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The Disciplinary Group in urban and regional planning is small with only 5 full time academic staff and a few part time academics providing continuing input into the teaching and research program. Most high quality research institutions have full time academic staffs of 15-20 full time academics. In Australia and New Zealand academic staff sizes are 3-7 full time academics. In the 1970s Sydney University’s urban planning program had about 10 full time academic staff. Since 1996 the Disciplinary Group has been without a professor and has coped with both declining budgets and declining student demand. In the last five years new appointments have re-invigorated the Disciplinary Group and enrolments have been climbing.

At this point, the Disciplinary Group has a new Professor, Ed Blakely who comes to Australia with a well recognised international reputation as a scholar and practitioner. Professor Blakely is already engaged in Sydney’s future planning and development and playing a key role in shaping the planning profession nationally. In addition, we have a new scholar, Dr Nicole Gurran who is providing leadership in a re-organised and revitalized curriculum. Peter Phibbs and Martin Payne are playing roles in campus and community leadership extending the reach of the Disciplinary Group beyond the Faculty of Architecture to the University and surrounding communities. Col James and Barry Shelton augment the Group with expertise and leadership in community housing and urban design respectively. Honorary Associate Professors John Lea and John Toon remain active and guide both research students and specialty teaching areas. Dr John Dee contributes to our teaching program on a part time basis and assists in guiding our research students. We are blessed to have several excellent professionals such as Mary Lynne Taylor, Kimberly Everett, Rob Freestone and others on our Program Advisory Committee providing guidance in central teaching areas. And in the new academic year the Disciplinary Group will add a Sesquicentennial Lecturer in urban environmental design. With these resources and a compliment of casual academic staff who teach all or part of several subjects the program is well resourced to meet its mission.

The Disciplinary Group is embracing the two research centres within it - the Planning Research Centre (PRC) led by Professor Blakely and the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI) Sydney Research Centre led by Dr Vivienne Milligan. The PRC is self funded and AHURI independently funded and both guided by management boards. In both cases the Disciplinary Group uses these centres as leverage points to form stronger connections with faculty colleagues across the campus, nationally and internationally, and with practitioners and professional organisations. It is our intention to use these bodies and fulcrums to move the program to national and international prominence.
Welcome to the Urban and Regional Planning and Policy Discipline (URPP) Annual Report and its associate teaching programs and research centres – one of five disciplines which form the backbone of the Faculty of Architecture at The University of Sydney.

In the 21st century the role of urban planners is coming under increased scrutiny as “sustainable management” becomes a buzz phrase of our times. Today urban and regional planners lead the way in guiding change and in managing the social, environmental and economic impacts of urban, regional and rural development.

The appointment of the internationally acclaimed Professor Edward Blakely in 2003 to the Chair of Urban and Regional Planning has ushered in a new era to the Faculty. As well as leading the URPP discipline, Professor Blakely has taken up the post of Director of our Planning Research Centre. He is also currently serving as chair of the NSW Government’s Metropolitan Strategy Review Panel. Together with a cohort of the best academic staff in urban and regional planning in Australia, Professor Blakely’s passion, enthusiasm and wealth of experience have re-invigorated this discipline in the Faculty and its impact in the community.

Urban and Regional Planning and Policy has a firm program mission and direction which dovetails with the University’s 1-5-40 Strategic Plan, more about which you will find outlined further in this report.

The focus of providing a world-class curriculum in Urban and Regional Planning (Grad Cert, Grad Dip and full Master of Urban and Regional Planning), together with reinvigorating internationally acclaimed research and scholarship, is leading to a wealth of learning experience for Australian students, and a variety of important new research projects, the benefits of which are already been felt in many ways.

Our Urban and Regional Planning program is only renowned for its teaching but for its contribution to the research arena. Three of the Faculty’s research centres are associated with this discipline. These include:

- Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI), a University-wide research institute hosted by the Faculty,
- Planning Research Centre (PRC), recognised throughout Australia for cutting-edge policy research, and
- Ian Buchan Fell Housing Research Centre (IB Fell) internationally recognised for its sustained research on housing issues throughout Australasia.

We welcome you to Urban and Regional Planning at The University of Sydney and trust that you find the research and studies here both challenging and rewarding.
URBAN & REGIONAL PLANNING DISCIPLINE

The sustainable management of our cities and regions is one of the most pressing issues in the 21st century. Urban and regional planners are at the forefront of this challenge: working in government and the private sector to guide urban and regional change and to manage the social, environmental, and economic impacts of development. Specialist planners work in fields such as urban design, heritage conservation, and housing policy.

The Faculty's urban and regional planning program provides the required knowledge and skills for professional planning practice within Australia. The program aims to introduce students to contemporary planning theories and debates while instilling professional expertise in key areas of planning practice. The program is accredited by the Planning Institute of Australia (PIA, formerly RAPI). Masters graduates are eligible, subject to professional experience requirements, for corporate membership of the PIA.

