



What are
the impacts of
this decision on
people's sense of:

HOW TO USE THE CULTURAL COMPASS

This is a tool to assist anyone to consider the impact of their decisions on culture.

1. Think of the decision or situation you need to consider.
2. Look at the elements on the outer edge of the compass.
3. Select the element that interests you.
4. Consider and explore the questions for that element.

BE CURIOUS. BE WISE.

CULTURAL COMPASS

VALUES

Principles of behaviour that reflect what is most important in life.

Belonging

fitting in and feeling part of the community?

Trust

confidence in the capability, reliability & honesty of the community?

Respect

regard for others in the community?

Dignity

worthiness & feeling respected?



INTERACTION

The process of exchange between people.
Involvement
Enrichment
achievement, personal development
Contribution
ability to get together with others in the community
capacity & motivation to participate and contribute to the community & decision making?

RESILIENCE

The capacity of the community to endure, predict & respond.

Integrity

being able to uphold, celebrate & renew rituals, beliefs & traditions?

Awareness

being informed, prepared & capable to forecast, plan & respond to diverse challenges?

Confidence

the belief that the community will respond constructively to diverse challenges?

Innovation

the capacity to effectively apply ideas to create value & generate solutions?



CONNECTION

The affinity people have with self, each other, place & nature.
self-awareness of their own thinking & behaviour?
Synergy
Place
meaning of the surrounding environment?
Nature
connection to the natural world?
Insight
& behaviour?
an affinity with each other?



connection with the visual character of the place?
Aesthetic
represented & expressed?
Meaning
community on the world?
the outlook and general perspectives of the community that are symbolised.

CREATIVITY

The process of generating original ideas & bringing them to life.
Inquisitiveness & the desire to know more?
Inspiration
being uplifted by seeing humans at their best?
Imagination
freedom & motivation to generate new ideas?
Expression
opportunities to share & communicate perspectives and ideas?



VIBE

The sense, feeling & ambience of a place.
Mood
the prevailing feeling of the spirit & character of a place?
Mindset
the prevailing feeling of the spirit & character of a place?

CULTURAL COMPASS

Culture is the set of distinctive spiritual, material, intellectual, and emotional features of society or a social group, and that it encompasses, in addition to art and literature, lifestyles, ways of living together, value systems, traditions and beliefs.

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