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.

**Project timeline**

**Phase 1**
Design development (workshops, feedback boards, online mapping and survey)
10 Oct - 12 Nov 2018

**Phase 2**
Deliberation and idea testing (Drop in sessions and online survey)
3 Dec - 17 Dec 2018

**Phase 3**
Public exhibition
July 2019

Draft Greenspace Plan developed
Presentation to Council (July 2019)
Top things people wrote about on our boards

- **Facilities and amenity**
  - Bins/waste
  - Dog park ideas
  - Lighting

- **Landscape**
  - Trees and the natural environment

- **Activities and use**
  - Playground

- **Green Initiatives**
  - Renewable energy and recycling

- **Access and Connectivity**
  - Paths and links

Top comments pinned on our online map

- **Activities and uses**
  - Outdoor exercise equipment, outdoor cinema, dog park

- **Facilities and amenities**
  - Lighting

- **Access and links**
  - Pathways

- **Landscape**
  - More trees, native planting

- “The mangroves are incredibly important as part of the estuary ecosystem, shore bird and fish habitat. I would like to see a project started to manage this area better.”

- “An outdoor exercise trail”

- “This end of Cowper Street Reserve could be re-developed into a ‘Public Square’”

- “Carrington community garden!”

- “Lots more street trees to add shade, enhance the streetscapes and catch the coal dust”

- “It would be so great to add a cover and a barbeque here - Grahame Park”

- “Fenced in dog area with equipment for them to play, drinking water and poop bags”

- “My family and I love the open green spaces along the water...the kids love running up and down the hills, climbing trees etc.”
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?

- Exercise and training: 61%
- Walking: 53%
- Cycling: 51%

Top priority areas for the plan

- Amenities (e.g. toilets, lighting, seating): 53%
- Protecting and enhancing the natural environment: 47%
- Linking and protecting pathways between sites: 39%
- Landscaping: 37%

“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

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<td>• allow for lots of different uses, helping us co-exist</td>
<td>• improved connectivity and accessibility around, and into, Carrington</td>
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<td>• address impacts of population growth in neighbouring areas</td>
<td>• improved bike and pedestrian options</td>
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<td>• identify places where people can come together and meet, celebrate and learn</td>
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<td>• maintain Carrington’s character</td>
<td>• include wildlife habitat and ecological connection</td>
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<td>• celebrate local stories</td>
<td>• secure usable open space</td>
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<td>• incorporate cultural e.g. art and interpretation</td>
<td>• improved disability access and links.</td>
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<td>• outline a co-ordinated approach that works with other agencies</td>
<td>• plan for on water and other sporting facilities</td>
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<td>• provide a framework for funding</td>
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We also looked at the assets (what we love) and challenges in Carrington - here’s what they said

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<td>• active use of waterways and foreshore</td>
<td>• population growth - from neighbouring suburbs</td>
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<td>• aboriginal cultural connection</td>
<td>• multiple agencies working together and having a coordinated approach</td>
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<td>• sense of community - intimate, village feel and contained cultural entity</td>
<td>• maintenance - keeping it clean</td>
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<td>• open space and habitats</td>
<td>• public transport</td>
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<td>• historical aspects</td>
<td>• flooding and drainage</td>
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<td>• connectivity and great for cycling</td>
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<td>• people’s stories</td>
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<td>• no high rises</td>
<td>• preserving habitat and tree management</td>
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<td>• encouraging more artwork and creating different themes</td>
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<td>• opportunities for young people</td>
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Great ideas from the group work

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

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

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 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

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<td>native planting, habitat preservation (including mangroves), celebrating the waterways</td>
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<td>diversity of types/themes of space and use</td>
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<td>active transport connections, creating gateways to Carrington, meeting spaces for community and streetscapes included as streetscapes</td>
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<td>public art opportunities, culture, heritage, Aboriginal culture and maintaining character</td>
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<td>lighting for safety, additional park infrastructure and sports facilities upgrades</td>
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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.

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

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