

iWater Tool sheets / Planning support tools:

Living waterways

The Living Waterways Approach is a scoring system that “aims to align the values that motivate traditional stormwater principles with place-making and liveability benefits for the community”. It has a holistic approach to create places that are healthy and attractive for people and their communities, and protect and enhance environment.

Why: Living Waterways Approach is in active use in the east coast of Australia, where it has been developed to help local governance in water issues. A number of local and state government organisations are using the framework as a means of designing and delivering multi-functional stormwater projects.

Approach also aims to create continuity through the design, planning approval and construction stages, and promote collaborative thinking among stakeholders.

How: The relationship between the site, its immediate surroundings and its community is optimised through rating of the projects. To achieve a minimum of 1 Drop rating, the development must achieve a score above 30 credits and address all mandatory items outlined. Credits are gathered by meeting the requirements of a checklist. The checklist includes aspects from aesthetics and identity all the way to social interaction and lifetime costs. In addition to achieving a 1 Drop Rating participants are encouraged to pursue a voluntary rating as high as a 3 Drop Rating by achieving extra credits.

Good to know: Even if the approach is not implemented on new development project as such, it delivers a comprehensive checklist for evaluation of the proposed stormwater management solution.

POINT 1
URBAN
RESILIENCE

POINT 2
TECHNICAL
OPTIMI-
ZATION

POINT 3
DAY-TO-DAY
VALUES



Living waterways is a holistic approach that covers four themes: living waters, living places, living communities and living local economies.

More Information

Living Waterways tool:

http://hlw.org.au/u/lib/mob/20141010122444_0e4b3b2743623768a/2014_livingwaterwaysscoring-9mb.pdf

