

# Carrington Greenspace Plan

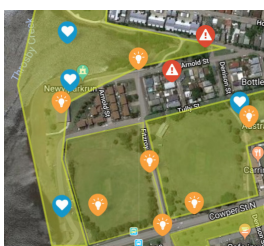
## What we've been hearing

The unique greenspaces of Carrington are loved by locals and visitors alike. We are working with you to build the long term vision and ensure it meets community and environmental needs.

We have started the process by talking with you, the community experts, and here's a snapshot of what we've been up to so far and where we go from here.



**Online Survey**



**Online Mapping**



**2 x Community Design Workshops**



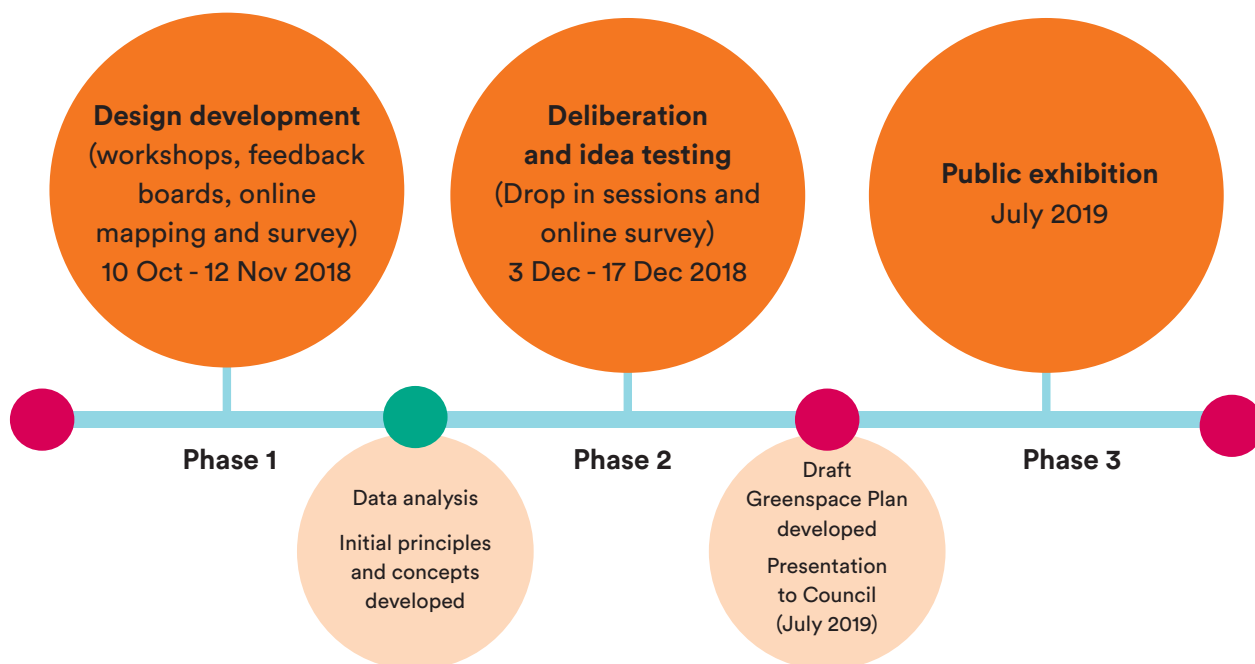
**Onsite Engagement Boards**



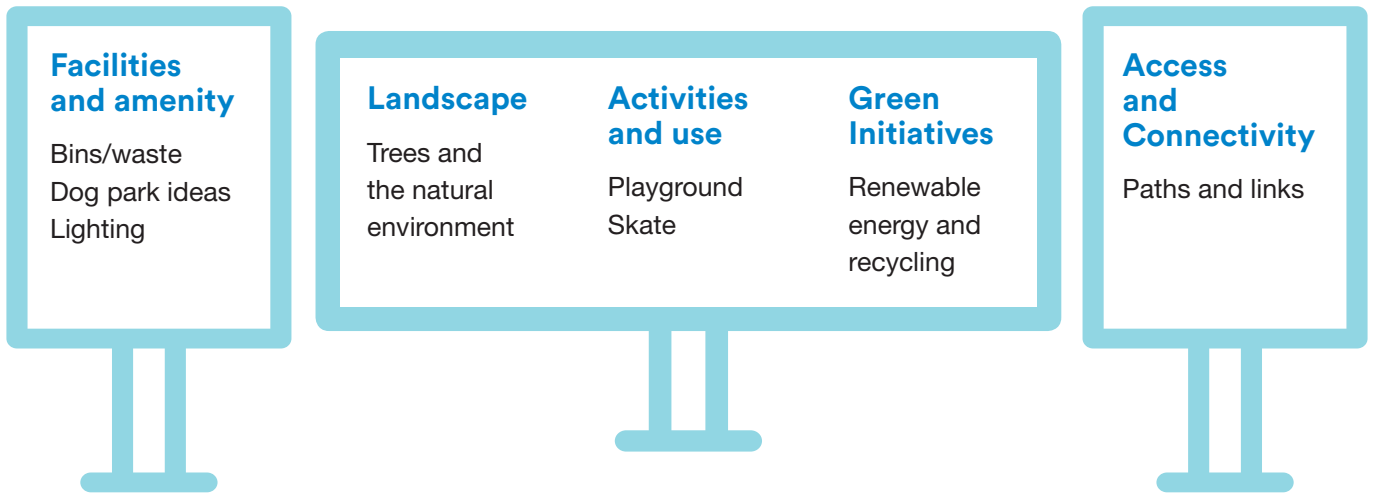
**Stakeholder Meetings**



## Project timeline



# Top things people wrote about on our boards



# Top comments pinned on our online map



# Online survey top results

**59%** use the Carrington greenspace almost every day

**Nearly everyone used the Foreshore greenspace (92%)**

## How do people use the spaces?



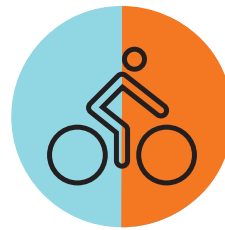
**61%**

exercise and training



**53%**

walking



**51%**

cycling

## Top priority areas for the plan



**53%**

amenities  
(e.g. toilets,  
lighting, seating)



