create art and craft installations in the heritage precinct of Forbes.	Expected Completion 2027
Gilgandra Shire Council	Streets of Colour @ Goin' to Gil Weekend	Miller Street, Gilgandra	Streets of Colour @ Goin' to Gil Weekend will transform Gilgandra, Tooraweenah, and Armatree streets with interactive art, parade, family entertainment, and vibrant lighting displays. Activations across the weekend encourage longer stays, economic benefits, and social connections, with 'It's GREAT' micro-grants supporting community involvement with lasting cultural impacts and efficiencies.	Expected Completion 2027

Open Streets 2025-2028				
Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Glen Innes Severn Council	Christmas in the Highlands - "Illuminations"	Grey Street, Glen Innes	With the addition of more central business district streets and small parklands footprint, to the main street route, this Council-owned/ managed expanded event will increase community engagement, businesses, stallholders', and performance involvement. Additional features will include state-of-art light trail, art/cultural precinct, and dynamic food experiences, creating a vibrant, inclusive street carnival celebration.	Expected Completion 2028
Kiama Municipal Council	Kiama Winter Street Festival 2025-2027	Terralong Street, Kiama	Kiama Winter Street Festival, supported by the NSW Government's Open Streets Program, transforms public spaces into vibrant, pedestrian-friendly hubs, fostering community connections and economic vitality. Through free, family-friendly experiences, it enhances local business engagement, encourages active transport and supports a creative, inclusive Kiama, reimagining the precinct as a dynamic, people-focused place.	Expected Completion 2027
Kyogle Council	Kyogle Civic Heart Precinct Activation	Stratheden Street, Kyogle	The Kyogle Civic Heart Precinct Activation project will expand and improve a monthly farmers market through a temporary closure of Stratheden Street to expand the number of stall holders, encourage outdoor dining at two cafés, and a present program of regular live music, to increase visitation, and dwell time.	Expected Completion 2028
Lismore City Council	Eat the Street	Keen Street, Lismore	The event will deliver economic growth, increased visitation, overnight stays to help build and strengthen Lismore's identity, showcasing it as an alternative lifestyle hub.	Expected Completion 2027
Lithgow City Council	Lithgow International Schnitzel Festival (SnittyFest)	Main Street, Lithgow	The Lithgow International Schnitzel Festival will activate Main Street as a vibrant, pedestrian-friendly space, building community connection and supporting local businesses. It aligns with Lithgow's economic transition goals, testing placemaking strategies that drive long-term Main Street revitalisation and positioning the town as a cultural and tourism destination.	Expected Completion 2028
Nambucca Valley Council	Nambucca Valley Open Streets Festival	River Street, Macksville	Taking over River Street, Wallace Lane and Princess Street, the festival will be a collaboration of Council, local youth, and local businesses to create a vibrant community event celebrating our community and cultural diversity through live music, workshops, interactive art, food stalls and open shop fronts.	Expected Completion 2028
Narrabri Shire Council	NarraBRIGHT CBD Activation Event Expansion	Maitland Street, Narrabri	The NarraBRIGHT CBD Activation Event Expansion aims to enhance Narrabri's street festival by extending into more central business district blocks and creating a vibrant light and art trail. By involving local businesses and artists, it seeks to boost visitor attendance, cultural engagement, and economic growth while strengthening community bonds.	Expected Completion 2028
Narrandera Shire Council	Vibrant Streets	East Street, Narrandera	Vibrant Streets program will create temporary event spaces in the central business district for the community of Narrandera Shire to enjoy, coming together and experiencing the best the region has to offer in the way of entertainment, art, activities, culture and food.	Expected Completion 2027

Open Streets 2025-2028				
Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Narromine Shire Council	Dolly Parton Festival	Dandaloo Street, Narromine	The Dolly Festival is a country music festival that aims to bring the town of Narromine alive. Its positive vibe brings the local and wider community together while positively affecting the local economy and the mental well-being of a small rural community.	Expected Completion 2027
Newcastle City Council	First Night Street Party 2025-2027: Promoting a Vibrant Newcastle through recurring street-based event opening New Annual	Laman Street, Newcastle	New Annual, the City of Newcastle's flagship arts and cultural festival, will expand its footprint by presenting a free, family-friendly street party on Laman Street to kick off the ten-day festival of art, culture, and creativity.	Expected Completion 2027
Orange City Council	Zest Fest	McNamara Street, Orange	Zest Fest is an all-ages, live music festival in the heart of Orange. Multiple streets closed to connect our cultural and civic precincts, transforming them into a community celebration with the regions' best food and beverage stallholders, art activations and music on our streets, and through our park.	Expected Completion 2027
Port Macquarie-Hastings Council	Vibrancy, Connection and Inclusion Event Series	Clarence Street, Port Macquarie Horton Street, Port Macquarie Phillips Lane, Port Macquarie	Our Open Streets initiative includes the Port Macquarie Laneways Festival, Seaside Sounds Summer Series, and a Community Microgrants Program with \$30,000 over three years to support local activations.	Expected Completion 2028
Shellharbour City Council	Eats and Beats Street Series	Tongarra Road, Albion Park Central Avenue, Oak Flats	The 'Eats and Beats Street Series' will bring vibrancy to our town centres with two annual festivals. A winter twilight festival on Tongarra Road, Albion Park, and a spring celebration on Central Avenue, Oak Flats. These events will foster community connection through family-friendly fun with live music, food, and entertainment.	Expected Completion 2027
Tweed Shire Council	Local Streets Alive	Queensland Road, Murwillumbah	Local Streets Alive provides an innovative and exciting event series for regional residents and visitors, located in Murwillumbah at the heart of Tweed Shire. It is comprised of three major events (annual Street Party 2025-27) delivered by Tweed Regional Museum in partnership with community, Business Murwillumbah and local vendors.	Expected Completion 2027
Uralla Shire Council	Uralla Christmas Street Fair (2025-2027)	Bridge Street, Uralla	Our Christmas Street Fair is an entirely free family event created by the people of Uralla. By closing streets connected to our town square and main street, our community can activate the entire town with festive performances, street markets and participatory experiences, culminating in the lighting of our Christmas tree.	Expected Completion 2028
Wagga Wagga City Council	Festival of W	Baylis Street, Wagga Wagga	Festival of W is Wagga Wagga's largest destination event held in the depths of winter. Amidst the fog and mist, the centre of Wagga Wagga's is transformed into a magical winter festival with ice-skating, immersive lighting and sound projections, a premier dining experience, live music, and light installations.	Expected Completion 2027

Open Streets 2025-2028				
Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Warrumbungle Shire Council	Warrumbungle Bloomfest	Dalgarno Street, Coonabarabran	Warrumbungle Bloomfest in Coonabarabran aims to revitalise and celebrate our local regions art and culture, by bringing together the community, blending music, creative arts, community groups and local businesses to transform the street into a vibrant space and strengthen connections to place.	Expected Completion 2027
Wollongong City Council	Surf and Sound Thirroul (Working Title)	King Street, Thirroul	Council and Thirroul Uptown District will deliver a two-day festival celebrating Thirroul's rich surfing culture. King Street, Thirroul will be transformed into an entertainment precinct celebrating everything surf - films, music, talks, market stalls and food. The event will incorporate local businesses, local creatives and the existing Thirroul Music Festival.	Expected Completion 2027

Tier 2

Open Streets 2025-2028				
Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Greater Sydney				
Destination NSW	Open Streets Program -Vivid Sydney 2025	Hollywood Quarter: Foster Street, Foy Lane, Surry Hills; Angel Place, Sydney; Mary Ann Street, Ultimo.	The Open Streets Program worked with Destination NSW on a pilot project for Vivid Sydney 2025 to expand and develop street-based offerings, providing new ways to drive community engagement and increase the economic impact of the festival for cultural industries and local businesses. This included four street-based activations in May and June 2025: Vivid Fire Kitchen –Spice Lounge; Hollywood Dreaming – A Taste of HQ; Hollywood Dreaming –Foy Lane Lights Up; Sound Walk.	Completed 2025

reVITALise

Up to **\$18.8 million** in funding made available with projects delivered from July 2022.

reVITALise				
Entity	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Greater Sydney				
Transport for NSW -Active Transport and Vibrancy	Art in Transit: Women's Makers Market	Stanmore Station Parcels Office, Stanmore	The 'Art in Transit: Women's Makers Market' was a trial activation of the vacant Stanmore Station Parcels Office. The 10-day market featured local women artists and makers, showcasing their art, crafts, ceramics, and local produce.	Completed 2023
Transport for NSW -Active Transport and Vibrancy	reVITALise Rainbow Tunnels	Rail corridor between Newtown and Ashfield	Three pedestrian tunnels in Sydney's Inner West were reimagined with temporary rainbow lighting artworks by local LGBTIQA+ artists as part of a broad range of activities for Sydney's WorldPride Festival 2023. Each of the three Rainbow Tunnels was designed by different local LGBTIQA+ artists to celebrate the Inner West community and boost public space experience, sense of pride, and attachment to place.	Completed 2023
Placemaking NSW	reVITALise White Bay Power Station	White Bay Power Station, Rozelle	The reVITALise White Bay Power Station project will improve walking and cycling access for the community to the restored arts, cultural and community hub precinct through a series of placemaking interventions.	Expected Completion 2025
Property and Development NSW	Macquarie Street East Precinct Place Experience Pilot Program and Activation Framework	Macquarie Street East Precinct	A partnership project with Property Development NSW to deliver a Place Experience Framework and pilot program for the Macquarie Street East Precinct (MSEP). The Framework utilised the Transport for NSW 'NSW Activation Guides', with the Vibrancy team brought on to the project as SMEs best practice place-based governance, management, funding, and enabling infrastructure for sustainable activation and vibrancy. On Tuesday 15 April 2025, the inaugural Macquarie Street Adventure program was successfully delivered as a Place Experience Pilot Project for Macquarie Street East for the Autumn School Holiday period. Successfully activated MSEP spaces, in particular Macquarie Street between State Library of NSW and Hyde Park Barracks, The Mint and Parliament of NSW.	Completed 2025
Regional NSW				
Glen Innes Severn Council	reVITALise at Glen Innes Railway Station	Glen Innes Railway Station, Glen Innes	On 25 November 2023 the disused heritage Glen Innes Railway Station hosted an inaugural festival in the transport hub precinct. Co-created by the community, the festival demonstrated the site's potential for adaptive reuse, through music, markets, and art.	Completed 2023

reVITALise –Public Transport Precinct Vibrancy Grant

Up to **\$7 million** in funding made available with the projects delivered from January 2025.

reVITALise - Public Transport Precinct Vibrancy Grant				
Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Greater Sydney				
Campbelltown City Council	Campbelltown Railway Station Precinct	Campbelltown Railway Underpass and surrounds	The project aims to enhance community safety, connectivity and experiences by embedding identity and local character at Railway Station Precinct and the pedestrian tunnel linking to Campbelltown Town Centre.	Expected Completion 2026
Canterbury Bankstown Council	East Hills Town Centre Improvement Works	East Hills Town Centre	The project aims to introduce enhancements within a 200-meter radius of East Hills Station, revitalising the surrounding town centre by enhancing vibrancy through public artwork, seating and landscaping, while prioritising safety through upgraded pedestrian pathways, improved connectivity, and enhanced lighting throughout the precinct.	Expected Completion 2026
Cumberland Council	Regents Park Library Precinct Revitalisation	Regents Park Library Precinct	The project aims to improve the area around Regents Park train station. As a key transport hub precinct near Guilfoyle Park and the town centre, this initiative will transform the civic space surrounding the station, Regents Park Community Centre and Regents Park Library into a more vibrant and user-friendly environment.	Expected Completion 2026
Inner West Council	Sydenham Station Pedestrian Precinct	Sydenham Road, Sydenham	The project aims to deliver pedestrian and active transport improvements on Sydenham Road. Proposed upgrades include improved lighting, street furniture and tree planting and greening of surrounding areas.	Expected Completion 2026
Regional NSW				
Coffs Harbour City Council	Park Ave Transport Hub Revitalisation	Park Avenue Bus Interchange, Coffs Harbour	Public domain upgrades and amenity uplift of the bus interchange at Park Avenue. The Interchange plays a crucial role in the public transport network in Coffs Harbour. It connects various bus routes and brings passengers into the centre of Coffs Harbour.	Expected Completion 2026
Kempsey Shire Council	Kempsey Train Station Precinct	Kempsey Train Station Precinct	The project aims to transform the Kempsey train station precinct into a vibrant, safe and accessible public space by enhancing pedestrian connectivity, urban amenity and walkability. Key improvements include pedestrian crossings, extended footpaths and the integration of public art and wayfinding.	Expected Completion 2026
Maitland City Council	Next Stop: Maitland	Maitland Train Station Precinct	Next Stop: Maitland aims to enhance pedestrian safety across the precinct through public realm improvements. Interventions will create a more accessible, attractive, and engaging arrival point to promote active transport, and strengthen community pride.	Expected Completion 2026

Places to Love

Over **\$2.5 million** in funding was made available with the program delivered from June 2020.

Round one

Places to Love - Round one				
Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Greater Sydney				
Blacktown City Council	The Heart of Blacktown	Patrick Street, Blacktown	Located in this richly diverse city centre, this project saw council co-design a Place Identity report and Place Framework with the community and other stakeholders. Several pop-up activations in the city centre tested the findings from the Place Identity report in mid-2022.	Completed 2022
Burwood Council	A vibrant new linear plaza connecting people to the library and community hub	Unity Place, Burwood	The project included temporary and semi-permanent changes to support the creation of a new linear plaza connecting Burwood's upgraded library, community hub and council chambers to the town centre. The project included three large murals, landscaping, seating, smart poles, banners, and decorative lighting. The new lane was celebrated with a Community Day, an outdoor library pop-up, community group dancers and musicians, temporary sculptures, and a vibrant night market.	Completed 2021
City of Sydney	Trial to help transform a street into one of the world's great boulevards	George Street, Sydney	This demonstration project took place along the southern section of George Street. In 2020, City of Sydney temporarily tested the closure of the street to vehicles. It did this through installing vehicle barricades, new seating, a vibrant road painting installation and engagement with local business and community. In 2021, informed by the success of the trial, council began the permanent pedestrianisation of this section of the street which was completed mid-2022 as a part of the program.	Completed 2022
Liverpool City Council	Transforming a service vehicle laneway into a place for people	Railway Service way, Liverpool	The project transformed a laneway with vibrant art created through community engagement that expresses the area's cultural diversity. Rainbow street print, planter boxes with trees and flowers, seating and colourful umbrellas for shade transformed the street into a place for the community to enjoy.	Completed 2022
Penrith City Council	Activating the community's vision for Kingswood	Orth Street, Kingswood	The project aimed to improve the area's safety and walkability by upgrading places where the community can interact and gather. Local women participated in a night walk where they co-designed ways to improve safety. The project included playful wayfinding, creative lighting, new seating, tree planters embellished by a local artist, garden planters painted by the community, a handball court, and a badminton net. It culminated in a free activation program which offered art workshops, community gardening sessions, urban nature tours, picnics, movie nights and night walks with women. The temporary trial has informed permanent changes to the public space.	Completed 2021
Regional NSW				

Places to Love - Round one				
Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Wagga Wagga City Council	Reimagining Wagga Wagga's city centre	Fitzmaurice Street and Baylis Street, Wagga Wagga	From December 2020 to June 2021, the project transformed Baylis and Fitzmaurice Streets in the city centre into places for the community with public art, lighting, temporary furniture, mini-dining pop-ups, creative laneway treatments and music. The project culminated in a launch at the June 2021 Lost Lanes festival, which had thousands of people in attendance, supporting the night-time economic activity, connecting the community with local businesses, and fostering community pride.	Completed 2021

