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Draft Nowra CBD Master Plan on exhibition

A draft Master Plan for the Nowra CBD will be on exhibition from Thursday 27 January for two months seeking comments, ideas from all citizens in the city.

The draft Master Plan is the result of extensive work by a community liaison committee, Councillors, Council staff. Council is now seeking community comment on all issues and identified areas in the Master Plan.

Shoalhaven City Mayor Councillor Paul Green said it is vital that all citizens in the city view the draft master Plan and then comment.

"We need you ideas and submissions so that we can continue in our work to help make Nowra a vibrant, safe and attractive place for people to live and also for businesses to establish and succeed," Cllr Green said.

"The draft Master Plan also canvasses the concept that Nowra should be a city that helps pedestrians and cyclists move around the city. This move away from reliance on a city centre clogged by cars to one that is green and sustainable is vital to our city centre's development and continued growth. When Council is able to create streetscapes that are liveable and created for people we will improve the connectivity and economic viability of a magnificent city centre."

Some of the ideas canvassed in the draft Master Plan include a new town square in Egans Place, the revitalisation of the Junction Court, and a proposed new civic space at Stewart Place.

The draft Nowra CBD Urban Design Master Plan will be exhibited until **28 March 2011** at the Nowra Library, Ulladulla Library, and the Shoalhaven City Council Administrative Centres in Bridge Road Nowra and Deering Street, Ulladulla. Information can also be downloaded from the Council's internet site: <http://www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au>.

How can you contribute? Council invites comment on the draft Nowra CBD Master Plan. A feedback form is available at exhibition locations and the Council's internet site. Your comments will be used to assist in the further refinement of the draft Master Plan, and in the next stages of implementation. The closing date for feedback is **4 April 2011**.

The draft Nowra CBD Master Plan is comprised of three parts: background studies, the draft Master Plan document (Strategic Direction) and a supporting booklet showing ideas and illustrations.

"It is essential that Council now hears considered ideas from all people to help us create a truly lively and enjoyable city into the next 25 years. We have an opportunity to turn a corner and I would like to see Nowra become another jewel on the south coast, brimming with exciting options for people to enjoy while living or visiting the city."

Media opportunity

Shoalhaven City Mayor Councillor Paul Green will be available for comment and photos on Thursday, 27 January from 10am. He will be discussing the draft Nowra CBD Master Plan.

What: Launch of the draft Nowra CBD Master Plan

Where: Mayor's Office, Administration Centre, Bridge Road Nowra

When: 10am Thursday 27 January 2011

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