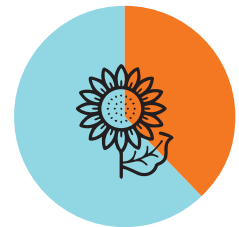
**47%**

protecting and  
enhancing the  
natural environment



**39%**

linking and  
protecting pathways  
between sites



**37%**

landscaping

“Factor in emergency management systems in storm events and tourism functions such as dinners on the bridge”

“Include shade cover please for sun protection”

“Please preserve and prioritise our natural environment”

# Community design workshop

A great mix of community experts came together to do a deep dive into the Greenspaces of Carrington. Activities focussed on big picture issues and also looked at the individual greenspace areas.

## Participants thought a greenspace plan should include

Activity and Use	Access and Links
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>allow for lots of different uses, helping us co-exist</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>improved connectivity and accessibility around, and into, Carrington</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>address impacts of population growth in neighbouring areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>improved bike and pedestrian options</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>identify places where people can come together and meet, celebrate and learn</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>car parking</li> </ul>
Culture and History	Landscape
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>maintain Carrington's character</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>include wildlife habitat and ecological connection</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>celebrate local stories</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>secure usable open space</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>incorporate cultural e.g. art and interpretation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>improved disability access and links.</li> </ul>
Other	Facilities and Amenity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>outline a co-ordinated approach that works with other agencies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>plan for on water and other sporting facilities</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>provide a framework for funding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>secure usable open space</li> </ul>

## We also looked at the assets (what we love) and challenges in Carrington - here's what they said

Assets	Challenges
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>active use of waterways and foreshore</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>population growth - from neighbouring suburbs</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>aboriginal cultural connection</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>multiple agencies working together and having a coordinated approach</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>sense of community - intimate, village feel and contained cultural entity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>maintenance - keeping it clean</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>open space and habitats</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>public transport</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>historical aspects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>flooding and drainage</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>connectivity and great for cycling</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>lighting</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>people's stories</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>connections between spaces</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>no high rises</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>preserving habitat and tree management</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>encouraging more artwork and creating different themes</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>opportunities for young people</li> </ul>

## Great ideas from the group work

### Foreshore

- sculpture trail
- native replanting
- multi-purpose cultural and youth meeting space for education and activities

### Sporting precinct

(Pat Jordan and Connolly Park)

- permanent building near foreshore - expanding existing facilities for sporting clubs
- connecting bike path from Cowper Street, linking up with foreshore path
- lighting to increase safety

### Pocket Parks West

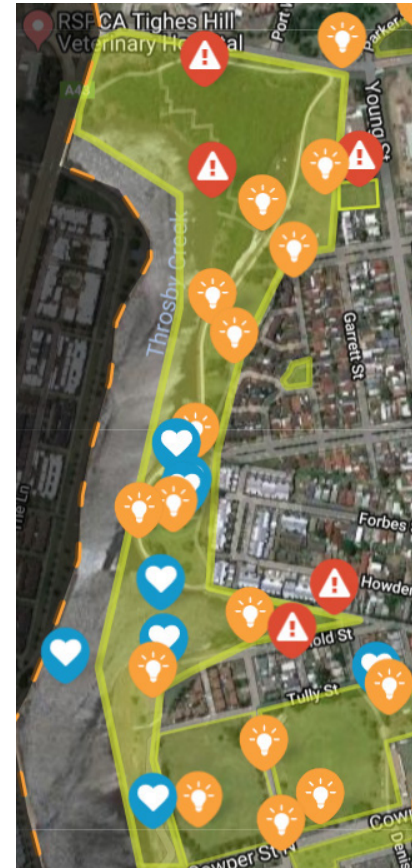
(Parker Street Reserve, Young Street Reserve, Grahame Park, Hollingsford)

- better entrance and pathway at Young Street reserve
- passive safety to be considered and Hollingsford Reserve
- Grahame Park needs water and seating options

### Pocket Parks East

(Jubilee Park, Cowper Street reserve, Coe Park)

- Cowper Street Reserve as a gateway from the city and the port
- improve connectivity for pedestrians
- upgrade Jubilee Park to bring it in to line with Young Street upgrades



## Emerging themes and opportunities

<b>Green strategies</b>	waste management, renewable energy and flood mitigation
<b>Landscape</b>	native planting, habitat preservation (including mangroves), celebrating the waterways
<b>Distinct spaces</b>	diversity of types/themes of space and use
<b>Connectivity</b>	active transport connections, creating gateways to Carrington, meeting spaces for community and streetscapes included as streetscapes
<b>The Carrington story</b>	public art opportunities, culture, heritage, Aboriginal culture and maintaining character
<b>Amenities</b>	lighting for safety, additional park infrastructure and sports facilities upgrades
<b>Other priorities</b>	maintenance, integration of agencies

## There's still time to get involved

We are now testing some ideas and themes and would love your input. It's time for you to tell us what is most important to you.

The concepts will be available for comment from 3 December until 17 December 2018 at [newcastle.nsw.gov.au](http://newcastle.nsw.gov.au).

We will also be holding a drop in session at the Carrington Community Centre on Saturday 15 December (10.00am - 12.30pm).

For more information call 4974 2000 or email [engage@ncc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:engage@ncc.nsw.gov.au).