Round two

Places to Love - Round two				
Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Greater Sydney				
City of Parramatta	Yilabara Path	Phillip Street, Parramatta	This project improved the sense of place, community, connectivity, and pedestrian safety at the Eastern end of Phillip Street through a combination of place naming, artwork, and activation. Drawing on local Baramadagal and Dharug culture, knowledge and history, the project engaged artists to create First Nation-themed public art in a laneway connecting Phillip St to the Parramatta River. Street furniture was installed on the northern end near the river. The project also consulted with the community to name the laneway.	Completed 2024
Cumberland City Council	Enhancing active transport connections between two vibrant local centres and railway stations	Church Street, Lidcombe	This project improved the walking and cycling connection between two vibrant local centres and railway stations at Auburn and Lidcombe, with 170 metres of footpath extension and colourful interventions, enhancing the amenity in the area. Complementing the new footpath, a footpath mural, street furniture, wayfinding signage, planter boxes and a bike repair station with a drinking fountain were installed at Wyatt Park in Lidcombe. These enhancements were celebrated with a bustling community event, featuring a free open-air cinema, sports games, local community stalls and free food stalls. A parklet with a lighting and greening canopy was also trialled in front of the Auburn Youth Centre.	Completed 2023
Regional NSW				
Tweed Shire Council	Vibrant activations and improved amenity in Jack Evans Boat Harbour	Coral Street, Tweed Heads	This demonstration project tested temporary place activations at Jack Evans Boat Harbour, attracting people to the parkland both day and night. During the day, a mobile coffee kiosk allowed the community to stop and sip while relaxing in pre-loved furniture from Council's own tip shop. Umbrella shading, tables and seating created welcoming and comfortable spaces for the community to connect. By night, Council hosted two extremely popular outdoor cinema events with hundreds of attendees in February 2023 and April 2023, supported and complemented by the local Twilight Markets.	Completed 2023

Round three

Places to Love - Round three				
Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Greater Sydney				
Campbelltown City Council	Oxley Street Underpass Public Art Project	Oxley Street, Campbelltown	Council worked with two local Aboriginal artists and members of the local Aboriginal community to transform the Oxley Street underpass located in Campbelltown city centre, improving pedestrian connections to and between Campbelltown Station, Bradbury Oval, and Billabong Parklands. Upgrades focused on improving the sense of safety, through the addition of lighting and murals at the entrances and interior of the underpass.	Completed 2024
Georges River Council	Skate, Break, and Build: Fostering Community Connections After Hours	Forest Road, Penshurst	Delivered at Olds Park in Penshurst, “Skate, Break and Build” and “Play at the Park” formed a two-part activation to enhance public life through intergenerational play, youth engagement, and placemaking. Skate, Break and Build featured skateboarding workshops, breakdancing demonstrations, and food trucks, to activate the space after hours and provide an inclusive space. ‘Play at the Park’ was a collaborative public art mural developed with local children, families, and artists, designed to reflect community identity, and improve the visual amenity of the walking track. The community’s active participation in the design and delivery reflected a strong sense of ownership and interest in developing active spaces that bring together art, sport, and culture. The activations aligned with the 2024 Paris Olympic Games and included competition screenings.	Expected completion 2025
Regional NSW				
Albury City Council	Lavington CBD Activation	Griffith Road, Lavington	The Lavington CBD Activation project saw the transformation of part of a Council carpark into a pop-up community space with seating, lighting, plantings and a ping pong table, as well as space for events. Guided by community input, the project enhanced community space while testing low-cost public space improvements. The trial period ran over six-months with a variety of activations were held during this time. Community feedback was collected at each activation, showing strong support to retain the carpark as a community space.	Completed 2025

Streets as Shared Spaces

Round one

Up to **\$15 million** in funding was made available through round one with the program delivered between August 2020 and January 2023. There were two funding categories. The first was for short-term, temporary, and quick response projects up to \$100,000 that could be delivered within one to three months and build the case for longer term change. The second was for medium term demonstration projects up to \$1 million that improved or activated public space and could be delivered within a year.

Category 1 Projects

Streets as Shared Spaces – Round one (Category 1 projects)				
Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Greater Sydney				
City of Canada Bay Council	New 'Heart' of Drummoyne Town Centre public square and one-way street trial	Formosa Street and Church Street, Drummoyne	This project created new public squares at the heart of Drummoyne – one at Formosa Street between Lyons Road and Bowman Street, and the other at Church Street between Victoria Road and Formosa Street. The closures of these areas were accompanied by new seating, landscaping, and artistic elements, creating safer places for pedestrians and cyclists and, at Church Street Square, a space for cafes to offer outdoor dining to their customers.	Completed 2021
City of Parramatta	Phillip Lane Activation	Phillip Lane, Parramatta	As extensive investment and change within the Parramatta city centre occurs at every level, this project created a new local hub. Over 8 weekends, the space was transformed into an outdoor dining precinct for adjacent restaurants. The laneway became an active, well-connected and people oriented link. Elements like new art, lighting and greenery were installed within Philip Lane.	Completed 2021
Cumberland City Council	Wentworthville Local Centre Dunmore Street Pop-Up Park	Dunmore Street, Wentworthville	Part of Dunmore Street in Wentworthville was turned over to an attractive green space that helped to connect people and support local businesses. It was also a way to test surface materials to understand which would be most likely to reduce heat build-up in the urban environment. Materials included timber decking, natural turf and shade, artificial shade structures and synthetic turf as well as a misting machine.	Completed 2021
Fairfield City Council	Healthy, Active Fairfield – Pop-up Park and Activation Program	Fairfield City Town Centre and Cabramatta Town Centre	Under a theme of Healthy, Active Fairfield, two temporary pop-up parklets were installed alongside additional trees, planter boxes, turf, synthetic grass, and seating. This project brought activity to both Fairfield and Cabramatta town centres, including children's yoga classes, live DJs, public art, and decorative lighting. This created new and unexpected opportunities for residents to stop, relax, rest, socialise and linger.	Completed 2020
Georges River Council	Walkability and wellness in Kogarah	Kogarah Town Centre	Through the Walkability and Wellness project in Kogarah, a pop-up park created an urban oasis with colourful street furniture, a water feature with creative LED strip lighting, fairy lights within the street trees along Belgrave Street and a large mural on Post Office Lane.	Completed 2021

Streets as Shared Spaces – Round one (Category 1 projects)				
Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Hornsby Shire Council	Reclaim Hunter Lane	Hunter Lane, Hornsby	The ‘Reclaim Hunter Lane’ project is about ‘reclaiming’ a place for people. Pedestrians were prioritised through an extended shared zone that featured a colourful laneway design on the road surface, to add vibrancy and highlight that this is an area where pedestrians have priority. Additional lighting was also provided to improve the night-time experience.	Completed 2021
North Sydney Council	Burlington Street Play	Burlington Street, Crows Nest	Burlington Street Play aimed to open up the streets for play and fun. The one-day closure of Burlington in North Sydney created a healthy day for kids with a maze, skate ramps, live music, arts and craft, street cricket and a designated kids play area.	Completed 2020
Northern Beaches Council	Beaches Eat. Play.Stay	The Strand, Dee Why Robertson Road, Newport Waratah Street, Mona Vale Tania Park, Balgowlah Heights	Across the Northern Beaches – at Dee Why, Newport, Mona Vale, and Balgowlah Heights – streets were reallocated one weekend a month to become better places for pedestrians and cyclists, while also turning the space over to local artists and musicians.	Completed 2022
Randwick City Council	Coogee Bay Village Shared Space	Coogee Bay Road, Coogee	The temporary street closure of Coogee Bay Road transformed the space into an extended public space for pedestrians. People were able to stay a little longer with street furniture, planter boxes, a play area, new lighting, art installations, a stage and new outdoor dining seating areas to support local restaurants.	Completed 2021
Regional NSW				
Armidale Regional Council	Armidale Mall and Laneways Beautification	Armidale Mall, Armidale	Council engaged several local artists to develop murals under a program that brought colour and wonder to the heart of Armidale. People enjoyed new lighting installations and other pop-up activities in Perrot Arcade and another small laneway that feeds off the main Armidale Mall.	Completed 2021
Broken Hill City Council	Play and Stay Arboretum	Argent Street, Broken Hill	The Stay and Play Arboretum provided a restful, calm space in a part of a busy car park in the centre of Broken Hill. By putting people first and creating a place for people of all ages and abilities, the project invited people to dwell in the space by providing places to sit, additional greenery, shade and public art.	Completed 2020
City of Newcastle	Queens Wharf Cycleway Detour and Activation	Queens Wharf, Newcastle	Queens Wharf Cycleway Detour and Activation helped to encourage cycling while also creating great places for people. At Queens Wharf, a new three metre shared path was created by reallocating street space. A 30 km/hr speed limit was trialled, and the installation of a pop-up library and temporary art, brought activity to the space.	Completed 2021
Eurobodalla Shire Council	Youth Central – Batemans Bay	Clyde Street Foreshore, Batemans Bay	Youth Central activated an underutilised section of the Clyde Street waterfront in Batemans Bay for young people to enjoy by creating a temporary basketball half court and a skating circuit across 18 car parking spaces.	Completed 2021

Streets as Shared Spaces – Round one (Category 1 projects)				
Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Federation Council	Sanger Street Plaza	The Memorial Plaza, Corowa	The Memorial Plaza was created at Sanger Street, Corowa. This open and inclusive space for the community included rendered walls decorated with an interactive mural by artist, Kade Sarte, inspired by the Murray River. The project also included seating throughout the space, festoon lighting, security lighting, an electronic community notice board, new signage, and additional artwork.	Completed 2021
Gilgandra Shire Council	Meet Me @ Miller Street	Miller Lane, Gilgandra	The Meet Me @ Miller Lane project connects and brings activity to the centre of Gilgandra, by making the most out of the unused space behind the shops along the main street. This was a blank canvas to create a new shared zone, with the laneways allowing for new greenery and creativity to spill onto the main street. Other measures to slow down the traffic supported these new community spaces for people.	Completed 2021
Gunnedah Shire Council	Gunnedah Cultural Precinct Pop-Up Public Domain	Gunnedah Town Centre	The centre of Gunnedah was brought to life in an effort to support local businesses, workers, and visitors. This temporary project focused on the town's cultural precinct and included new seating, attractive planter boxes and temporary night lighting. The project created new business opportunities for local retailers, residents, and visitors. In addition, 18 temporary market stalls were made available for community events.	Completed 2020
Lismore City Council	Spaced Out – A CBD Pedestrian Comfort and Safety Improvement Project	Keen Street, Lismore Molesworth Street, Kew	Keen and Molesworth streets in Lismore's city centre were adapted to include two parklets as part of a social distancing awareness campaign in Lismore and Nimbin. These two spaces helped to create a connection between Lismore's green spaces. These spaces were also chosen to not limit important safety and practical aspects, such as essential services and deliveries.	Completed 2021
Maitland City Council	Morph It	Swan Street to Queens Wharf Park, Morpeth	Morph It at Morpeth built on the township's unique heritage and history. The project installed two parklets, two creative road surface treatments, overhead creative installations, a parking pilot and a temporary shared path which connected Swam Street to Queens Wharf Park. Activities such as fresh produce stalls, live music, antique valuations, poetry evenings and kids' activities also occurred over six weeks.	Completed 2020
Port Stephens Council	Nelson Bay to Little Beach Shared Path	Victoria Parade, Nelson Bay	Nelson Bay to Little Beach Shared Path was created to trial separated pedestrian and cycle pavement along Victoria Parade between Nelson Bay and Little Beach, providing a safer route for people to move between these areas.	Completed 2020
Tweed Shire Council	Tweed's Green Parklet, Public Art and Activation Project	Brisbane Street and Queen Street, Murwillumbah	Council's Green Parklet, Public Art and Activation project was a tactical urban intervention to test changes to the road environment in Murwillumbah. Two temporary parklets, pop-up art seats and planter boxes were more than just a place for people to spend time – the seats and planter boxes became canvasses for public artwork.	Completed 2021

Streets as Shared Spaces – Round one (Category 1 projects)				
Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Upper Hunter Shire Council	Kerbside Dining- Kelly St, Scone	Kelly Street, Scone	New outside dining spaces were created on Kelly Street, Scone. These enclosed platforms off the Kelly Street kerb included tables and chairs for outside dining to service 5 local cafes, selected based on submissions of interest. Local children from St Mary’s, Scone Grammar School, Scone Public School, and Scone High School painted murals on the concrete barriers that surrounded the platforms as a safety feature.	Completed 2021
Upper Lachlan Shire Council	Share R Streets	Goulburn Street and Roberts Street, Crookwell	Three areas across the Upper Lachlan Shire – Crookwell, Laggan and Taralga benefited from funding that turned streets over to cycling and activities. Places became more active with planter boxes, art installations, parklets and street furniture on Roberts and Goulburn streets in Crookwell.	Completed 2021
Wollongong City Council	Wollongong City Pop-Up Cycleways	Towradgi Town Centre and Thirroul Town Centre	Wollongong City Pop-Up Cycleways aimed to establish a series of on-road cycleways to make Wollongong a better place for cyclists. Two pop-up cycleways were accompanied by art and greening initiatives to connect rail stations and foreshore areas around Towradgi and Thirroul.	Completed 2022

Category 2 Projects

Streets as Shared Spaces – Round one (Category 2 projects)				
Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Greater Sydney				
Bayside Council	Place Making - Russell Avenue, San Souci	Russell Avenue, Sans Souci	Many locals walk or ride along Russell Avenue in San Souci to the Botany Bay foreshore. This project makes better use of the 19m wide carriageway by turning some of the space over to people. The reconfiguration added a buffered, line marked cycleway as well as street furniture, including water fountains and resting benches.	Completed 2022
Blacktown City Council	Made in Blacktown	Blacktown City Centre	Across various spots in Blacktown City Centre, the Made in Blacktown project used tactical urbanism to make it easier for people to connect between places, while also bringing more activity and a sense of place. Various new elements were tested, including temporary green public spaces, parklets, pavement treatments, alfresco dining, and public art.	Completed 2022
Campbelltown City Council	Queen Street Shared Space	Queen Street, Campbelltown	The shared space at Queen Street, Campbelltown, emerged after a shift to one-way traffic between Cordeaux Street and Dumaresq Street. Once parking was removed, the new public space provided the local community with a contemporary dance space, additional parklets, public art, lighting, and additional greenery.	Completed 2022
City of Canterbury Bankstown	Streets as Rooms for Living Micro Rooms	Canterbury Bankstown Local Government Area	The ‘Streets as Rooms for Living: Micro Rooms’ created ten micro rooms across ten local town centres within the City of Canterbury Bankstown Local Government Area. Micro rooms are pop-up spaces created around a theme, extending the idea of home into public areas. This was an effort to consider the changing nature of people’s lives and how people interact with and understand streets as public spaces.	Completed 2022

