Qualifications

Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning (Honours) (University of South Australia)

Affiliations

Member of the Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA)

Member of the UDIA Young Professionals Committee

Member of the Planning Insitute of Australia (PIA)

Natasha Holmes Senior Consultant

BU&RP (Hons)

Key Expertise

- Report writing & strategic recommendations
- Statistical research & scenario modelling
- Community engagement & workshop facilitation
- Concept design for social infrastructure
- Project coordination & risk management
- Stakeholder sommunication & council reporting
- Benchmarking & feasibility studies

Professional History

Natasha is an urban planner with a strong foundation in strategic planning, community engagement, and spatial analysis. Since graduating with Honours in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of South Australia in 2022, Natasha has contributed to a wide range of planning and infrastructure projects at Holmes Dyer. She is now expanding her capabilities into project management, leading multidisciplinary teams, coordinating complex deliverables, and translating planning objectives into actionable outcomes.

Experience

Natasha Holmes has supported social infrastructure assessments for both metropolitan and regional councils, contributing to building asset analysis, site planning, and the development of consultation materials. She has facilitated drop-in sessions, workshops, and online engagement, including door-to-door consultations and large group workshops, demonstrating strong communication and stakeholder engagement skills.

Her technical expertise includes analysing Census and property data, identifying statistical trends, and preparing visual documents using Adobe InDesign. Natasha is a skilled researcher with a strong grasp of site context and planning analysis, effectively communicating findings and strategic recommendations.

She has contributed to concept plans for recreation and social infrastructure, exploring adaptive design solutions to optimise land use. Her strategic thinking is evident in her ability to draw conclusions and develop actionable outcomes aligned with project goals.

A key achievement includes leading the Burnside Open Space Plan, where she delivered a strategic framework through spatial analysis, feasibility studies, and stakeholder engagement. She developed a classification system for open spaces by scale and function, enhancing understanding of community use.

Currently, Natasha leads project coordination for the Prospect Lifestyle Precinct, managing reporting, design support, and council communications. She oversees multidisciplinary teams and budgets, translating planning objectives into deliverables. Her risk mitigation planning has helped navigate heritage and political constraints while maintaining project momentum.

Her scenario modelling and benchmarking have informed recommendations to maximise recreational asset capacity and align development with public-private partnerships. Natasha continues to facilitate stakeholder workshops and presents project updates using clear, accessible communication to improve transparency and engagement.