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Helping to shape the future of Nowra

Shoalhaven City Council has been working with community, social services, sporting, business and community representatives for the past nine months on a Masterplan for the revitalisation of Nowra's Central Business District.

To enhance the process Council has contracted consultants, ARUP, an internationally acclaimed urban planning and design corporation.

Shoalhaven City Mayor Councillor Paul Green said the planning process has involved four workshops with the Nowra CBD Liaison Community Committee, Councillors and Council staff. Citizens representing other businesses and social groups have also taken part in the workshops.

The CBD Masterplan also includes information from the Nowra Riverfront Masterplan which deals with a precinct of Nowra that is crucial to revitalisation and general integration of the city.

"The ground work that the consultants have coordinated with the committee and members of the business, social and council in this area is fundamental to providing a rich and constructive Masterplan," Cllr Green said. "Council has placed all the information from the workshops and the planning process on its internet site. You can also see the final report from the consultants and their recommendations on line.

"Council is hoping to place the Masterplan on public exhibition in early 2011, after a report from Strategic Planning and Infrastructure goes to Council.

"I regret the comments that have been stated in some media. They are not helpful and not based on the facts. Council aims to involve the community in its planning and decision making."

The Nowra CBD Masterplan aims to revitalise the CBD area of Nowra, and this may occur through smaller scale projects. There have also been concurrent investigations for the Nowra CBD gateway concept and the Nowra cultural / community precinct as part of the Masterplan.

For further information on the Nowra CBD Masterplan and the planning process, visit Council's internet site, see <http://www3.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/applications/LepDcpS94/pex.asp#draft>.

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