Streets as Shared Spaces – Round one (Category 2 projects)				
Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Georges River Council	Forest in the City	Forest Road, Hurstville	Forest Road, Hurstville was transformed through the Forest in the City project to create a safer space for pedestrians, with additional seating, more greenery and public art, alongside measures to slow down traffic.	Completed 2022
Ku-ring-gai Council	Gilroy Road Separated, Cycleway and Turramurra Shared path	Gilroy Road, Turramurra	Gilroy Road in Turramurra moves people towards the rail station. A temporary separated cycleway was created by removing one lane of car parking on the western side of the street. Works also included the widening of an existing path to become a shared path around Karuah Oval at the end of Gilroy Road.	Completed 2022
North Sydney Council	Kirribilli and North Sydney CBD	Burton Street, Kirribilli Miller Street, North Sydney	After the success of Burlington Street Play, various other projects in North Sydney and Kirribilli reallocated parking spaces or loading bays into delightful pockets of public open space	Completed 2022
Northern Beaches Council	Activate Manly and The Strand, Dee Why	Manly Town Centre and The Strand, Dee Why	Activate Manly included a package of works around the town centre, including the removal of parking spaces and lighting to prioritise outdoor dining and street furniture. A trial of a one-way traffic flow on The Strand at Dee Why created a two-way separated cycleway and boardwalk footway to enhance the amenity along the beachfront restaurant precinct at The Strand, Dee Why.	Completed 2022
Penrith City Council	Live, Work, Play, Kingswood	Wainwright Park, Kingswood and Kingswood Neighbourhood Centre	Under the Live, Work, Play Kingswood project, Wainwright Park and Kingswood neighbourhood centre became places for people. Various works included new seating and cool spaces for people to sit a while, a community kitchen, public art, a parklet outside the neighbourhood centre on Bringelly Road, and additional planting and greenery.	Completed 2022
Regional NSW				
Ballina Shire Council	A Slow Path -Not A Fast Short Cut	Park Lane, Lennox Head	The community coast at Lennox Head, could be a safer place for both cyclists and pedestrians. As part of the Lennox Village Vision, the community helped to design new elements such as decorative pavements, new lighting, a mural, parklets and other elements to slow down cars in what was traditionally a short cut for motorists.	Completed 2021
Bathurst Regional Council	Bathurst Town Square	Bathurst Town Centre	As part of several ongoing projects to improve Bathurst's historic town square, a new shared access way was created to connect William Street to George Street. The aim was to open up the town square to attract more people and encourage public use and interaction, particularly in the south-east corner. The access way was brought to life with two parklets, new street trees and public art.	Completed 2022
Byron Shire Council	Mullumbimby Talking Street	Burringbar Street, Mullumbimby	Burringbar Street, the main street of Mullumbimby, became a pedestrian friendly, safer, and more enjoyable environment through the Talking Street project. The project was designed with the community and incorporated several traffic changes, including new signage, a lower speed limit, installation of a pedestrian crossing, line marking and a coloured road service. Other features included local Aboriginal art, parklets and new seating at various locations.	Completed 2022

Streets as Shared Spaces – Round one (Category 2 projects)				
Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Central Coast Council	Implementation of a Shared Zone and activation of The Esplanade, Umina Beach (between Ocean Beach Road and Trafalgar Avenue)	The Esplanade, Umina Beach	A one-way shared zone was implemented within The Esplanade, Umina Beach –between Ocean Beach Road and Trafalgar Avenue–to create a safer and more attractive space for pedestrians. Various measures were implemented to slow down traffic and provide improvements to the streetscape –A pavement stencilling and artwork, seating, landscaping, interpretive signage, and related infrastructure, all brought the space to life. This meant that most non-essential vehicle travel was removed from the area.	Completed 2021
City of Newcastle	Hunter Street West End Trial Cycleways and Activation	Hunter Street, Newcastle	Hunter Street West End Trial Cycleway and Activation helped to encourage cycling while also creating great places for people. At Queens Wharf, a new three metre shared path was created by reallocating street space. A 30 km/h speed limit was trialled, and the installation of a pop-up library and temporary art, brought activity to the space. On Hunter Street, between National Park Street and Worth Place, protected cycleways were created in both directions.	Completed 2021
Coffs Harbour City Council	Clarence / Beach Street Corridor Bike Lane and Urban Square	West Woolgoolga to Woolgoolga Beach Town Centre	A new bike lane and urban square was created by trialling a new on-road bike lane and at the eastern end of the bike lane as a potential public space area. The trial aligns with the adopted master plan for Woolgoolga.	Completed 2022
Eurobodalla Shire Council	Light up the Bay	Batemans Bay Foreshore	Light Up the Bay was located on the foreshore of Batemans Bay and is a part of the wider Waterfront Master Plan and Activation Strategy. The project involved the addition of plantings, lighting and parklets to create a place for people to spend time alongside interpretive works developed with First Nations peoples.	Completed 2023
Griffith City Council	Street Scapes Griffith - Activation of Kooyoo Street, Griffith	Kooyoo Street, Griffith	A month-long activation program in Kooyoo Street, Griffith brought this area to life. People enjoyed a whole range of activities, whether they were enjoying an outdoor exercise class or a local performance, or just taking in the day on temporary seating or parklets. Temporary art installations and projects brought a creative edge.	Completed 2021
Lake Macquarie City Council	Pearson and Ridley Street Activation	Pearson Street, Charlestown	The intersection of Pearson and Ridley streets in Charlestown was the site for a new raised pedestrian threshold, as part of a broader plan to redevelop Pearson Street Mall. Supporting works included a refurbished bus station, new street furniture and planting, the installation of a ‘smart pole’ to monitor pedestrian movement, and installation of digital screens at bus stops.	Completed 2022
Lithgow City Council	Lithgow CBD Revitalisation – Pioneer Square	Main and Bridge Street, Lithgow	The Pioneer Park intersection of Main and Bridge streets in Lithgow became known as Pioneer Square with connections to nearby Pioneer Park. The project transformed a utility area into a space for community reconnection. The project removed walls and damaged brick path surfaces, levelled the ground, and used push-in garden edges to create semi-permanent garden beds.	Completed 2021

Streets as Shared Spaces – Round one (Category 2 projects)				
Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Murray River Council	Enlivening Communities and Connections within Murray River Council - Pilot Program	Echuca Moama Bridge and Cobb Highway, Moama	Moama came to life through light. The underpass of the iconic Echuca Moama Bridge was turned into a temporary public artwork, celebrating stories of the region. Perricoota Road at Moama was transformed through light to make a convenient and safe pedestrian and cycle path. Lighting projects on the Cobb Highway Moama provided safe passage and encouraged people to visit the town centre after dark.	Completed 2021
Murrumbidgee Council	Wiradjuri Walk	Darlington Point Town Centre	The Wiradjuri Walk at Darlington Point was activated with the installation of new public art and cultural icons and murals, designed with the local Wiradjuri people. These artworks capture the essence of the Wiradjuri culture while helping to define streets as safe, shared places for people, while also helping to stimulate and activate the Darlington Point town centre.	Completed 2021
Nambucca Valley Council	Provision of improved pedestrian access -Wallace Lane, Macksville	Macksville Town Centre	Macksville town centre is just one block from a popular recreational reserve on River Street fronting the Nambucca River. This project made it easier to move from the town centre to the foreshore, through the connection of Wallace Lane. The project included the installation of artworks, murals, a raised pedestrian area, lighting, planting, seating, and entry statements.	Completed 2022
Port Stephens Council	Activating Port Stephens Street	Raymond Terrace, Shoal Bay	The Activating Port Stephens Streets project aimed to improve a busy pedestrian crossing in the centre of William Street, Raymond Terrace, that connects retail and dining areas. This area was upgraded with new public seating deck areas, new lighting, shade areas, additional greenery, and accessibility improvements.	Completed 2022
Shoalhaven City Council	Creativity Connection -Public Art and creative responses to improve CBD social spaces in the Shoalhaven	Bomaderry Town Centre and Nowra Town Centre Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre Ulladulla Harbour	Creativity Connection was a three-part project to improve the city centre of the Shoalhaven and celebrate local artists. The project brought underutilised urban and green spaces to life, testing whether art can attract more people and make an area active. The project provided a walking path between the city centres of Bomaderry and Nowra, the forecourt area at Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre and Ulladulla Harbour.	Completed 2022
Singleton Council	Singleton Council Living Laneways Project	Bourke's Arcade and surrounding laneways, Singleton	The Living Laneways project brought new life and activity to Singleton's laneways. A partnership with University of Newcastle's Future Art, Science and Technology Lab (FastLAB) created 4 interactive art installations: Shadowgram in Bourkes Arcade, Acoustic Alley in Tre-Bella Laneway, Media Orbs in Burns Lane, and Oribots in Evidence Lane. People enjoyed three major events based around the art installations.	Completed 2022
Upper Lachlan Shire Council	Laggan and Taralga Shared Streets Project	Laggan Town Centre and Taralga Town Centre	Laggan and Taralga Shared Spaces Project aimed to provide street interventions to both the local town centres of Laggan and Taragala. Street interventions included street art and potted trees in Taralga and a temporary café area at Laggan helped create places for people.	Completed 2021

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Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Warrumbungle Shire Council	Little Timor Street	Little Timor Street, Coonabarabran	The plaza on Little Timor Street in the centre of Coonabarabran benefited from a new parklet and greenery to transform the location into a place for people. Activities in this newly revitalised space included exercise classes, night-time entertainment, and a place for residents to come together to catch up and take a break and a rest.	Completed 2022
Wollongong City Council	Wollongong City Pop-Up Cycleways	Wollongong Town Centre and Port Kembla Town Centre	Wollongong City Pop-Up Cycleways aimed to establish a series of on-road cycleways to make Wollongong a better place for cyclists. Cycling connections were provided in key locations. Wollongong and Port Kembla created separated cycleways, wider footpaths, and mechanisms to slow vehicles.	Completed 2021

Round two

Up to **\$20 million** in funding was made available through round two, with the program delivered from May 2022 to May 2024.

Streets as Shared Spaces – Round two				
Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Greater Sydney				
Blacktown City Council	A trial to improve an underutilised area in Mount Druitt town centre	Cleeve Close, Mount Druitt	Cleeve Close was transformed into a shared zone in the middle of Mount Druitt. This improved space offered people new seating and meeting places, as well as opportunities for active play and for exercise. The shared zone connected with the town centre's radial walking routes, helping the people of Mount Druitt to feel connected, healthy, and included.	Completed 2024
Burwood Council	Deane Street Precinct Transformation	Deane Street, Burwood	Deane Street near Burwood rail station became a new shared space, with the street closed between Burwood Road and Youth Lane. Footpaths were extended between Mary Street and Marmaduke Street and a new public space was created, with new seating, spaces for people to dine outdoors and enjoy the local restaurants and plenty of activities for the whole community.	Completed 2023
Camden Council	Larkin Place Activation Pilot	Larkin Place, Camden	Larkin Place is just a block away from Camden Town Centre's main street. This activation project explored the potential of the area to be a more vibrant and activated space, that was easier for people to move around on foot and also a place for people to linger longer. The project provided new street furniture and opportunities for businesses and the community to engage in spontaneous, informal and fun activities.	Completed 2023
City of Canterbury Bankstown	SASSi Campsie	Anzac Square, Campsie	Anzac Square in Campsie became a trial shared zone in the area between Anzac Mall and Anzac Park. People were able to move around more easily on foot between Beamish Street, Anzac Mall, and Anzac Park, with installations linked by pavement decals. Attractive lighting helped to make people feel safer while also bringing colour and interest to public areas.	Completed 2023

Streets as Shared Spaces – Round two				
Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
City of Ryde	Gladesville Town Centre Activation Project	Linsley Street, Gladesville	Linsley Street in Gladesville town centre was transformed into a place for people. A small section of the street between Victoria Road and Western Crescent was closed off, reallocating road space to create a new public space in an area that people used to get from A to B on foot. The project included new seating, landscaping, and interactive elements.	Completed 2023
City of Sydney	George Street North	George Street, Sydney	The northern end of George Street in the centre Sydney was closed off to create a colourful and inclusive new gathering space for people. As part of the celebrations for Sydney WorldPride 2023, the road space was transformed into a vibrant new precinct featuring bright furniture and roving street performers to attract pedestrians and encourage people to spend time in the city centre.	Completed 2024
Georges River Council	Riverwood ReConnected	Belmore Road, Riverwood	Belmore Road is the main strip of Riverwood, connecting people to and from Riverwood rail station. This project aimed to bring life and attract locals to the road’s underutilised open spaces and make it easier for people to move around on foot. New street furniture and shade provided places for rest and respite and free public Wi-Fi encouraged the community to plug and play.	Completed 2024
Hornsby Shire Council	Recall Your Mall?	Florence Street, Hornsby	Florence Street leads people directly to Hornsby rail station. As a well-used place, it was time for revitalisation through improved lighting, new outdoor dining areas and informal seating. The installation of attractive new bollards demarcated retail areas and helped to improve safety for pedestrians, and new planters and paving brought colour and life to the space.	Completed 2023
Ku-ring-gai Council	Try Turramurra	Pacific Highway, Turramurra	Try Turramurra was about welcoming the community back to a well-loved place with a revamp to the shopping precinct. The project created a series of trails that link separate sectors of the centre, incorporating public art, seating, and greenery installations. This was supported by community events, a new pedestrian crossing and edible gardens.	Completed 2023
Lane Cove Council	Pop-up dining on Longueville Road	Longueville Road, Lane Cove	A new pop-up dining area on the busy Longueville Road in Lane Cove created a space for people to enjoy the outdoors, whether they were eating at a local restaurant or just relaxing. The project employed a mountable footpath and installed movable bollards to separate the space, and added parklets and new seating.	Completed 2023
Liverpool City Council	Railway Street Shared Spaces Demonstration Project	Railway Street, Liverpool	The Railway Street Project brings activity to this central area of Liverpool while also benefiting local businesses and enhancing the streetscape. It includes wider footpaths, kerb buildouts, parklets, surface treatments and artificial turf, all in amongst outdoor dining areas with new shade, planter boxes and lighting.	Completed 2024

Streets as Shared Spaces – Round two				
Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
North Sydney Council	Blues Point Road, McMahons Point -High Street Streetscape Upgrade	East Crescent Street, McMahons Point	Blues Point Road runs through McMahons Point in North Sydney. As part of a broader master plan for the area, a new pocket park was trialled along this key strip. It featured greenery, new seating, and opportunities for people to dine outdoors.	Completed 2023
Northern Beaches Council	Avalon -streets for people	Old Barrenjoey Road, Avalon Beach	The Avalon Streets for People project tested the creation of a new shared zone at the end of Old Barrenjoey Road near Avalon Parade. The street was reduced to one-way traffic to make room for easier pedestrian connections, community spaces and areas for outdoor dining.	Completed 2023
Randwick City Council	McKeon Street Plaza	McKeon Street, Maroubra	McKeon Street takes people directly down to Maroubra Beach. The trial of a new plaza at the intersection with Marine Parade transformed road space into a place for people, with areas for alfresco dining, plenty of new seating, colourful new artworks and a series of events and activations.	Completed 2023
Sutherland Shire Council	Flora Street –“Dine and Revitalise”	Flora Street, Sutherland	A new vibrant public space near the intersection of Flora Street and Eton Street, close to Sutherland rail station, was created for outdoor dining. The Dine and Revitalise project introduced wider footpaths, parklets and safer pedestrian crossings, acting as a test case to understand people’s appetite for this kind of change.	Completed 2023
Waverley Council	Bondi Bounce	Hall Street, Bondi	New parklets were provided in five key spots between Bondi Junction and North Bondi as part of the Bondi Bounce project. Locals and tourists were invited to walk between these key areas in an interactive, fun, safe and informative experience that also allowed people to take a moment to take in the sights and sounds of diverse neighbourhoods.	Completed 2023
Willoughby City Council	Bellambi Street Square	Bellambi Street, Northbridge	A new Bellambi Street Square was created through the temporary closure of Bellambi Street where it intersects with Sailors Bay Road. The square acted as a connector between some of the main retail and commercial areas in Northbridge, while providing a place for people to catch up, relax, dine outside, or enjoy local events.	Completed 2024
Woollahra Municipal Council	Rose Bay Centre Connectivity Program	Wilberforce Avenue, Rose Bay	Rose Bay became a place of connection as temporary changes and interventions within the area’s network of laneways, streets, parks, and car parks on both sides of New South Head Road slowed down cars to create new places for people.	Completed 2023
Regional NSW				
Albury City Council	Albury Parklet	Dean Street, Albury	Three new parklet pods brought dappled shade, greenery, and a place to sit and relax to Dean Street, in the centre of Albury. The pods replaced four car parking spaces, with the location supported by surveys and consultation with local businesses. Several events –ranging from craft workshops and storytelling to chess and chamber music –attracted locals to enjoy these contemporary structures.	Completed 2023

