

## POSITION DESCRIPTION

Senior Healthy Places Urban Designer  
(POS2353)

<b>Directorate:</b>	Planning and Compliance	<b>Department:</b>	City Planning / Population Health, Healthy Places
<b>Position Grade:</b>	Grade 15	<b>Reports to:</b>	Coordinator City Design and Public Domain
<b>Last review:</b>	August 2021	<b>Next review:</b>	August 2024
		<b>Version No.:</b>	2

### Position purpose:

- To lead and/or contribute to the co-design of places that achieve design excellence and lead to measurable health and wellbeing outcomes for the community.
- To embed healthy placemaking principles into the planning and infrastructure work that Council is undertaking.

### Key accountabilities/responsibilities:

Responsible for:

- Addressing the healthy design aspects of Liverpool City Council's Community Strategic Plan and Delivery Program and Operational Plan, and SWSLHD's Strategic Plan and Population Health Healthy Environments Strategy 2021 - 2026.
- Preparing Urban Design and Healthy Placemaking related policies, plans, strategies, studies, guidelines, manuals, and other strategic documents.
- Providing specialist Urban Design and Healthy Placemaking advice and recommendations on proposed public and private development within the LGA.
- Providing Urban Design expertise and advice that will shape the design of places, spaces, neighbourhoods and streets, delivering health and wellbeing outcomes across the Liverpool LGA.
- Keeping the team up to date with the latest urban research on the Covid-19 pandemic and approaches to retrofitting and rethinking public places and spaces in Liverpool LGA..
- Leading cross-agency collaboration on a range of council led initiatives that will influence improved sustainability, increased active transport and physical activity, improved social connectivity, reduced urban temperatures, and safe and liveable people-oriented places.
- Educating cross-agency peers on how to consider health in Urban Design and planning processes, to achieve better community health outcomes.
- Demonstrating how Urban Design outcomes support businesses, economic development, prosperity and increased productivity, and how these influence health outcomes.
- Ensuring Urban Design outcomes exemplify design excellence and support multidisciplinary outcomes.

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10) Work independently to coordinate Councilors, Council Executive Management team, Council staff and peers to successfully deliver an annual 'Healthy Places Design Forum' with keynote speakers and networking as a major event, sharing ideas and information on best practice health design.

11) Carrying out other duties as reasonably required by the Coordinator City Design and Public Domain and/or Manager City Planning

### Decisions made in the position:

- 1) This position will have no delegation authority.
- 2) Decisions relating to the delivery of Healthy Places Design Forum.
- 3) Decisions in relating to the graphic production of materials to portray the design intent of a project.

### Decisions referred:

All other decisions.

### Key issues/challenges:

- 1) Balancing competing demands of internal and external factors that influence urban design and public domain outcomes, focussed on improved active transport, landscape design and high-quality Healthy Streets and public places.
- 2) Achieving organisational acceptance and supporting a culture that embraces health integration, innovation, continuous improvement and excellent customer experience.
- 3) Advice, reporting and results that meet agreed requirements and deadlines in the context of a rapidly changing city
- 4) Working across two organisations with joint accountabilities and championing collaborative ways of working to solve built environment problems that contribute to poor health. (The position is nominally based at Liverpool City Council 4 days per week, and SWSLHD Population Health, Healthy Places 1 day per week)
- 5) Ensuring graphic material is as simple and effective as possible, and can be digested by a variety of audiences.

### Key working relationships:

- Coordinator City Design and Public Domain
- South West Sydney Local Health District, Healthy Places Manager and Senior Project Officer
- Senior Urban Designer
- Urban Designers
- Assistant Urban Designer
- Transport Management Team
- Strategic Planning Team
- Infrastructure Planning Department
- Infrastructure Delivery Department
- Heritage Officer
- Public Arts Officer
- Technical Administration Officer
- Community Planning Team

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## POSITION SPECIFICATION

### ESSENTIAL CRITERIA

#### Qualifications/Licences

- Tertiary qualifications in Urban Design, Landscape Architecture and/or Architecture, or in a related discipline.

#### Experience

- Experience in delivering design projects (i.e. Urban Design, Landscape Architecture, Architecture and/or Health Planning or Placemaking projects), where the focus has been related to improving health and wellbeing outcomes through design.

#### Knowledge and Skills

- Demonstrated ability to create high quality Urban Design and Public Domain outcomes in both urban and suburban environments, that deliver improved sustainability, increased active transport and physical activity, improved social connectivity, reduced urban temperatures, and safe and liveable people-orientated places.
- Knowledge of the interconnected relationship between Urban Design and public health outcomes.
- Demonstrated ability to work independently to deliver shared priorities across two teams and/or organisations.
- Demonstrated skills in healthy placemaking and/or design that lead to community health outcomes.
- Demonstrated ability to collaborate and problem solve in a multidisciplinary environment, with innovative solutions that achieve multifunctional outcomes.
- High level written, verbal, and graphic communication skills, and the ability to effectively communicate ideas and complex design issues to a range of audiences.
- Demonstrated competency in the use of AutoCAD and Adobe Suite (i.e. InDesign, Photoshop and Illustrator) software packages.
- Adaptability, time management and organisation skills, with the ability to balance competing deadlines and changing priorities, in a collaborative team environment.
- Knowledge of Work Health and Safety practices, the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity, ethical practice and multi-cultural diversity.
- Knowledge of the SWSLHD population health services and the values that drive their service delivery.

### DESIRABLE CRITERIA

#### Qualifications/Licences/Experience/Knowledge and Skills

- Competency in 3D modelling software (e.g. Sketch Up).
- Knowledge and practical application of healthy placemaking principles (e.g. the 'Healthy Streets Approach'), to built environment projects.
- Horticultural knowledge.

## **Our vision:**

**Aspiring to do great things – for ourselves,  
our community and our growing city.**

## **Our values:**

**Ambitious**

**Authentic**

**Collaborative**

**Courageous**

**Decisive**

**Generous**