



Passionate about cities and innovation, Stephen is one of Australia's best-known and respected contemporary Urban Planners who consults internationally on future city trends, urban innovation, leadership and creating positive change.

He is considered an international specialist on the future citizen and the relationships between people, technology, infrastructure, society, cities and quality urbanism.

Stephen has worked, researched and attended events throughout Australia and in New Zealand, Taiwan, Europe, the Middle East, China, India and the USA.

His [linked in profile](#) has a detailed career summary and a list of endorsed skills and recommendations.

Stephen has a Bachelor of Arts in Planning, Graduate Diplomas in Regional & Urban Planning and Environmental Studies and an MBA from Adelaide University. He the Chair of the Adelaide University Smart Cities Consortium Advisory Board, an adjunct lecturer at the Adelaide University Business School and has worked for the University of South Australia, Canberra University and Flinders University. He has also lectured at universities in Japan, Singapore and Thailand and is an award winning member of the Planning Institute of Australia and a member of the exclusive Academy of Urbanism

During his time as Lord Mayor (2010-2014), his emphasis on collaboration with the private sector and State Government delivered many outcomes and saw Adelaide recognised internationally as an innovative destination by Lonely Planet, National Geographic and The New York Times.

Prior to being Lord Mayor, Stephen worked in the South Australian Government and Parliament, in Local Government and internationally as a planner, researcher, educator and speaker. His planning experience is exceptionally diverse; from strategy to implementation on many large projects dealing with most land use types and a diverse range of environment, economic, community, design and development issues.

Lord Mayoral achievements:

- A world class city-wide Wi-Fi network
- CISCO smart cities agreement and “lighthouse city” global recognition
- Redevelopment of the city’s primary retail and public spaces
- Increase in city administration & entrepreneurial community morale, productivity and collaboration
- Environmental initiatives including an ambitious carbon neutral action plan
- An award winning integrated transport vision, including hosting “VeloCity Global” and several innovative infrastructure projects
- A new city structure plan and development plan to create housing diversity
- Greater city vibrancy due to a focus on place making initiatives and the night-time economy.



city2050 is a specialised consultancy, providing expertise in urban governance, strategy and policy that is innovative, future-focused and outcome orientated.

It is valuable to cities, communities and corporations who understand that the future looks nothing like the past and aspire to be more prepared, connected and empowered.

city2050 is for national, regional and city governments, boardrooms, developers and educators that want to understand and maximise the opportunities offered by the rapid transformation happening in the fields of city planning, management and administration.

Stephen works internationally and Australia-wide with elected members, executives, planners, community leaders and change makers to create preferred futures through speaking, training and consulting.

Speaking, training and consulting themes

Leadership:

- Understanding Strategic Planning
- Working with Elected Members
- Creating The Future: Self & Strategy

Smart Cities & Citizens:

- AI & Cities
- Planning for Smart Cities
- Share economy & cities
- Tourism Futures

Transport Futures:

- Road Futures
- Autonomous vehicles & EV's
- Transport futures & city planning

Infrastructure Futures:

- Water futures
- Energy futures
- Infrastructure 2050

Governance Futures:

- Government Futures
- Infrastructure Futures
- Citizen of the Future

Great Cities:

- Creating places for people
- Great streets = great cities
- Healthy cities

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