Streets as Shared Spaces – Round two				
Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Bathurst Regional Council	SaSS R2 Bathurst Town Square	George Street, Bathurst	Machattie and Parrish lanes form part of a network of streets around Bathurst’s town square. Both were activated through new plantings and art installation, including Light Poles, a mixed media installation in Machattie Lane, which reflected Aboriginal stories and local vegetation. Improvement works on the lanes completed pedestrian links between of George, William, and Howick high streets.	Completed 2023
Byron Shire Council	People not cars –reimagining Byron’s spaces	Jonson Street, Byron Bay	The centre of Byron Bay can be a busy place for both people and the many cars passing through –this project tested the viability of a public open space in the centre of Byron Bay, with street and car park closures around Jonson Street over several weekends. The markets were relocated from the beachfront to the new space and both cyclists and pedestrians were put first.	Completed 2023
City of Newcastle	Darby Street trial 30km/ hr zone and streetscape activations	Darby Street, Cooks Hill	Darby Street in Newcastle city centre is a busy strip of shops and restaurants. A trial tested a 30 km/hr speed zone to make this an easier place for pedestrians and cyclists. The footpaths were also widened and safer crossings over Darby Street put in place. Darby Courtyard became a new active place for the community with temporary seating, fun elements that lit up after dark, a movable parklet and art installations.	Completed 2023
Clarence Valley Council	Rediscover Grafton	Prince Street, Grafton	Grafton in northern NSW is a place of rich heritage. This project celebrated both the past and the present by enhancing Prince Street with new plantings to enrich the tree canopy and new footpaths to create spaces that invited locals to spend a little more time in the town centre, support local businesses and see Prince Street in a new light.	Completed 2023
Edward River Council	Energising End Street	End Street, Deniliquin	Energising End Street helped to bring new life into Deni’s public spaces. Works increased outdoor dining spaces and included new street furniture, landscaping, and art installations. People enjoyed spending time in pop-up parklets or wandered around the cultural garden, while vacant shop fronts were activated with new art and lighting.	Completed 2023
Gilgandra Shire Council	Miller Street > Seats, Beats and Eats	Miller Street, Gilgandra	Seats, Beats and Eats on Miller Street, Gilgandra, transformed the community plaza near The Mill into a place for people. This became an area for locals to connect with one another, with new seating and greenery, as well as shade and shelters. The plaza included new lighting and outdoor speakers to bring colour, vibrancy, opportunity, and energy.	Completed 2023
Goulburn Mulwaree Council	Stimulating and Safe Shared Street Spaces	Auburn Street, Goulburn	Auburn Street in Goulburn was transformed into an innovative and creative community space, with the installation of a parklet, chill out trees, café corner, shady tree seating, lighting, a pedestrian crossing, planting, public art, and street furniture. The project was driven by collaborative partnerships and created a safer public space in the city’s main street.	Completed 2023

Streets as Shared Spaces – Round two				
Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Griffith City Council	Activation of Memorial Gardens Carpark	Banna Avenue, Griffith	A section of the Memorial Gardens Car Park at the heart of Griffith was turned converted to an extension to the park for people and additional green space. This allowed Memorial Gardens to be extended as a place for a series of remarkable public events. It also created stronger connections between Railway Street and the main strip of Banna Avenue and attracted more people to spend time and money in the town centre.	Completed 2023
Hilltops Council	“Enliven and Enlighten” Young	Boorowa Street, Young	Enliven and Enlighten in Young transformed crossings and underutilised space along Boorowa Street to create new activations along the three street blocks of Boorowa Street –between Clarke Street to Main Street, Main Street to Lynch Street and Lynch Street to Zouch Street. This brought life and colour to Young’s town centre, supporting local businesses, and creating new places for the community to gather and dwell.	Completed 2023
Kempsey Shire Council	Kempsey Laneway Revitalisation	Elringtons Lane, Kempsey	Two key laneways in the centre of Kempsey -Elringtons Lane and Savages Lane –became welcoming new spaces for this north coast community. This reimagining not only boosted how the area looked and felt, but it also fostered a shared sense of community and increased safety. Treatments included revamped pavement surfaces, public art, lighting, and CCTV to increase comfort, safety, accessibility, and connectivity for pedestrians.	Completed 2023
Lake Macquarie City Council	Veronica Place, Cardiff	Main Road, Cardiff	Veronica Street in Cardiff, just southwest of Newcastle city centre, became a new public space called Veronica Place. This required new thinking about the use of car parks and pedestrian areas. The project used art, trees, planter boxes and a variety of street options such as an informal stage to bring the area to life. Veronica Place hosted three events for the public over a four-month period.	Completed 2024
Lismore City Council	Nimbin Wayfinding Project	Cullen Street, Nimbin	The Nimbin Wayfinding Project focused on Nimbin’s main street, Cullen Street. Locals and visitors benefited from enhanced road and footpath networks –particularly the installation of the pedestrian crossing at 54 Cullen Street –and enjoyed additional seating and shaded areas. This makes it easier for people to move around the area while improving safety and accessibility.	Completed 2024
Lithgow City Council	Made in Lithgow	Cook Street, Lithgow	Cook Street Plaza in Lithgow became a vibrant place for people to come together for Made in Lithgow. Upgrades to paths, new overhead lighting and plenty of new greenery encouraged both formal and informal gatherings and inspired more creative use of this central space.	Completed 2023
Maitland City Council	Maitlanes	High Street, Maitland	Seven laneways in Maitland were unlocked as public spaces as part of Maitlanes which made it easier for people to connect in and around the city centre, while also attracting footfall and expenditure both day and night. All works in the laneways differed, ranging from murals, overhead lighting, and soundscapes to augmented reality experiences and outdoor dining.	Completed 2023

Streets as Shared Spaces – Round two				
Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Orange City Council	Outdoor dining activation for Lords Place Orange	Lords Place, Orange	Lords Place in Orange became a new smart hub for the city, with new areas for people to enjoy meals from local restaurants and cafes, under the colour and excitement of festoon lights. People dined in mobile booths that could be located outside different businesses.	Completed 2023
Parkes Shire Council	Eat, Meet and Greet Parkes Main Street	Clarinda Street, Parkes	Eat, Meet and Greet created a new public space along Clarinda Street in Parkes. People enjoyed outdoor dining and events, while finding it easier and safer to connect to more places on foot.	Completed 2023
Port Macquarie-Hastings Council	Laurieton Town Centre Master Plan Trial	Seymour Street, Laurieton	The Laurieton Town Centre Masterplan Trial transformed Laurieton's town centre through a 6-month program of activations and temporary changes. Parklets took over former parking spaces, helping to create a place for people to gather and to enjoy a series of local events.	Completed 2023
Port Stephens Council	William Street Urban Park Trial	William Street, Raymond Terrace	Raymond Terrace's main street, William Street, became the home of a new urban park, designed for people, and made ready for small events. With the demolition of an unused building, the project introduced new seating, landscaping, and a stage area, while also improving the way people could move from the commercial core to the new space.	Completed 2023
Richmond Valley Council	The Greens on Barker	Barker Street, Casino	The vacant block near the centre of Casino was transformed into The Greens on Barker – a new public park on Barker Street. The project featured shade structures, accessible pathways, sandstone blocks for seating, picnic tables, noughts and crosses play equipment, and landscaping, as well as pavement stencilling and artwork. The area hosted pop-up markets and performances, benefiting local artists and growers.	Completed 2023
Tamworth Regional Council	Fitzroy Place Light Activation	Fitzroy Street, Tamworth	Fitzroy Street Place, adjacent to Peel Street in the centre of Tamworth, was reimaged as a night-time venue, brought to life with both light and technology. As a new evening destination, Fitzroy Place was abuzz with illuminations and projections, encouraging people to see the public space in a new way.	Completed 2023
Tenterfield Shire Council	Linking People and Place	Manners Street, Tenterfield	Jubilee Park is a treasured community asset on the Tenterfield Creek. The Linking People and Place project created a new crossing point to the park for pedestrians and cyclists, and added a pop-up container café, solar lighting, and public Wi-Fi. This diversified the way people could use the park and better linked the park with the Youth Precinct.	Completed 2023
Warrumbungle Shire Council	Pull Up A Stump	Binnia Street, Coolah	Pull Up a Stump is a unique way to bring the local Coolah community together and celebrate the town's iconic rural history and culture. The project provided temporary stump seating made from reclaimed timber, along with new signage, artworks reflecting local culture, history and environment, lighting, and plantings. People were connected from the main street to places such as the Riverside Walk, Yarning Circle, and local gallery.	Completed 2023

Streets as Shared Spaces – Round two				
Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Wollongong City Council	Crown N' Out	Crown Street Mall, Wollongong	Crown Street in Wollongong shifted from a focus on the car, to a focus on people as part of the Crown N' Out Project. Slower speeds to 30 km/hr and the reallocation of traffic space to a trail of outdoor dining spots created new and improved public spaces for people. The project also attracted more activity during the day and at night.	Completed 2023

Your High Street

Up to **\$15 million** in funding was made available with the program delivered from May 2021 to April 2024.

Your High Street				
Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Greater Sydney				
City of Canada Bay Council	Heart of Drummoyne	Church Street, Drummoyne	Heart of Drummoyne created new public spaces around Church Street, which comes off Victoria Road. Formosa Street was closed, creating opportunities to provide places to sit, new tree planting, public art, areas for kids to play and an outdoor dining area.	Completed 2023
City of Canterbury Bankstown	Lakemba Ramadan Lights	Haldon Street, Lakemba	Lakemba's Haldon Street became the heart of the community's Ramadan celebrations. Funding went towards wider footpaths, plenty of places to sit, additional landscaping and public art. People came together in an attractive, revitalised space with family and friends to celebrate Ramadan and feel a part of community life.	Completed 2023
City of Parramatta	Phillip Street Smart Street	Philip Street, Parramatta	Phillip Street has become Parramatta's new smart street – a place powered by contemporary technology. Elements include condition-responsive lighting, street furniture with built-in USB ports, smart irrigation, environmental monitoring, surveillance, public artwork, and lighting. Sensors keep track of elements ranging from bins to parking areas, and much of the power comes from kinetic pavers that create energy.	Completed 2023
Fairfield City Council	Kenyon Street Public Domain Improvement Project	Kenyon Street, Fairfield	Fairfield City Council worked with private and public stakeholders on an aspirational vision to transform Kenyon Street as a living centre – a place focused on people feeling included in both formal and casual settings. Funding went towards wider footpaths, green public spaces, and mechanisms to reinforce the 40 km/hr pedestrianised zone. Council helped to encourage people to stay longer, boosting local businesses and creating a sense of buzz.	Completed 2023
Hornsby Shire Council	Coronation StrEat!	Coronation Street, Hornsby	Coronation StrEat! transformed a car park that was once home to a commercial building constructed in the late 1800s. Funding re-purposed the area to create a new space for people, both bringing heritage infrastructure to life while providing a space for celebration, outdoor dining, farmers markets, live music, and other activities.	Completed 2023
Inner West Council	Wardell Road (Dulwich Hill) Public Domain Improvements	Wardell Road, Dulwich Hill	The undergrounding of overhead powerlines on Wardell Road in Dulwich Hill opened the street up for transformation. New footpaths, landscaping, street furniture, street lighting and public art encouraged more people to come to the areas in the evening – extending opportunities for local businesses while also creating a new night-time hub. The works also made Wardell Street easier to access for people of all abilities.	Completed 2024

Your High Street				
Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Penrith City Council	Renewing the Heart of Kingswood	Bringelly Road, Kingswood	Kingswood is just east of Penrith City Centre and has a village vibe. This renewal project focused on Kingswood's local feel, with interventions such as footpath improvements, greening, street furniture, better signage, and creative elements to improve how people could connect safely, while also benefiting local businesses and creative endeavours.	Completed 2023
Randwick City Council	Maroubra Junction Central Oasis	Anzac Parade, Maroubra	An underutilised green space in the central median strip of Maroubra Junction, on Anzac Parade between Maroubra Road and Green Street, became an urban oasis through additional landscaping improvements, lighting, and seating. This created a new place for people to spend time – and a place for seasonal events. The project also brought together two halves of a divided town centre.	Completed 2023
Regional NSW				
Ballina Shire Council	Lennox Village Vision: Ballina Street -Where We Connect	Ballina Street, Lennox Head	Various streets in Lennox Head's commercial centre were brought to life, following investments to slow traffic, wider footpaths and additional street lighting and new seating. The project created places for people to pause and connect within a village atmosphere.	Completed 2023
Gilgandra Shire Council	The Mill on Miller Street	Miller Street, Gilgandra	Miller Street in Gilgandra was revitalised to link the heart of the Central West with the natural beauty of the Castlereagh River. The project included landscaping, a new stage area for events and activations, new lighting and public art. Providing easier access encouraged more people to stay and spend time within the space and to enjoy the existing Windmill Walk.	Completed 2024
Griffith City Council	Kooyoo Street Plaza Development	Kooyoo Street, Griffith	Kooyoo Street in the centre of Griffith was transformed into a place for people, creating a new pedestrian plaza between Banna Avenue and Yambil Street. The new pedestrian plaza can be temporarily closed for cultural and art events, markets, and holiday celebrations; alongside this, traffic improvements, safer paths and new seating encouraged more people to come to the area. As a new community area, the plaza also benefits local shops and restaurants.	Completed 2022
Hay Shire Council	Witcombe Place Phase 2	Lachlan Street, Hay	Witcombe Place is on the western side of Lachlan Street in the centre of Hay. It was an underutilised space that came to life with new paving, tree planting and new seating, creating a much-needed community space. A new sculpture celebrated the unique heritage setting, Hay's renowned Shilling Ram – a grand champion Merino from Hay that was immortalised on Australia's one-shilling coin.	Completed 2023
Maitland City Council	High Street Revitalisation -Grant Street to Ken Tubman Drive	High Street, Maitland	High Street is at the heart of Maitland's civic and cultural precinct, which includes Maitland Regional Art Gallery and Town Hall. The area between Grant Street and Ken Tubman Drive was underused. Funding unlocked the public space to create a new shared zone with seating, improved footpaths, and added street treatments, a parklet and a vertical garden.	Completed 2023

Your High Street				
Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Moree Plains Shire Council	Cooling Moree's High Street	Balo Street, Moree	Balo Street is the main street of Moree in western NSW. Hot and dry summer days can make it an unpleasant place for shoppers. To improve comfort and bring more life to the area, funding went towards the planting of more trees, shade structures, water misters and lighting. Other measures were also put in place to slow down car traffic to make Balo Street not just cooler, but safer for everyone.	Completed 2023
Parkes Shire Council	Making Trundle's wide street the high street of choice	Forbes Street, Trundle	Trundle is a small community in Parkes Shire, with Forbes Street as its main street. Funding aimed to revitalise the street as a safer and more comfortable place for pedestrians. New pedestrian refuges, tree planting and a new community area for informal gatherings or local events attract both people from around the community, and motorists who are passing through.	Completed 2023
Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council	Monaro Lanes	Monaro Street, Queanbeyan	The Monaro Lanes project is all about renewal at the centre of Queanbeyan. Two pedestrian laneways were brought to life with new public art and lighting to create better pedestrian connections, a stronger sense of safety and new commercial opportunities. The project also included new seating and outdoor furniture, new signage, greenery, and new paving.	Completed 2023
Shoalhaven City Council	Junction Court Revitalisation	Junction Street, Nowra	Junction Court in the centre of Nowra came to life with colour and fun, with play sculptures, group seating, shelters, and strips of overhead lighting. A colourful mural along the ground now designates the space for pedestrians, creating a pedestrian friendly, safe, engaging environment that encourages people to use the main street to stay longer and shop in surrounding businesses.	Completed 2023
Tweed Shire Council	The Murwillumbah High Street Beautification Project	Wollumbin Street, Murwillumbah	Wollumbin Street is Murwillumbah's main street. Funding helped to create a place that was safer and more comfortable for walking and lingering. It improved connections from the entry of the town to the main retail area, to Knox Park and the town's arts and heritage precinct. The project included new greenery, street furniture, public art, pedestrian blisters, and landscaping elements.	Completed 2022
Wagga Wagga City Council	Beautification of Fitzmaurice Street	Fitzmaurice Street, Wagga Wagga	Fitzmaurice Street has been revived as Wagga Wagga city centre's focal point, with works that improved how people could connect to the Murrumbidgee and its popular waterfront trail, while also counteracting the dominance of nearby shopping centres. Beautification and activation of the high street included lighting, artwork, parklets, bike features and new signage.	Completed 2023

Long Summer Nights

Round one

Four Greater Sydney precincts activated from November 2021 to June 2022.

