



The Australian Prevention  
Partnership Centre  
Systems and solutions for better health



## The Australian Prevention Partnership Centre: Liveability Study

Newsletter 2

This is a quarterly newsletter designed to keep you updated about the ongoing work of **The Australian Prevention Partnership Centre Liveability Study**.

### Opportunities

8th Making Cities Liveable Conference  
Melbourne, 6-7 July 2015

The Conference Committee are seeking presenters for the 8th Making Cities Liveable Conference program. Opportunities are available to present in a concurrent stream, panel session, share case studies, run workshops or present a poster.

The 2015 program will be created to facilitate discussion and provide a spotlight on developing leaders in the Liveable Cities Community. You are invited to join us as we continue our focus on healthy, sustainable, resilient cities as we address the conference theme, Liveable Cities for the Future.

The Call for Abstracts is now open and submissions are being accepted via the conference website:  
<http://healthycities.com.au>.

Abstracts close Monday 2 March 2015.

### Media Coverage

*Diabetes a "major challenge"*, Thomas Astell-Burt interviewed by Nicole MacKee, Medical Journal of Australia, 10 Nov 2014, <https://www.mja.com.au/insight/2014/42/diabetes-major-challenge>

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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### The Australian Prevention Partnership Centre

The Australian Prevention Partnership Centre is a \$22.6M national initiative established in 2013. It aims to provide health decision-makers with the best evidence to inform their policies and programs, and to provide the evidence and tools for a comprehensive approach to preventing chronic health problems that includes working in the health system as well as in sectors outside of it, such as in schools, food production and retailing, and urban planning. More information is available at: <https://www.saxinstitute.org.au/our-work/preventing-chronic-disease/>

### Liveability Study

The Liveability Study aims to develop and validate a national set of spatially derived built environment liveability indicators associated with chronic disease risk behaviours and health outcomes. This national set of spatial indicators will enable comparison within and between cities, and monitoring of progress towards policies designed to create healthy and liveable communities. This program of work will be completed over the next two years.

### Recent Activities

Steph David, an urban planner, has completed a review of relevant planning policies in the ACT, NSW, QLD, VIC and WA. Spatial measures have been drafted for five domains: food, public open space, transport, alcohol and walkability. Proposed spatial measures have been circulated to our industry partners for feedback, and the spatial measures are currently being created.

### Presentations

Boruff B, Badland H, et al (abstract accepted). *The development and validation of national liveability indicators: linking geography, urban policy, chronic disease risk factors and health outcomes in Australia*. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Chicago, 21-25 April 2015.

Badland H, Mavoa S, et al. (abstract under review). *Identifying and validating policy-relevant, national spatial measures of walkability*. 14th International Society of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity, Edinburgh, 3-6 June 2015.

Giles-Corti B, Mavoa S, et al (abstract under review). *Are 'liveable' communities associated with physical activity and dietary behaviours? Developing and validating a set of national liveability indicators*. 14th International Society of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity, Edinburgh, 3-6 June 2015.

Hooper P, Boruff B, et al. *Are we creating POSitive Places for active living through urban planning policy? Developing and validating national liveability indicators of public open space in Australia* (abstract under review). 14th International Society of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity, Edinburgh, 3-6 June 2015.

Rachele J.N, Learnihan V, et al. (abstract under review). *Benchmarking policy performance for active living: Developing and validating national transport liveability indicators* 14th International Society of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity, Edinburgh, 3-6 June 2015.