

## 1000 Play Streets | Frequently Asked Questions

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### What is a Play Street?

Play Streets run for a few hours at quiet times of day.

They can be one-off events, but many communities have them on a regular day and find they become a treasured time of the week, fortnight or month.

Play Streets aren't meant to be big or complicated event, but rather a low key opportunity for communities to meet their neighbours, spend time with friends and play freely and safely on local streets.

A Play Street is:

- On a quiet road with no public transport routes
- Supported by other residents in the street
- Insured
- Permitted by Council





## What are the responsibilities of participating Councils?

The grant guidelines (particularly grant requirements) have been developed to support participating Councils to understand responsibilities, however, we've provided a brief summary of the work breakdown below:

- identifying target communities and streets
- coordinating local network meetings
- managing the red tape and identifying process/system improvements
- covering the public liability of residents
- planning and delivering local promotion
- supporting communities to deliver 2 x regular Play Streets (minimum 4 sessions at each location)
- planning & supporting a sustainable model
- supporting project requests (i.e. evaluation and national profile); and
- supporting project deliverables and financial acquittal.

## What is a local network group?

We are asking each Councils to develop their own Play Street Local Network Group/s to ensure all your key parties internally (i.e. roads, health, community, legal) and externally (i.e. community representatives and 'play' partners) have an opportunity to come together and discuss local planning matters.

For example; your community engagement approaches; sustainability models; key resources required and delivery plans (encompassing risk management, traffic management and control, insurances, Council permits and anything else considered red tape).

## Why is Play Australia only funding Councils to deliver Play Streets in the metropolitan areas of Brisbane, Perth and Melbourne?

This is a pilot project with limited funding and resources to be delivered within a short timeframe. As a result, we have made a strategic decision on how we focus resources based on a number of factors – including: creating a national footprint with the pilots (the best we can), utilising existing partnerships to get things moving and ensuring what we are delivering is achievable to a high standard within the given timeframe.

We are looking forward to sharing the national Play Streets package for Local Councils come June 2020, when we hope to see more Councils getting on board the Play Streets movement.

## How many Councils will be funded to deliver Play Streets?

We have funding to support FIVE Councils to participate in our Play Streets pilot:

- TWO Councils in the Melbourne metropolitan area
- TWO Councils in the Perth metropolitan area
- ONE Council in the Brisbane metropolitan area (and select surrounding Councils)



## Will there be more funding for Councils to run Play Streets in future?

In short, we don't know.

However, we will be doing our best over the next few months to engage potential sponsors and secure funding to support more Councils to get involved.

*If you know of a potential sponsor we would love to hear from you!*

## Who are the Consultants in Perth, Melbourne and Brisbane?

We are pleased to be working with two different Consultants who have expertise in place-making and play.

**Nature Play Solutions** is based in Perth and is ready to support participating Councils in their metropolitan area.

- The Nature Play Solutions team is multidisciplinary and diverse, yet united by a strong commitment to make quality play an integral part of children's lives. They love helping communities build networks through children and play.
- For more information visit: <https://www.natureplaysolutions.com.au/>

**CoDesign Studio** is based in Melbourne and Brisbane and is ready to support participating Councils in both metropolitan areas.

- CoDesign Studio is a globally recognized, purpose driven consultancy, specialising in facilitation of community-led placemaking processes to empower people to create and activate places they love and feel connected to.
- For more information visit: <https://codesignstudio.com.au/>

## What support will Consultants contribute to my Play Streets?

Consultants are there to support you with your planning and will help you implement your first sessions (across your two chosen locations).

This means they will provide you with guidelines and resources (in draft) to support planning and they will attend your local network meetings to help progress discussions (for example: trouble-shooting red tape, advising and supporting local resource development and providing insights).

They will also help communicate requests to and from Play Australia to coordinate key activities like the data capture approach for our evaluation and/or supporting the development of marketing assets (i.e. case study videos).

Please note, they will not be organising traffic management planning or control, however they will be able to support those discussions.



## What can we or can't we spend grant funding on?

We don't have set rules, however all expenditure needs to be related to delivering the 1000 Play Streets project.

Note – you will be required to supply a certified financial statement at project end to provide evidence you're your expenditure (including your co-contribution) relates to the project.

We recommend that you do not spend funding on traffic management signage and other resources that are already available through Council channels.

We expect most Councils to use funds to support traffic management planning and traffic control in the first instance, however we also don't want you to create financial dependencies that may compromise sustainability.

*For example – if state legislation requires, it may make more sense to pay for traffic control training for local community members and they can self-sustain their own Play Streets when it comes to regular traffic control.*

## Why do Councils need to cover the public liability of residents?

We believe that if communities demonstrate that they have clear risk management plans in place, then Councils should take steps to ensure the public liability of residents is covered.

This means residents are not out of pocket.

*Play Australia advocates for policies that not only reduce barriers but enable communities to activate play spaces in their neighbourhoods more easily.*

## Can we still apply for funding if our Insurer will not cover the public liability of residents?

Yes you can still apply.

However you will need to identify a process that reduces the associated administration burden on residents and ensure that they are not out-of-pocket.

## Why is Play Australia only funding 'regular' Play Streets and not 'one-off events'?

Part of our agreement with Sport Australia is help get Australian moving more regularly, as such we are committed to providing communities with regular opportunities for street play.

We also see the push toward 'regular' as a means to transition from a 'council-led' street play model to a more 'sustainable' community-led' street play model. This is about exploring what this may entail for each community.

If we can run 4 x Play Streets sessions at each community location, then arguably, we are well on the way to supporting a sustainable approach longer term.

*We hope these frequently asked questions were helpful, if you still have questions contact [kieran@playaustralia.org.au](mailto:kieran@playaustralia.org.au)*