Long Summer Nights - Round one				
State Agency Partners	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Greater Sydney				
Placemaking NSW	The Rocks: Laneway Cinema, Lunar New Year, Sweet Summer Street Party	The Rocks	The Rocks, Darling Harbour, The Domain, and Wynyard Park celebrated a long summer with reimagined and newly created areas with outdoor dance floors, live music, theatre, and comedy shows under the stars.	Completed 2022
The Royal Botanic Garden and Domain Trust	Sweet Summer Sounds	Darling Harbour		
Property and Development NSW		The Domain		
		Wynyard Park		
	Darling Harbour: Live at Lunch, Rollerama, Lunar Block Party, Summer of 20You, Lunar New Year, Live at Lunch, Fireworks			
	The Domain: The Garden Social			
	Wynyard Park: Wynside Out			

Round two

Three Greater Sydney precincts activated from February to March 2023.

Long Summer Nights - Round two				
State Agency Partners	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Greater Sydney				
Placemaking NSW	Long Summer Nights – Sydney WorldPride 2023	The Rocks Barangaroo Darling Harbour	As part of Sydney WorldPride 2023, The Rocks and Barangaroo created and hosted two stages (one in each precinct), that showcased music performances from the Sydney LGBTQIA+ community across Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays for the three-weekend campaign. To support this, a wayfinding and communications program was implemented to lead the public through The Rocks, Barangaroo and Darling Harbour precincts, and to the WorldPride stages and other activations.	Completed 2023

Summer Night Fund

Over **\$1.8 million** in funding was available with the program delivered from January to April 2022.

Summer Night Fund				
Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Greater Sydney				
Blacktown City Council	Blacktown Block Party	Flushcombe Road, Blacktown	Blacktown Block Party featured some of the west's most exciting artists and creatives, transforming the Leo Kelly Blacktown Arts Centre into a playground of music, dance, markets and creative workshops and lights for the whole community.	Completed 2022
Blue Mountains City Council	Twilight Spaces - Explore, Engage and Experience	Katoomba Street, Katoomba	Twilight Spaces - Explore, Engage and Experience was a free family-friendly event that celebrated and promoted the artistic talents of the Blue Mountains creative community, filling Katoomba lanes and the town centre with colour, performances, and sound.	Completed 2022
Burwood Council	Burwood Laneways	Conder Street, Burwood	Burwood Laneways activated a mix of laneways, shopping precincts and public spaces, bringing live music, markets, food, art, and activity to the southern parts of the Burwood city centre.	Completed 2022
Camden Council	Camden Culture Club	John Street, Camden	Camden Culture Club was a series of events over four Friday evenings. Each event featured live public art installations, art demonstrations, makers market stalls for local creatives to sell their products, multicultural performances, and food offerings as well as a curated display of story-telling projections that showcased Camden's ancestry, diverse culture, people, and places through the Alan Baker Art Gallery's windows.	Completed 2022
Campbelltown City Council	Gather, Train, Create	Lithgow Street, Campbelltown	The Dance on Forum Q and Kids on Q Summer Fun project was designed to bring of young people into the newly installed dance space in Lithgow Street, Campbelltown. The event attracted people into the Campbelltown City Centre and showcased innovative and creative public spaces at Forum Q whilst supporting the local creative industry, performance artists and surrounding businesses.	Completed 2022
City of Canada Bay Council	Beats and Eats Canada Bay	Church Street, Drummoyne	Beats and Eats Canada Bay included thirteen activation events in Drummoyne, Five Dock, Concord and Rhodes Town centres. In all four locations, town centres were activated which increased the local economic activity, business participation and visitor interest. The events created a pathway to employ local creatives, including musicians and cultural performers.	Completed 2022
City of Canterbury Bankstown	Movies Under the Stars	Paul Keating Park, Bankstown	Movies Under the Stars at Paul Keating Park, Bankstown was an evening movie event with a temporary outdoor cinema, with food trucks, entertainment, and kids' activities.	Completed 2022
City of Parramatta	Jazz After Dark	Parramatta Square, Parramatta	Jazz After Dark in Parramatta Square was a series of eight jazz concerts over twelve nights in, featuring highly skilled performers from a diverse range of jazz traditions. The concerts attracted people into Parramatta city centre and encouraged them to dwell in the precinct into the evening.	Completed 2022

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Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
City of Ryde	Coulter Street Collective	Coulter Street, Gladesville	Coulter Street Collective was a laneway creative series in Gladesville designed to showcase local creatives, their skills, art, and products. People also enjoyed entertainment from local musicians, live artist demonstrations, chalk art and kids workshops.	Completed 2022
City of Sydney	City of Sydney –City Art, Free Walking Tours	Dixon Street, Haymarket	Seventeen City Art free walking tours held by the City of Sydney featured public art in Chinatown and the city centre. More than 120 participants visited historically significant sites and contemporary artworks. Four local artists/ educators led the tours, sharing insights into local histories and leading conversations about place, diverse cultures, and art-making practices.	Completed 2022
Cumberland City Council	Good Vibes Granville -Neon Activation	Joseph Street, Lidcombe	The neon activation at Good Vibes Granville aimed to replicate the Vivid Festival from the City in the West. It included more than ten neon lighting installations across Russell Street, Granville over a week of evenings.	Completed 2022
Fairfield City Council	Cabramatta Lunar New Year 2022	Freedom Road, Hurstville	Lunar New Year 2022 brought Freedom Plaza in Cabramatta to life and the community gathered to see in the Year of the Tiger. Over two days people enjoyed interactive shows, lion dancing, live music, LED dining, free amusement rides, carnival games and fireworks.	Completed 2022
Georges River Council	Short Stuff Film Festival screening event 2022	Forest Road, Hurstville	The Short Stuff Film Festival in Hurstville in 2022 created an opportunity for young people from the area to showcase their talents to their community. The event brought ‘Hollywood’ to Hurstville through the inclusion of a red carpet and bollards, media wall and live entertainment.	Completed 2022
Hornsby Shire Council	Food Truck Fridays	Berowra Street, Hornsby	Food Truck Fridays in Berowra featured a pop-up bar, a range of delicious foods, live music from local artists and a COVID-safe environment for the community to gather. The festival supported local artists while engaging the community with plenty of home-grown music, local food, and a safe, vibrant atmosphere.	Completed 2022
Hunter’s Hill Council	Festival of Fools	Gladesville Street, Hunter’s Hill	Festival of Fools was a night-time event in the Hunters Hill village shopping precinct themed around April Fools. People got together to enjoy informal outdoor dining and performance spaces while purchasing food from restaurants and cafes or browsing through other businesses. Roaming entertainment, a treasure hunt, costumes, decorations, and workshops enhanced the theme across the night.	Completed 2022
Inner West Council	Inner West Fest -Dully Locals	Caves Street, Dulwich Hill	Dully Locals was a takeover of Dulwich Hill’s laneways as part of Inner West Fest. Inner West Council worked with a local business group to bring light and art to Caves Lane with renowned artists and provided an opportunity and place for the community to safely gather and engage with their neighbours.	Completed 2022

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Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Lane Cove Council	Village Night Lights	Liberty Place, Lane Cove	Village Night Lights at Lane Cove was a ten-day series of evening activations that included the illumination of iconic sites around the village. People were able to see an array of public spaces in Lane Cove through fresh eyes and connected with others in new ways.	Completed 2022
Liverpool City Council	Love Summer Series 2022	Bigge Street, Liverpool	The Love Summer Series 2022 in Liverpool Local Government Area activated local parks by turning open spaces into vibrant hubs that offered family-friendly games, performances, and an open-air cinema. The event helped to boost community spirit, with events within easy walking distance from where people live.	Completed 2022
Mosman Council	Mosman Junction Street Party	Middle Head Road, Mosman	Mosman Junction Street Party was a free community event featuring live entertainment, catering and activities including face painting and cupcake decorating. The event provided an opportunity for the community to connect and celebrate together, enjoying the local village atmosphere.	Completed 2022
North Sydney Council	Village Vibes	Ernest Place, Crows Nest	Village Vibes at Crows Nest brought free live music to the community and featured performances by soloists, duos, and trios. As people stayed to enjoy the music, they also supported surrounding local businesses.	Completed 2022
Northern Beaches Council	Manly Family Fun Fest	The Corso, Manly	Manly Family Fun Fest supported local businesses by activating public spaces in the evening and encouraging people to dine or get takeaway from nearby restaurants and cafes. As people enjoyed a meal, they could also take in the live music and family friendly entertainment.	Completed 2022
Penrith City Council	Penrith Producers	High Street, Penrith	Penrith Producers was a free, outdoor, licensed event showcasing locally made food and beverage whilst activating High Street. As people and colour brought the street to life, local businesses and the local food industry were the centre of attention. The event which also included live music and festoon lighting, creating an ambient festival environment for people to come and relax to live music, while enjoying food and drink.	Completed 2022
Randwick City Council	Eat, Drink, Play	Pioneers Park, Malabar	Eat, Drink, Play at Pioneers Park, Malabar was a five-day activation that encouraged people to come, meet and gather whilst enjoying local food trucks, live music, and entertainment across the Easter long weekend.	Completed 2022
Strathfield Council	Strathfield Nights	Raw Square, Strathfield	Strathfield Nights was a music activation that brought free live music and family friendly activities to the centre of Strathfield. People were encouraged to linger and stay longer, supporting local merchants and businesses in the area.	Completed 2022
Sutherland Shire Council	GyMEA Nights	GyMEA Bay Road, GyMEA	Across three-night events, GyMEA Nights showcased a combination of fairy and festoon lights which were temporarily installed in thirteen trees along the restaurant end of GyMEA Bay Road, GyMEA. A roving four-piece brass band played to diners, and children enjoyed face painting, an arts and craft zone, balloon twisters, neon pirate jugglers and large outside games, such as Giant Jenga and Giant Connect 4.	Completed 2022

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Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Waverley Council	Silent Disco Walking Tours in Bondi Junction and Bondi Beach	Oxford Street, Bondi Junction	A silent disco and walking tours were held over eight evenings between March and April at Bondi Junction and Bondi Beach. Each tour was site-specific and tailored to highlight local stories, identities, and landmarks. People learnt new insights about their area and got to know areas and businesses for the first time. The tours were a spectacle and a colourful, entertaining activation.	Completed 2022
Willoughby City Council	Chatswood Live at Night	Victoria Avenue, Chatswood	Chatswood Live at Night brought free live music to The Concourse outdoor precinct in Chatswood. Where possible, performances in the concourse were aligned with those inside The Concourse Performing Arts Centre, extending the experience for people and enhancing their cultural and creative connection to Chatswood.	Completed 2022
Wollondilly Shire Council	“Love the Dilly” Eat Street, Markets and Movie	Menangle Street, Picton	Love the Dilly Eat Street, Markets and Movie, was a night-time screening following the Together Arts Program in the Picton Shire Hall. Despite many challenges with weather and flooding, the movie screening was held with an appreciative audience in attendance and supported the overall community wellbeing and connection.	Completed 2022
Woollahra Municipal Council	People of Rose Bay	New South Head Road, Rose Bay	The ‘People of Rose Bay’ Photo Trail was a creative photo exhibition event that transformed key laneways, parks, beachfronts, and businesses in Rose Bay into an open-air gallery for one evening. Through temporary art activation, the Trail aimed to highlight Rose Bay’s local identity including business owners, and enhanced pedestrian connections between the commercial core of Rose Bay and the Harbour.	Completed 2022
Regional NSW				
Albury City Council	Summer Night	Dean Street, Albury	Summer Night infused a rolling program of live music, free art, dance performances and mobile food and drink in and around QEII Square in the heart of Albury. It aimed to help people see the area from a new, night-time perspective. This was a genuinely local event, with all artists, activity facilitators, performers, hospitality providers and other service providers from the Albury-Wodonga region.	Completed 2022
Balranald Shire Council	Easter in Balranald - Twilight Market	Market Street, Balranald	Easter in Balranald was an Easter Sunday twilight market held on Market Street, Balranald. Locals enjoyed a mix of market stalls from local businesses, smaller cottage industries, schools, and community groups. This festive market featured lots of food, locally handmade crafts, home-grown produce, artwork, and bric-a-bracs. The event injected joy, community spirit and a financial boost into the community.	Completed 2022
Bathurst Regional Council	Musicians in the Park	Kings Parade and Russell Street, Bathurst	Musicians in the Park comprised of a series of activations held in the centre of Bathurst, including a Music in the Park event, a NRL match, Cinema in the Park and a commissioned Aboriginal artwork. These activations encouraged people to return to the town centre to support local cafes and musicians.	Completed 2022

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Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Bega Valley Shire Council	Bega Valley Summer Nights Public Space Events	Cobargo Main Street, Pambula Town Hall, Eden Welcome Centre Merimbula Main Street, Bega Showground Bega, Bega	The Celebrate Cobargo Street Festival and two Merimbula Twilight Markets provided an opportunity for local businesses to showcase their products. The events were supported with street lighting, flags, art, creative displays, food, and entertainment.	Completed 2022
Berrigan Shire Council	Summer Sessions in Berrigan Shire	Chanter Street, Berrigan	The Summer Sessions in Berrigan Shire delivered the musical festival Music on Chanter in Berrigan on 25 March 2022. The festival brought a service town and its broad farming community together with the closure of the main street for an evening with local artists and extended trading hours for the shops within the precinct.	Completed 2022
Bland Shire Council	West Wyalong Chocfest	Main Street, Bland	West Wyalong Chocfest marked the commencement of Easter and the April School Holidays. The event included roving entertainers, giveaways, street stalls, shop local promotions, competitions, staged photo ops, live entertainment and businesses providing specialty menu items.	Completed 2022
Blayney Shire Council	Music and Movies in the Villages	Adelaide Street, Blayney	Music and Movies in the Villages featured two movie nights that included live music performances before the events and local food stalls. The events engaged a range of smaller villages to participate, activate and support their town centres and public spaces.	Completed 2022
Broken Hill City Council	Broken Hill Mundi Mundi Bash Fringe Festival	Argent Street, Broken Hill	The Broken Hill Mundi Mundi Bash is a music festival that supports many local businesses and brings activity and fun to Argent Street, Broken Hill's main street. Businesses extended trading hours as local artists, buskers and performers took over the main street and town square.	Completed 2022
Byron Shire Council	Friday Fun Inflatable and Cinema Night	Jubilee Avenue, Mullumbimby	Friday Fun Inflatable and Cinema Night were free family-friendly film nights that aimed to enliven Mullumbimby and provide a public space in the evening to support the local community and activate the night-time economy.	Completed 2022
Cabonne Council	Venture to the Villages -Music and Movie events	Bank Street, Molong	Venture to the Villages -Music and Movie events featured three events, including an outdoor movie screening with live music. Smaller village communities like Molong were encouraged to participate and activate their town centres and public spaces.	Completed 2022
Central Coast Council	Terrigal Publi	Terrigal Esplanade, Terrigal	Terrigal Publi delivered unique seating and lighting arrangements along the Terrigal Esplanade which encouraged residents to leave their homes and gather, enjoying take away food from local retailers whilst enjoying the festival atmosphere.	Completed 2022
City of Newcastle	Music at the Museum	Workshop Way, Newcastle	Music at the Museum in Newcastle engaged local musicians and showcased new and emerging talent. The project was a free platform for social cohesion and community, and allowed the Museum to be considered as an alternative live performance space.	Completed 2022

