

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN PRACTICE

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Community Participation in Practice is an award-winning series of practical advisory resources designed to assist people or organisations working with communities and staff in planning and design work. The series draws on the experience of Australian and international specialists who have worked closely with communities and professionals in implementing successful community participation processes. The five publications are designed to assist in planning and conducting creative and effective community participation

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- *Special Commendation*, Royal Australian Planning Institute Awards for Excellence, Western Australian Division, 1997

The Checklist, Casebook, Handbook and New Directions

- *Award for Excellence*, Planning Institute Australia Awards for Excellence, Queensland Division, 2002
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