



# Liveable Communities Project Overview

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# Aim of the project

To promote and create liveable communities at the local government level for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds

# Background

Funded by NSW Office for Ageing (FACS)

Find a way to get whole council thinking about an ageing population

O'Brien and Phibbs study – *Local Government and Ageing* – not thinking yet

Checklists? A better checklist?

# Checklist analysis

## Analysed several checklists

- Lots of liveability factors good for everyone
- WHO only one focused on older people
- Need specifics for older people
- These also good for everyone
- Developed a short simple list ...

# Checklists used

## **Healthy Spaces and Places**

ALGA, PIA and Heart Foundation

## **Checklist of Essential Features of Age-friendly Cities**

World Health Organisation

## **Built Form Guidelines and Open Space Guidelines**

Landcom

## **Age-friendly built environments**

Australian Local Government Association

## **Building Dementia Friendly Neighbourhoods**

Alzheimer's Australia

## **Development and Active Living**

Premier's Council on Active Living (PCAL)

# Five Features

Footpaths

Seating

Lighting

Wayfinding

Toilets

Just thinking of these  
features can help  
people focus on  
older Australians

# In the meantime...

LGSA calls for expressions of interest for councils to be part of the project.

Richmond Valley

Kyogle

Gilgandra

Great Lakes

Lake Macquarie

Lane Cove

Ryde

Waverley

Liverpool

Wingecarribee

Tumbarumba

Berrigan

# What next?

How to get local government thinking and planning for an ageing population?

If checklists are not making a difference, what will?

Create an opportunity for people to find out for themselves the importance of the issues?



# Run Workshops

Run workshops with the interested councils

- Design content to facilitate peer learning
- Get staff, councillors, community services and community members to work together and learn from each other
- Individualise workshop for each council

# Ran the workshops

Ran the workshops in March and May with:

- Ryde (first one)
- Gilgandra
- Great Lakes
- Richmond Valley/Kyogle (joint workshop)
- Berrigan
- Tumbarumba
- Wingecarribee
- Lane Cove
- Liverpool

# Formulate a resource

Report of the workshops in draft now

But what kind of resource would be useful for other councils?

A Do It Yourself workshop guide?

Something else?

# Comments

Comments on workshops from participating councils here today...

# More later...

I'll provide more information about the workshop process in a later presentation