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Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Cobar Shire Council	Cobar's Family Friendly Fun Night	Linsley Street, Cobar	Cobar's Family Friendly Fun Night was a family-friendly evening that brought colour and fun to a local park and open space with activities such as markets, food vendors, entertainment, sports, and cultural events. Through the diversity of events, the project attracted a wide demographic including both young people and families.	Completed 2022
Coffs Harbour City Council	Coffs City Centre 'Block Party'	Harbour Drive, Coffs Harbour	The Coffs City Centre 'Block Party' was an evening of free live music, shopping, food, and entertainment. The event was aimed at families, who could come along to enjoy markets and free activities for children including pop-up performers and a fantasy photo booth.	Completed 2022
Coonamble Shire Council	Eat Street Coonamble	Castlereagh Street, Coonamble	Eat Street Coonamble welcomed twenty-two stall holders to outdoor markets in Castlereagh Street, Coonamble's main street. Through these outdoor markets, as well as street entertainment and decorations, many people flocked to the main street to help revitalise local businesses.	Completed 2022
Cootamundra Gundagai Regional Council	Festival of Lights	Parker Street, Cootamundra	Festival of Lights involved closing two blocks from traffic for an event on Parker Street, the main street of Cootamundra. The festival embraced the community's new main street lighting, including street trees decorated with fairy lights from past events. The community benefited from new seating, tables, and decorations, while enjoying live music and the wares of local pubs, cafes, and restaurants. People lingered into the evening, able to access food from surrounding eateries that had extended their hours into the evening.	Completed 2022
Cowra Shire Council	Cowra Celebrates After Dark	Edgell Park, Cowra	Cowra Celebrates After Dark was part of the Cowra Festival of International -a carnival that incorporated carnival rides, performances by local musicians, stalls, a bar, performances and activities and a large-scale fireworks display. The event drew people from surrounding areas to Cowra, increasing the economic activity of the area.	Completed 2022
Dubbo Regional Council	Festival of Footy -Music/Arts Event Activation	Macquarie Street, Dubbo	The music, arts and event activation around the Festival of Footy in Dubbo and Wellington town centres offered free live music, dance and art while promoting regional arts and local music productions to residents and visitors.	Completed 2022
Dungog Shire Council	Creative Art Space Experience	Dowling Street, Dungog	The Creative Art Space Experience in Dungog Shire created small creative hubs throughout village centres. These free creative options were held in a safe local space and supported local works and food operators, while helping to revitalise local village economies.	Completed 2022
Edward River Council	Weekend in the Gardens	Cressy Street, Edward	Weekend in the Gardens in Deniliquin town centre was a weekend of live music, food trucks, a lagoon lantern installation, an outdoor mystery film, a bar, games, and a lantern parade. The community embraced the event and enjoyed learning new skills while bringing activity and fun to the heart of the city.	Completed 2022

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Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Eurobodalla Shire Council	Endless Summer	Nata Oval, Eurobodalla	Endless Summer at Narooma featured a seating pod and the installation of lights, all aiming to attract more people to spend time in the public space at Nata Oval.	Completed 2022
Gilgandra Shire Council	Enjoy Gilgandra > Under the Gums	Miller Street, Gilgandra	Under the Gums was held in Miller Street, the high street of Gilgandra. The event featured food stalls by local and regional producers, community groups and local businesses along with live music, a pop-up bar and lighting displays to bring the banks and beautiful river gums to life.	Completed 2022
Goulburn Mulwaree Council	2022 Season Launch -Goulburn Performing Arts Centre	Auburn Street, Goulburn	The season launch of Goulburn Performing Arts Centre's 2022 season was a night-time event that featured illumination, performances and supporting infrastructure to attract people to enjoy local businesses' evening offerings.	Completed 2022
Griffith City Council	Griffith Twilight Market	Banna Avenue, Griffith	Griffith Twilight Market was a night for makers, growers, and producers to showcase their products while people were able to enjoy live music in the centre of town. The relaxed atmosphere attracted people of all ages, nationalities, and abilities.	Completed 2022
Hay Shire Council	Hayluminate	Lachlan Street, Hay	Hayluminate included a night-time light projection and markets on the main street in Witcombe Place in Hay over the Easter long weekend. The community and visitors were invited to re-engage with their main street and gather in the town centre. The theme for the artwork was 'Smiles', created through contributions from local schools and the community, including images, words and artworks that became a bespoke art piece to celebrate the community of Hay.	Completed 2022
Hilltops Council	Boorowa and Harden Street Party	Marsden Street, Boorowa	The Boorowa and Harden Street parties were festivals on footpaths, designed to activate the shopping precincts in each town whilst providing entertainment for young people and families. The event included roving street performances such as dancing, singing, bubble artists, magicians, face painting and lighting up local businesses.	Completed 2022
Kempsey Shire Council	Summer Nights at Kempsey Riverside Park	Eden Street, Kempsey	Summer Nights at Kempsey Riverside Park were held over two evenings and built on the existing day-time markets to extend activity in the area into the night. The events included the activation of the courtyard outside the library as a community space, a bush tucker garden, and workshops to learn about bush tucker.	Completed 2022
Kiama Municipal Council	Kiama Season Soiree	Terralong Street, Kiama	A section of Terralong Street was closed to vehicular traffic and opened for the public for Kiama Season Soiree. As people came along to gather in the space, they enjoyed a range of entertainment and activities, dance, performers, live music, kids games and outdoor dining on the street, celebrating the art and culture of Kiama.	Completed 2022
Kyogle Council	Park parties to shake off the covid blues	Kyogle Local Government Area	Park parties were held in Tabulam, Bonalbo, and Mallanganee in Kyogle, bringing life and colour to local halls and parks. Locals and visitors enjoyed live music, a light show, film activities, projections onto buildings, local catering, and other entertainment.	Completed 2022

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Council	Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Status
Lachlan Shire Council	Flamingo Flotilla and Film Evening	Liberty Park, Lake Cargelligo	The Flamingo Flotilla and Film Evening at Lake Cargelligo was a late afternoon and evening of fun on the lake with inflatable flamingos, live music, and an open-air cinema.	Completed 2022
Lake Macquarie City Council	Lake Mac Festival 2022 -additional Creative Program	First Street, Booragul	Lake Mac Festival 2022 featured a creative program for the community. This included a free community breakfast at Croudace Bay Park, live music and an evening activation across the foreshore, including live entertainment and fireworks. The event attracted people of all ages, day, and night across the entire city.	Completed 2022
Leeton Shire Council	Festival of Place SunRice Festival	Chelmsford Place, Leeton	The Festival of Place SunRice Festival at Leeton offered a comprehensive music program that featured some of the top live jazz acts, and a vinyl DJ set. Through interactive performances, the community were encouraged to participate and activate the main street businesses, bolstering the night-time economy.	Completed 2022
Lismore City Council	Illuminate Nimbin	Cullen and Sibley Street, Nimbin	Illuminate Nimbin activated Nimbin’s high street and recreational precinct around Cullen and Sibley streets, shining light on Nimbin’s creative culture. Despite the challenges of recent flooding, Council invited the local community and businesses to child-friendly events, markets, and live music.	Completed 2022
Lithgow City Council	World Music, Dance and Food	Bridge Street, Lithgow	World Music, Dance and Food at Lithgow is a collaboration between the Union Theatre, Western Sydney University, Maldhan Ngurr Ngurra Lithgow Transformation Hub, and the Tin Shed Restaurant. It created a connected entertainment and cultural precinct in the centre of Lithgow. People enjoyed dance, entertainment, music, exhibitions, and performances.	Completed 2022
Liverpool Plains Shire Council	What’s great about the Plains!	Station Street, Quirindi	What’s great about the Plains! was an event in Quirindi that featured six public night-time film screenings across the Liverpool Plains Shire. The screenings provided easy to access and COVID-safe activations, encouraging people to come back to public spaces while also helping the night-time economy.	Completed 2022
Maitland City Council	Live at The Levee presents Changing Tides	High Street, Maitland	Live at The Levee presents Changing Tides was an event over two nights at The Levee in Maitland. Performers played on the floating stage on the Hunter River, capturing a wide audience.	Completed 2022
Moree Plains Shire Council	MyMoree by the Moonlight	Heber Street, Moree	MyMoree by the Moonlight was a family-friendly night street festival that celebrated art, culture, music and brought much-needed spending to participating local businesses. The event provided a safe, positive environment for families and visitors to reconnect.	Completed 2022
Murray River Council	A Sunday Session @ Moama Soundshell	Meninya Street, Moama	A Sunday Session @ Moama Soundshell brought the community together at Moama’s main street for a relaxing afternoon and early evening of live and local music. The event included a variety of food offerings and free kids’ activities including pony rides, a reptile show, and science activities.	Completed 2022

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Muswellbrook Shire Council	Denman Summer Night Event	Ogilvie Street, Denman	The Denman Summer Night Event included street markets and a machinery show, celebrating the upgrade of Ogilvie Street, the main street of Denman. This is now a safer area for pedestrians and people see this area as a refreshed, welcoming place.	Completed 2022
Narrabri Shire Council	NarraBRIGHT 2022	Maitland Street, Narrabri	NarraBRIGHT 2022 featured an LED light show illuminating iconic building facades throughout Maitland Street in Narrabri and the Crossing Theatre. The project showcased local musicians and children’s activities based on the illuminate theme, engaging, and inspiring the younger audiences with the wonder of the lights festival.	Completed 2022
Narrandera Shire Council	Summer Movie Nights	Victoria Avenue, Narrandera	Summer Movie Nights were held over two nights at Narrandera Sportsground. The events included several local partnerships and were designed to encourage the community to reconnect and support local businesses.	Completed 2022
Orange City Council	Orange’s Future Flix street cinema series	Robertson Park, Orange	Orange’s Future Flix street cinema series at Robertson Park in the city centre was held over four Friday nights. Each event invited the community to enjoy a free night out in Orange. Events catered for all age groups and abilities, providing the community and visitors a safe return to enjoy public space.	Completed 2022
Parkes Shire Council	Summer in the Park	Cooke Park, Parkes	Summer in the Park was a free, family-friendly concert in Cooke Park in Parkes. It was held at the new pavilion and invited the community to engage with various local artists and a five-piece band. The event attracted people from across the local community, as well as visitors.	Completed 2022
Port Macquarie-Hastings Council	Laurieton Alive Night Markets	Bold Street, Laurieton	Laurieton Alive Night Markets was a three-night event featuring street-side market stalls, live music, outdoor dining, late night shopping and art display pop-ups. This interactive event for all ages maximised the region’s summer evenings during peak tourism season.	Completed 2022
Port Stephens Council	Endless Summer Nights	William Street, Raymond Terrace	Endless Summer Nights featured two summer night markets and “It’s On! Light’s On” music, games, and solar light activations. The Port Stephens Community could browse and enjoy markets, kids’ activation zones, music performances, public art workshops and food trucks.	Completed 2022
Shoalhaven City Council	Burradise Live Music in Culburra Beach and Vibe in the Village	Jacobs Drive, Sussex Inlet	Burradise Live Music in Culburra Beach and Vibe in the Village in Sussex Inlet brought activity to public spaces and featured live music and plenty of food and drink. Both events allowed Council to engage with local businesses and local food providers.	Completed 2022
Snowy Valleys Council	Snowy Valleys Night Markets	Albury Street, Tumbarumba	Snowy Valleys Night Markets at Tumbarumba featured a range of local businesses and producers in the town centre. The event included more than twenty market stalls, including food vendors, beverage providers, home and living products, children’s entertainment, and local musicians.	Completed 2022

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Tamworth Regional Council	Family Night on Fitzroy	Fitzroy Street, Tamworth	Family Night on Fitzroy featured several micro events in Tamworth’s Fitzroy Street. Family-friendly activities included henna art, face painting, Easter arts and crafts, food trucks, local restaurants, musical, dance performances and carnival rides.	Completed 2022
Temora Shire Council	Places of Art and Culture Temora	Hoskins Street, Temora	The Places of Art and Culture Temora project focused on three major cultural spots: Temora Rural Arts Centre, Library and Town Hall Theatre. All were open during events, inviting residents to reconnect with these spaces and their community, and create new connections to art and culture through arts workshops, book clubs and film clubs.	Completed 2022
Tenterfield Shire Council	Summer under the Stars	Rouse Street, Tenterfield	Summer under the Stars in Tenterfield aimed to activate the centre of town by extending trading hours and providing outside dining, marketplaces, and local entertainment along the street. Despite the challenges with weather, the live music and installation of the stars within Bruxner Park attracted visitors and locals to the main street and created a positive atmosphere.	Completed 2022
Upper Hunter Shire Council	Little Night Out	Kelly Street, Scone	Little Night Out in Scone invited residents and visitors to eat out under the stars with entertainment, street performers, live music, and food vendors. Creativity drove community connections, and the centre of town came to life with many local businesses benefitting from the increase in foot traffic. This celebration of local talent brought people into the town centre for an evening of entertainment.	Completed 2022
Upper Lachlan Shire Council	Upper Lachlan Easter Festival	Goulburn Street, Crookwell	The Upper Lachlan Easter Festival in Crookwell included an outdoor film and five nights of lights to activate the main street. The project aimed to encourage people to visit local businesses in the evenings, while celebrating the region’s art and culture. Historic Goulburn Street and its buildings came to life with an array of coloured light projections.	Completed 2022
Uralla Shire Council	Uralla Shire Summer Night Events 2022	Souter Street, Bundarra	The Uralla Shire Summer Night Events 2022 included a night event at Bundarra Multipurpose Courts in April. The event incorporated live music and family-friendly entertainment to attract people from all age groups and diverse backgrounds. The project was all about community connection and wellbeing, and provided opportunities for local musicians and performers.	Completed 2022
Wagga Wagga City Council	15 MINUTE PARKING Block Party	Fitzmaurice Street, Wagga Wagga	The 15 MINUTE PARKING Block Party on Fitzmaurice Street in Wagga Wagga was a one-off live music project in April. It featured live performances by a mix of musical genres and local and touring acts, bringing vibrancy to the community, who came together to celebrate Wagga Wagga’s identity and character.	Completed 2022

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Walgett Shire Council	Walgett Shire Council Fun Summer Night Program	Fox Street, Walgett	The Walgett Shire Council Fun Summer Night Program was a series of twelve events including movie nights, discos, life skills workshops, pool days and games nights. Each event provided free meals, music, service promotions, games and activities and strengthened partnerships with local businesses, artists, and service providers.	Completed 2022
Warrumbungle Shire Council	Light the Night Markets	John Street, Coonabarabran	Light the Night Markets across Warrumbungle Shire provided the community with local markets, along with movie nights, meal deal events and a professional light-up of the iconic Baradine Memorial Hall over two nights. The project supported local businesses and encouraged local artistic performances.	Completed 2022
Weddin Shire Council	Light Up The Night	Main Street, Grenfell	Light Up The Night in Main Street, Grenfell, was a one-week art installation. It included a contemporary light projection designed to encourage people to interact with and dwell in Main Street. It brought sound, light, movement, and colour back to the retail centre.	Completed 2022
Wingecarribee Shire Council	Hello 'good night'	Elizabeth Street, Moss Vale	Hello 'Good Night' delivered two events in Mittagong and Bowral which activated outdoor spaces to form a commercial corridor of the Southern Highlands. In Bowral, Corbett Plaza was closed between Bong Bong Street and Lamond Lane with Business Southern Highlands encouraging local businesses to stay open later, providing an evening offering. Diners enjoyed eating outdoors while being entertained with live performances organised by SH Jazz. In Mittagong, Ward Lane was closed between the Old Hume Highway and Regents Lane. Adjoining cafes were encouraged to open into the evening and provided a unique festival menu. The art gallery provided after hours art activities in the evening including artist talks. Young people were attracted to visit both events with subsidised food and beverages.	Completed 2022
Wollongong City Council	Three Summer Events	Bong Bong Road, Dapto	The Three Summer Events program delivered events for communities in Dapto in the Wollongong Local Government Area. Wollongong Council partnered with Northern Illawarra, Corrimal, and Dapto Chambers of Commerce to deliver activations including movie nights, night markets and family friendly activities. The events supported local businesses, providing local food offerings and entertainment for the community.	Completed 2022

