

# What is the Australian Urban Observatory?

## How do we create liveable cities?

The Australian Urban Observatory is a digital liveability planning platform that can help you plan liveable places where people can live, work, play, grow and age.

Backed by **10+ years of research** into the connections between the built environment and health, the AUO provides decision-makers with the very best **place-based liveability indicators** to enable observation, understanding and actions that support health and liveability across Australia.

- ✓ Makes understanding and measuring liveability so much simpler
- ✓ Translates our multidisciplinary program of research into indicators for policy and planning practice to create real world impact
- ✓ Measures and maps key liveability indicators for Australia's 21 largest cities, both spatially and across time, to three levels of detail - LGAs, Suburbs and Neighbourhoods
- ✓ With 42 indicators across 9 domains of liveability - Liveability, Walkability, Social Infrastructure, Transport, Food, Alcohol, Public Open Space, Employment, Housing (2018 and 2021)
- ✓ Enabling a deeper understanding of individual indicators combined with systems thinking insights into the interaction of these domains

## Leverage our research to support health and wellbeing in your community

The Australian Urban Observatory was created so all Australians can live fuller, healthier lives.

Our liveability maps enable a deeper understanding of how social, economic, natural and built environments connect to support community health and wellbeing.

**Planners and Policymakers** use the AUO to understand key elements of liveability at a granular level

**Developers and Consultants** use the AUO to connect deliverables with Corporate Social Responsibility targets

**Journalists and Students** use the AUO access Australian focused policy-based urban liveability research

How our partners have used the AUO to **create impact** in their communities:

- ✓ Public Health and Wellbeing Planning
- ✓ Strategic Planning
- ✓ Monitoring, Evaluation & Goal Setting
- ✓ Shared Measurement for Collective Impact
- ✓ Advocacy
- ✓ Health Promotion

**If you want to be part of the solution to improving liveability in Australia, supporting healthy, equitable and sustainable cities for all, then become a Paid Partner of the Australian Urban Observatory ([auo.org.au](http://auo.org.au)). Contact [auo@rmit.edu.au](mailto:auo@rmit.edu.au) for more information.**