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Greater Sydney				
Bayside Council	Light Up Bayside	Princes Highway, Rockdale	Light Up Bayside lit up Rockdale Town Hall over the summer. It was designed to welcome people back to Rockdale town centre following the COVID-19 pandemic and to showcase the broader Bayside Local Government Area as a vibrant, community-focused place.	Completed 2021
Blacktown City Council	Our Kids Place	Patrick and Main Street, Blacktown	Our Kids Place was a pop-up park in Patrick Street, Blacktown. Over the Summer holidays, kids from across Blacktown enjoyed free live performances, workshops, storytelling, and fun activities. The project supported employment for local artists and creative workers.	Completed 2021
Blue Mountains City Council	Mid Mountains Mingle	Staples Crescent, Lawson	The Mid Mountains Mingle took place around Staples Crescent, Lawson in the Blue Mountains. This family-friendly event showcased new and established Blue Mountains artists. It featured a drumming group and creative workshops.	Completed 2021
Burwood Council	Unity Place Activation	Burwood Road, Burwood	Unity Place is a new public space in the heart of Burwood on Burwood Road. Renamed in 2021, Unity Place was celebrated and enjoyed by the community with activations including food trucks, roaming performers, outdoor movies, cultural performers, and a lighting installation.	Completed 2021
Camden Council	#CamdenLive	Argyle Street and surrounding streets, Camden	#CamdenLive explored new cultural experiences and showcased local visual artists and musicians in the streets and outside retail spaces and businesses in the main street of Argyle Street in Camden Town Centre. Fifty-two activations were held over two months.	Completed 2021
Campbelltown City Council	Kids On Q	Queen Street, Campbelltown	Kids on Q was a free activation for kids during the summer school holidays. Lithgow Street Mall in Campbelltown's city centre was transformed into a creative kid's hub as parents enjoyed the broader On Q project. Four outdoor activations included creative workshops hosted by Western Sydney artists, sensory play activities and water play-based activities.	Completed 2021
City of Canada Bay Council	Dumpling DJ Nights	Rider Boulevard, Rhodes	The Dumpling DJ Nights was a six-week outdoor evening activation series in Union Square, Rhodes. This is the central transport spine of Rhodes, connecting people between the rail station, cafes, restaurants, offices, and shops, and became a social meeting place while also supporting local businesses.	Completed 2021
City of Canterbury Bankstown	Lunar New Year Campsie Noodle markets	Amy Street, Campsie	Anzac Street Mall in Campsie came alive for the 2021 Lunar New Year celebrations. The Year of the Ox was brought in with colourful décor, lanterns, food stalls, a Lion Dance, firecrackers, roving and acoustic performers during an early evening in February.	Completed 2021

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City of Parramatta	Phillip Lane Outdoor Dining Project	Church Street, Parramatta	The outdoor dining project in Phillip Lane in Parramatta's city centre came to life through summer evenings, with live music events designed in conjunction with local businesses including John Belvedere, Lone Star and Bondi Pizza, and artists, Dan Spillane, Zapfish, Muma Megs, Amy Chase, Natalie Conway, and Lady Lauryn.	Completed 2021
City of Ryde	Neon Nights	Anthony Road and surrounding streets, West Ryde	Neon Nights in West Ryde Plaza was a pop-up activation including neon putt-putt, LED hula hooping, LED dancers, LED backdrops and dessert options. Residents found it easy to extend their time within the town centre and have some fun together before or after dinner at one of their local West Ryde restaurants.	Completed 2021
City of Sydney	City Art Public Art Tours and Workshops	George Street and surrounding streets, Sydney	This project allowed the community to discover Sydney CBD through different eyes, with free artist-led tours in George Street, Darling Square and Redfern. Participants created models for their own public artwork, following a short tour of artworks in public areas.	Completed 2021
Cumberland City Council	Arty Party	South Street, Granville	The Arty Party celebrated Granville's new art space, Granville Centre Art Gallery. This late-night event offered people an action-packed night of live music, emerging designer markets, breakdance beatboxing, creative arts workshops, and good company.	Completed 2021
Fairfield City Council	Cabramatta Lunar New Year 2021 Year of the Ox	John Street, Park Road, Arthur Street, Cabramatta	Cabramatta saw in the 2021 Lunar New Year -the Year of the Ox -in Freedom Plaza and on surrounding streets. The streets were brought to life with new décor, vibrancy and a Snap and Win campaign ran with cash prizes. An Instagram-worthy activation was held in Freedom Plaza where the God of Fortune handed out lucky candy.	Completed 2021
Georges River Council	In Good Taste - Outdoor Cinema	Kyle Parade, Connells Point	In Good Taste - Outdoor Cinema was held as part of council's Good Taste month. This free community event enticed people to enjoy a picnic overlooking the serene Donnelly Park, Connells Point, followed by the film 'Chef'. The event also featured local food trucks.	Completed 2021
Hawkesbury City Council	An Easter Egg-sperience in our Town Centres	March Street and Windsor Street, Richmond George Street, Windsor George Street, South Windsor	The Easter Egg-sperience ran over three local town centres in the Hawkesbury City Local Government Area. South Windsor, Windsor and Richmond were brought to life with roaming entertainment, live music, chalk art and Easter activities throughout the main streets during the Easter school holidays.	Completed 2021
Hills Shire Council	Australia Day Vibes	Old Northern Road, Glenorie Old Northern Road, Baulkham Hills Old Northern Road, Castle Hill Heritage Park Road, Castle Hill Norwest Boulevard, Norwest	The Hills Shire came alive with music and art through Australia Day Vibes, a collection of forty-two local artists staging twenty-nine performances in Castle Towers, Heritage Park, Norwest Lake, Glenorie Bakery and Grove Square (Stockland Mall) in Baulkham Hills in January.	Completed 2021

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Hornsby Shire Council	Food Truck Fridays	Berowra Waters Road, Berowra	Food Truck Fridays brought the whole community together. Held on Berowra Waters Road in Berowra, the events included a range of Sydney's best food trucks, fabulous live music, and a COVID-safe environment to farewell Summer.	Completed 2021
Hunters Hill Council	Magic on Massey	Flagstaff Street, Gladesville	Gladesville's Massey Lane came alive during a three-week festival. The quiet laneway was activated with colourful 'love birds' canopy art, lights, planting, and casual seating. Visitors also enjoyed art installations and live performances.	Completed 2021
Inner West Council	Light Up the Town Halls	Darling Street, Balmain	Light Up the Town Halls was a lighting project that was part of Inner West Fest – Baludarri. Council invited a local Aboriginal mob to collaboratively work on the project, which included a strong storytelling element.	Completed 2021
Ku-ring-gai Council	Enliven Ku-ring-gai	St John's Avenue, Gordon Bobbin Head Road, North Turramurra Philip Mall West, Pymble Hughes Place, East Lindfield	Enliven Ku-ring-gai brought evening entertainment, music, and food to the Ku-ring-gai suburbs of Gordon, North Turramurra, West Pymble, and Lindfield. These pop-up live street events included music, kids' entertainment, and roving performers. As people wandered through these enriched local areas they were surprised and delighted by local artists, while seeing friends and family, and enjoying the atmosphere.	Completed 2021
Lane Cove Council	Public Art Activation	Burns Bay Road, Lane Cove	Two temporary public art pieces popped up in Lane Cove village around Burns Bay Road. The pieces - 'Love Birds in the Plaza' and 'Plasma at The Canopy' were immersive and helped to bring Lane Cove to life.	Completed 2021
Liverpool City Council	Liverpool Art and Play Trail	Macquarie Street, Liverpool	Liverpool Art and Play Trail celebrated the Liverpool community's unique character and vibrant creative culture. People could explore art in the city centre at their leisure and discover the city's offerings, from the existing street art to temporary interactive art installations and two new murals.	Completed 2021
Mosman Council	Mosman Seaside Scavenge	The Esplanade, Mosman	The Mosman Seaside Scavenge was a beach clean-up event suitable for people of all ages. The public rolled up their sleeves to collect litter from Balmoral Beach and used the litter as the currency in a pop-up market to purchase pre-loved clothes and goods donated by the community. People enjoyed performances from local musicians and talks hosted by local community groups such as the Women of Water.	Completed 2021
Northern Beaches Council	World Food Markets and Food Truck Party	Mona Vale Road, Mona Vale	Mona Vale came alive with World Food Markets and a Food Truck Party hosted at Winnererremy Bay. Visitors enjoyed a selection of food trucks while listening to live music and relaxing on their picnic rugs with friends and family.	Completed 2021
Penrith City Council	Penrith Producers	High Street, Penrith	High Street Penrith was brought to life with a free outdoor licensed evening event for the community to eat, drink and enjoy live entertainment through the Penrith Producers event. The popular Western Sydney band Mt Trio performed during the four-hour program while local traders provided culinary delights in a market style atmosphere with festoon lighting.	Completed 2021

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Randwick City Council	Community Art and Performance at La Perouse Museum	Anzac Parade, Randwick	The community art and performance at La Perouse Museum engaged an Aboriginal artist to incorporate children's designs into temporary log seating as part of an Aboriginal storytelling, didgeridoo playing and fire-pit. Where practical, children and their families assisted in the painting with the community artist.	Completed 2021
Strathfield Council	Lunar New Year 2021	Underwood Road, Homebush	Lunar New Year celebrations in Homebush West in 2021 brought people safely back into open space to enjoy several traditional Lunar New Year activities around Underwood Road.	Completed 2021
Sutherland Shire Council	Autumn School Holiday Activations	Gymea Bay Road, Gymea Jannali Avenue, Jannali Old Princes Highway, Engadine Menai Road, Menai Cronulla Street, Cronulla Duncomb Place, Menai	Events on high streets in five town centres – Gymea, Jannali, Engadine, Menai, and Cronulla – welcomed kids to come and meet their favourite farm animal, decorate cupcakes, discover incredible sea life, and interact with the existing world of mini beasts during the Autumn school holidays.	Completed 2021
Waverley Council	Harmony Day in the Mall	Oxford Street, Bondi Junction	Harmony Day in the Mall was a joint event organised by Waverley Council and the Sydney Improvised Music Association to celebrate Harmony Day with a free concert in Oxford Street Mall, Bondi Junction.	Completed 2021
Willoughby City Council	Friday Afternoons at The Concourse	Victoria Avenue, Chatswood	Friday Afternoons at The Concourse featured breakout musicians from the Willoughby Symphony Orchestra joined by other Sydney musical acts.	Completed 2021
Wollondilly Shire Council	Summer Live and Local in the Dilly	Regreme Road, Wollondilly	Summer Live and Local in the Dilly included an Eat Street and Outdoor Movie evening in the Botanic Gardens. The event encouraged residents to reconnect while enjoying a range of local food trucks and local providers and producers while watching a new release film.	Completed 2021
Woollahra Municipal Council	A Rose Bay Evening and Go Slow Trail Gap Park Watsons Bay	New South Head Road, Woollahra	Rose Bay Evening celebrated the local village of Rose Bay. Retailers and restaurants hosted events with exclusive offerings alongside a Council-hosted picnic in Panerong Reserve for people to dine under the stars and enjoy live entertainment. The Go Slow Trail at Gap Park, Watsons Bay welcomed people to come out and enjoy the natural environment.	Completed 2021
Regional NSW				
Albury City Council	Cinema in the Square	Dean Street, Albury	Cinema in the Square was an evening of entertainment, celebrating the end of summer with a fun night for the whole family in QEII Square in Albury. The event featured an outdoor screening of the comedy adventure film, 'Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle', as well as live entertainment before the screening. Cinema in the Square also provided opportunities for local vendors.	Completed 2021

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Bathurst Regional Council	Musicians in the Park	Kings Parade and surrounding streets, Bathurst	Musicians in the Park aimed to activate public spaces and get people out and about to support local cafes. Musicians played on Kings Parade in the centre of Bathurst on various days throughout the week, with a focus on Friday and Saturday performances. An outdoor cinema event during the Bathurst Cycling Classic gave people a reason to remain in the centre on the Saturday night of the event.	Completed 2021
Bega Valley Shire Council	Ephemeral Festival and The Candelo Festival	William Street Candelo and Princes Highway, Pambula	Ephemeral Festival was a one-day festival to celebrate the landscape of Panboola wetlands and the art and creativity that will be at their heart. Candelo Festival celebrated the bustling village of Candelo and its thriving arts scene and rural community.	Completed 2021
Berrigan Shire Council	Festival of Music on Chanter	Chanter Street, Berrigan	Festival of Music on Chanter brought music and celebrations to Chanter Street, Berrigan. When not enjoying the performances of five artists from around the region, people could visit the local shops, and catering provided by local community associations including the Berrigan Men’s Shed and Berrigan Lions Club.	Completed 2021
Bland Shire Council	Bland Shire Main Street Activation	Main Street, West Wyalong	West Wyalong’s Main Street was the place to be during the school holidays, with a series of interactive family events. People could get involved in workshops, some mini golf fun or obstacle courses.	Completed 2021
Blayney Shire Council	March Music Month	Belubula Street, Carcoar	March Music Month was jointly arranged between Blayney and Cabonne councils. Locals and visitors came together on a weekend afternoon and support local musical artists in a relaxed, casual setting. People were encouraged to bring along a picnic while enjoying time with family and friends.	Completed 2021
Bourke Shire Council	“Get out –Outback”- Bourke Easter Festival -Back in the Outback	Oxley Street and surrounding streets, Bourke	In three locations across Bourke –at Oxley, Mitchell, and Sturt streets –people were encouraged to ‘Get Out, Outback’ during the Easter school holidays. The festival included a colour fun run, Back O Bourke Picnic Races, entertainment, a street parade, and community-run activities.	Completed 2021
Cabonne Council	Cabonne March Music Month	Hill Street, Molong	Cabonne March Music Month enlivened public spaces and created opportunities to revitalise the local economy following the COVID-19 pandemic. Two outdoor live music events in Molong and Cudal featured mobile food and drinks vendors, allowing people to relax, eat, drink, and gather while enjoying the performances.	Completed 2021
Central Coast Council	Bright Nights @ The Entrance	The Entrance Road, The Entrance	Bright Nights @ The Entrance was a free creative lighting display that attracted people to come and enjoy the town centre at night. As well as bringing activity, the event was a celebration of the coast’s lifestyle, and helped support local businesses.	Completed 2021

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Cessnock City Council	Lunchtime Specials	Vincent Street, Cessnock	Cessnock’s Lunchtime Specials was a program of live music in Cessnock city centre. Events included A Morning of Brass at Cessnock Performing Arts Centre, with a special performance by Maitland City Brass and a history presentation about the brass bands, orchestras, and choirs from the early coalfields of Cessnock. This was followed by a screening of the feature film, ‘Brassed Off’. Another event was the exhibition of artworks about love, created by young and old in community workshops, displayed at Cessnock Library.	Completed 2021
City of Newcastle	New Annual Art Markets	King Street and surrounding streets, Newcastle	New Annual was the City of Newcastle’s inaugural ten-day arts festival where artists shared music, dance, contemporary performance, and visual art in a celebration of creativity across three city locations. Along with art markets, the event included a curated program of roving performers, independent local music acts and art installations at Civic Park.	Completed 2021
Clarence Valley Council	Little Bits of Magic: Art, Performance, Creativity	Pound Street and surrounding streets, Grafton	Little Bits of Magic: Art, Performance, Creativity was a festival of creativity at the centre of Grafton. Across several locations, local artists presented creative workshops, live music, and bespoke street-theatre performances.	Completed 2021
Coffs Harbour City Council	Bale Out!	Earl Street and Harbour Drive, Coffs Harbour	Bale Out! featured live music events at Earl Street and Harbour Drive on the edges of Coffs Harbour. Using the concept of a performance on the back of a hay bale truck, the event brought music to new communities, and each offered its own unique flavour.	Completed 2021
Coonamble Shire Council	Coonamble Evening Festival	Castlereagh Street, Coonamble	Coonamble Evening Festival was held on Castlereagh Street, Coonamble, transforming the space into a pedestrian mall with outdoor markets run by local stallholders and a variety of street entertainment.	Completed 2021
Cootamundra Gundagai Regional Council	Summer Fun Day	Adams Street and Bourke Street, Cootamundra	The Summer Fun Day at Cootamundra and Gundagai included pool parties and youth-inspired activities such as a silent disco. People could find events and fun at local pools, parks, green spaces, and community centres.	Completed 2021
Cowra Shire Council	Cowra Cinema Comes Back	Darling Street, Cowra	Cowra Cinema Comes Back celebrated the new cinema facilities at Cowra civic centre, the major public performing arts facility for the region. The opening featured a series of films for locals to enjoy for free during the summer.	Completed 2021
Dubbo Regional Council	The Great Easter Chase	Macquarie Street, Dubbo	The Great Easter Chase encouraged visitors and residents to download the Dubbo Region Discovery App and explore the centre of Dubbo, using the map and their phone camera to find virtual Easter Bunnies in key locations. The Great Easter Chase was based on augmented reality technology.	Completed 2021
Dungog Shire Council	Creative Art Space Experiences	Dowling Street, Dungog Duke Street, Paterson Durham Street, Clarence	Small creative hubs throughout Dungog Shire villages – Dungog, Paterson, and Clarence – saw people of all ages come along to paint, draw, explore, read, relax, and create. These free to enjoy creative hubs included traditional art, creative artists, performers, authors, and family activities.	Completed 2021

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Edward River Council	J-Milla Free Live Concert	George Street, Deniliquin	Hip hop artist J-Milla performed a free lunchtime concert and workshop with local Deniliquin High School students, then returned for a free outdoor concert on Friday evening in Deniliquin's new outdoor amphitheatre in George Street.	Completed 2021
Eurobodalla Shire Council	Regeneration	Princes Highway, Narooma	Regeneration was a creative project driven by local performers at the heart of Narooma. The project included an immersive performance that encouraged people to explore Narooma's public spaces guided by personal stories.	Completed 2021
Gilgandra Shire Council	A Night Under the Gums!	Miller Street, Gilgandra	A Night Under the Gums! was held on the banks of the Castlereagh River behind Miller Street, Gilgandra, incorporated light displays to enhance the beautiful natural surrounds along with the sounds of live music and pop-up food and bar stalls.	Completed 2021
Glen Innes Severn Council	Walk of Light	Grey and Bourke Street, Glen Innes	The Walk of Light was a pop-up lighting event to bring visitors out to explore an unforgettable lighting and storytelling experience in the picturesque Glen Innes Anzac Parklands. People who came along also enjoyed live music, twilight Pilates and an easter egg hunt.	Completed 2021
Goulburn Mulwaree Council	The Festival of Place -Goulburn	Bourke Street and Braidwood Round, Goulburn	Goulburn's Festival of Place featured a series of live music sessions from popular artists, and free activities and workshops throughout the day including yoga, karate, Free G, drumming, circus, and art.	Completed 2021
Griffith City Council	Griffith Easter Party	Banna Avenue, Griffith	Griffith Easter Party included a Sidewalk Sale at the heart of Banna Avenue. Visitors and locals enjoyed a roster of performers, local entertainment, and activities, bringing an exciting atmosphere and family fun in the centre of Griffith.	Completed 2021
Gunnedah Shire Council	Gunnedah Autumn Market Day	Conadilly Street, Gunnedah	Two Rivers Arts Council and Gunnedah Shire Council worked together to celebrate the vibrant and diverse community at the Gunnedah's Autumn Markets as part of Harmony Day celebrations in March. The event also included international food stalls and inputs from local community and sporting groups.	Completed 2021
Gwydir Shire Council	Living the Gwydir Good Life -Grazing on the Gwydir	Maitland Street, Bingara	Grazing on the Gwydir was a celebration of the wonderful life people enjoy across Gwydir Shire. Held on Maitland Street, Bingara, the event was a festival of food, stalls, entertainment, and fun.	Completed 2021
Hay Shire Council	Haylumminate	Lachlan Street, Hay	Witcombe Place in Hay came alive with a bespoke illumination artwork through the Haylumminate project. This night-time event also featured night markets over two nights, where locals and visitors enjoyed looking over the creative goods from local makers and creators.	Completed 2021
Hilltops Council	Young Street Party	Boorowa Street, Young	The Young Street Party transformed Boorowa Street. It included a silent disco, M&M's busking competition, lots of fun with balloon twisting, giant games, a caricaturist, and a circus performer doing hula-hooping acts and interactive sessions.	Completed 2021
Junee Shire Council	Broadway Sessions	Broadway, Junee	Broadway Sessions in Junee featured a music street party and movie event that showcased local music and creative talent while also inviting the local community to come together to celebrate and spend time together.	Completed 2021

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Kempsey Shire Council	Creating Place Through Culture	Livingstone Street, South West Rocks	Creating Place Through Culture consisted of markets and workshops in the warmer months of February and March at the Gladstone Quality Market, South West Rocks, Kempsey and Stuarts Point.	Completed 2021
Kiama Municipal Council	The Big Get Together -The Festival of Place	Shoalhaven Street, Kiama	The Big Get Together on Black Beach Foreshore in Kiama was an action-packed evening of stalls, food trucks, live tunes, a vintage car show and community art. The event concluded with a film under the stars.	Completed 2021
Lachlan Shire Council	Twilight Cinema	Bathurst Street, Condobolin	Twilight Cinema brought activity and fun to Renown Park on Bathurst Street, Condobolin. All the family came along on a Friday night in March to enjoy the film, ‘Sonic the Hedgehog’.	Completed 2021
Leeton Shire Council	Brunch with the Bard -Henry V Community Launch	Leeton Plaza, Leeton	Brunch with the Bard -Henry V was the community launch of ‘Henry V’, a community theatre production at the Roxy Theatre Leeton. This free, family-friendly live event saw the actors in character among the crowd speaking Shakespearean English and performing scenes from the play.	Completed 2021
Lismore City Council	Lismore Art Activations	Magellan Street, Lismore	Lismore’s cultural precinct came alive with partnership-based creative events. The Defiant Youth exhibition celebrated art and music from the young people of the Northern Rivers. Several workshops and programs were held, including a street art workshop by local artist Erica Gully, school holiday programs by Sydney Puppet Theatre and a lantern making workshop by LightnUp Inc. Youth Week 2021 featured creative workshops, musical performances and a Rainbow Youth Collective gallery residency and art showcase.	Completed 2021
Lithgow City Council	Pioneer Park Discovery Day presents Pioneer Pictures	Main Street, Lithgow	Pioneer Pictures was a street cinema that activated Lithgow’s Main Street and invited people to discover recent improvements to Pioneer Square. It featured Easter celebrations including market stalls and family-friendly activities.	Completed 2021
Liverpool Plains Shire Council	Liverpool Plains Military Tattoo + International Women’s Day	Henry Street and George Street, Quirindi	A combined Liverpool Plains Military Tattoo and International Women’s Day event gave the local Quirindi community a range of choices – from the performance at Longfield Park to the Women’s Day event at the Royal Theatre.	Completed 2021
Maitland City Council	Neon Nights at Maitland Regional Art Gallery and Maitland Library	High Street, Central Maitland	Neon Nights at Maitland Regional Art Gallery and Maitland Library included performative lighting projections as well as live music and roving entertainment, engaging local artists and creatives.	Completed 2021

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Mid-Coast Council	Mid Coast Bustles	Beach Street, Harrington Isabella Street, Wingham Clarkson Street, Nabiac Tuloa Avenue, Hawks Nest Marine Drive, Tea Gardens Cowper Street, Stroud Macquarie Street, Taree Breese Parade, Forster	The Mid Coast Bustles was a series of free live music events, where high-class local performers took the stage in Nabaic, Wingham, Stroud, Harrington, Tea Gardens and Hawks Nest. Taree and Forster libraries also hosted creative workshops for kids with local authors and illustrators.	Completed 2021
Moree Plains Shire Council	BAMM Autumn Art Series	Frome Street, Moree	The BAMM Autumn Art Series brought Moree's town centre to life over two weekends in the school holidays. An exciting joint initiative between Council and the Bank Art Museum Moree showcased –and helped to build –local creative skills and talents, with young and old from across the community getting involved.	Completed 2021
Murray River Council	A Sunday Session @ Moama Soundshell	Meninya Street, Moama	A Sunday Session @ Moama Soundshell invited the community to bring a picnic rug and wander down to the Soundshell for a relaxing afternoon of live and local music along with kids' activities, a bar and food stalls.	Completed 2021
Murrumbidgee Council	Artist Talk Jerilderie	Main Street, Murrumbidgee	This Artist Talk at Jerilderie featured Anthea Da Silva, the winner of The Darling Prize 2020. Anthea spoke about her journey in winning the national prize and provided guidance and a workshop in Jerilderie. National Portrait Gallery Exhibitions Curator, Penny Grist came to be part of the presentation and discussion on portrait paintings.	Completed 2021
Muswellbrook Shire Council	Muswellbrook Art Hunt	Bridge Street, Muswellbrook	Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre hosted the Muswellbrook Art Hunt -a free, fun, self-guided walking tour of ten public art and culture sites around Bridge Street in the centre of Muswellbrook. Held during the Autumn school holidays, the Art Hunt was a digital treasure hunt for the whole family to enjoy.	Completed 2021
Narrabri Shire Council	Narrabri Shire CREATE Activation	Maitland Street, Narrabri	Narrabri Shire Council's CREATE activation was an arts and culture event that invited people to enjoy lighting projects and displays in the centre of Narrabri and along the front façade of the Crossing Theatre.	Completed 2021
Narrandera Shire Council	Sunset Cinema	East Street and surrounding streets, Narrandera	Narrandera hosted a free open-air Sunset Cinema event with family-friendly movies and activities. Local businesses provided food packages for a picnic-style dinner, allowing residents and visitors to come together and support the local economy.	Completed 2021
Orange City Council	Orange Future Flix	Summer Street, Orange	Orange Future Flix was an outdoor community event showing a well-loved film suitable for everyone, 'E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial'. People of all ages gathered to watch this classic film in Robertson Park in Orange city centre.	Completed 2021

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Parkes Shire Council	Foxy in the Park	Clarinda Street, Parkes	Foxy in the Park was a free community concert in Cooke Park, Parkes. The concert featured a local band and Foxy Cleopatra performing live on a temporary stage. People could also enjoy food from local eateries and entertainment for all ages.	Completed 2021
Port Macquarie-Hastings Council	Port Macquarie Town Square Market	Horton Street, Port Macquarie	Two pop-up Town Square Markets in the centre of Port Macquarie provided an opportunity for stallholders to test new business ideas, develop an understanding of the retail landscape, and develop business cases for leasing retail premises.	Completed 2021
Port Stephens Council	Endless Summer Program	Newline Road, Raymond Terrace	The Endless Summer Program at Raymond Terrace made the Shoal Bay foreshore the place to be on a Saturday evening. People enjoyed music and activities and could relax or dine out in new parklets and the park.	Completed 2021
Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council	Araluen Market and Music Day	Araluen Road, Araluen	All the residents of the town of Araluen were invited to come together over dinner as part of the Araluen Market and Music Day. Accompanying music included a busking competition and bands. People also enjoyed markets, stalls, and kids' entertainment.	Completed 2021
Shoalhaven City Council	Nowra at Night	Junction Street, Nowra	Nowra at Night was an inter-generational celebration of community food and music, enjoyed by all ages to celebrate inclusion and diversity in the centre of Nowra.	Completed 2021
Snowy Monaro Regional Council	Jindabyne Lakeside Scavenge	Snowy River Avenue, Jindabyne	Jindabyne Lakeside Scavenge was a waterway clean-up event. The public rolled up their sleeves to collect litter from Lake Jindabyne and used the litter as the currency in a pop-up market to purchase pre-loved clothes and goods donated by the community. The festival-style event included live music, informative talks and stalls hosted by local community groups working in waste reduction and environmental conservation, such as Sustainable Snowies.	Completed 2021
Snowy Valleys Council	Snowy Valleys Activation	Mitchell Street, Khancoban	Activations across the Snowy Valleys Local Government Area included live performances, temporary art displays and plenty of stalls from locally sourced food and beverage providers. To kickstart the return of visitors and resume use of these local spaces, people were encouraged to visit, stay and spend time together.	Completed 2021
Tamworth Regional Council	Australia Day Concert	Kable Avenue, Tamworth	Tamworth's Australia Day Concert was held in Bicentennial Park, located within the town centre. The event included local food vendors/ stalls, a Welcome to Country ceremony, live entertainment and fireworks.	Completed 2021
Temora Shire Council	NSW Festival of Place - Temora Creative Expo 27 March -18 April 2021	Junee Road and surrounding streets, Temora	Temora Creative Expo featured several creative workshops and activities in public spaces around Temora. All workshops were facilitated by local and regional artists and creatives, with opportunities to register for ongoing workshops throughout the year.	Completed 2021
Upper Hunter Shire Council	Christmas on Kelly	Kelly Street, Scone	Scone town centre was infused with the Christmas spirit for an evening of shopping, eating and entertainment. Local shops dressed up, street food and markets were available and roving performers brightened the street.	Completed 2020

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Upper Lachlan Shire Council	Crookwell School Holidays Activation	Goulburn Street, Crookwell	Goulburn Street in Crookwell was the best place for kids to be during the busy April school holidays due to their holiday activation program. The program featured an open-air cinema, arts workshop, cultural shows, live entertainment, games, competitions and more.	Completed 2021
Wagga Wagga City Council	33.3 RPM Live	Baylis Street, Wagga Wagga	33.3 RPM Live welcomed people to turn back time and pretend it was the 1970s over one weekend at Wollundry Lagoon Amphitheatre in Wagga Wagga. The event featured open-air singing along to classic 70s tunes and people were invited to “dig out your old satin shirts and bell-bottom jeans, spruce up your mullet and brace your ankles to wear those three-inch platform shoes”.	Completed 2021
Walcha Council	1st Annual Walcha Swap Meet	Fitzroy Street, Walcha	The first annual Walcha Swap Meet gave people from the local community and surrounding areas the opportunity to meet up and trade or sell their second-hand objects. The event also featured live music, food vendors, and kids’ activities in this unique setting.	Completed 2021
Walgett Shire Council	Walgett Shire’s: SPIRIT OF PLACES FESTIVAL 2021	Shire Fox Street, Walgett Opal Street, Lightning Ridge Walgett Street, Collarenebri	The Spirit of Places Festival 2021 kept the local communities of Walgett, Lightning Ride and Collarenebri cool over the summer with events at local pools and community parks that featured music, fun activities, and BBQs.	Completed 2021
Warrumbungle Shire Council	Drive In Movie Nights	Goddard St, Coolah	Drive In Movie Nights at Coonabarabran and Coolah were held during school holidays and offered a way for people of all ages to come together to celebrate Youth Week.	Completed 2021
Wingecarribee Shire Council	Lunch @ Bendooley Precinct	Bendooley Street, Wingecarribee	Over five weekdays, local workers and the Bowral community were invited to bring their lunch to a redesigned space to enjoy entertainment and activity as part of the Lunch @ Bendooley Precinct Project. The activations aligned in with the 5 Ways to Wellbeing Framework - to give, get active, keep learning, take notice, and connect.	Completed 2021
Wollongong City Council	Pedal in the Park	Crown Street, Wollongong	Pedal in the Park on Crown Street, Wollongong celebrated cycling as a great way to have fun and improve wellbeing. People of all ages and abilities were encouraged to ride more often, while enjoying bicycle-themed activities, food, and entertainment.	Completed 2021

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