The core units of study in this program listed on the following page. There is also flexibility to study areas of specific interest to each student, by selecting from the range of options offered through the program, or by selecting electives from any graduate program in this prospectus or from other relevant programs at the University of Sydney. Students may also elect to specialise by combining their planning degree with a related discipline offered by the Faculty (Urban Design, Housing Studies, or Heritage Conservation).

The structure of the Masters in Urban and Regional Planning, comprises nine core subjects, a report or dissertation, and options from the planning program or elsewhere in the Faculty. As part of a University wide shift to standardise the unit values of courses (to six units) some formerly four unit subjects in the core will change to six units, and some other units will be merged.

The change recognises the larger amount of course content in some courses such as planning law, and provides opportunities for more face to face teaching and assessment. Two units being merged with other subjects in the program are Planning Methods and Economic Applications in planning. Jane Marceau observed that it remains important to ensure that planning students develop sound knowledge of economic tools in public policy.

Several new courses have been introduced or are proposed, including the International Field Laboratory (Fiji), subjects on Urban Environment, Metropolitan Planning and Management, and Indigenous Australians and Planning.

A new Professional Practice Unit was run by Kimberly Everett, which included a two week internship program.
## 2004 Teaching Matrix

### Program Framework – Teaching and Research

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<td>Metropolitan  &lt;br&gt; - Metropolitan growth modeling  &lt;br&gt; - Suburban sustainability analysis and forecasting  &lt;br&gt; - Demographic/economic scenarios with land use impacts  &lt;br&gt; - Urban infrastructure finance  &lt;br&gt; - Regional economic development/global competitiveness and urban form</td>
<td>Metropolitan Planning and Management  &lt;br&gt; - Suburban development and growth  &lt;br&gt; - Infrastructure including transport  &lt;br&gt; - Public/private finance  &lt;br&gt; - Regional economic development  &lt;br&gt; - Internationally competitiveness and rural planning  &lt;br&gt; - International project planning and management</td>
<td>o Focus on integrated metropolitan growth, planning and finance  &lt;br&gt; o Selected suburb or sub regional projects</td>
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<td>J Dee/ B Shelton</td>
<td>Urban Environment  &lt;br&gt; - Regional carrying capacity models  &lt;br&gt; - Sustainable suburbs (best practice and feasible alternatives)  &lt;br&gt; - Energy/transport/land use  &lt;br&gt; - Options for capital cities</td>
<td>Urban Development and Sustainable Design and Management  &lt;br&gt; - Environmental planning, regulation and impacts  &lt;br&gt; - Large scale urban design  &lt;br&gt; - Sustainable planning practice  &lt;br&gt; - Land use planning and management  &lt;br&gt; - International pacific land use and urban design</td>
<td>Design focus and integration of land use design and physical planning options  &lt;br&gt; o Selected large scale site with multiple requirements for use, re-use with financing and implementation options</td>
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<td>N Gurran/ P Phibbs</td>
<td>Housing, social cultural  &lt;br&gt; - Native cultures and urban environment (Housing and social amenities)  &lt;br&gt; - Housing/jobs balance for metropolitan Sydney  &lt;br&gt; - Demographics and housing demand</td>
<td>Housing, social and cultural planning  &lt;br&gt; - Housing policy  &lt;br&gt; - Conservation  &lt;br&gt; - Social and amenity planning and finance  &lt;br&gt; - Cross cultural planning  &lt;br&gt; - International/cross cultural housing and settlement systems</td>
<td>o Focus on integration of housing, cultural and cross income as well as cross generational needs in a jurisdiction with scenario building including computer simulations</td>
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## 2004 TEACHING MATRIX cont.

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| J Lea | **International - Asia Pacific Island setting**  
- Research and develop integrated urban land/rural strategy plan with implementation scenarios  
- Project management alternatives  
- Use of advanced project management decision analysis techniques  
- Off-shore venue with co-sponsor or co-collaborator  
- Laboratory in host environment 6-10 days |  |  |
| Field laboratories | **Output**  
- Policy analysis and planning report  
- Problem assessment using and quantitative observational data  
- Options analysis with criteria  
- Project implementation mechanisms  
- Funding methods  
- Organizational/institutional timelines and responsibilities  
- Financing methods  
- Public presentation |  |  |
Ed Blakely is the Chair of Urban and Regional Planning. Before moving to Sydney, he was the Dean of the Robert J. Milano Graduate School of Management and Urban Policy, New School University in New York City. Earlier, he was Dean and the Lusk Professor of Planning and Development for the School of Urban Planning and Development at the University of Southern California (1994-1999). Previously he served as Professor and Chair of the Department of City and Regional Planning at the University of California at Berkeley (1986-1994). Ed held academic positions in teaching, research, administration, and policy development for more than twenty-five years. He is a leading scholar in the fields of planning, infrastructure, transportation and local economic development. He has also held senior positions at Pacific Telephone company and as a U.S. Foreign Service officer.

Ed served as a policy advisor to the mayor of Oakland, where he was also a mayoral candidate, and as advisor to the Los Angeles Public School District. In addition, he has served on a number of task forces and commissions at the local, state, national and international levels. He has been on the boards of directors of the American Planning Association, the Nature Conservancy, Environmental Science Associates and SE Corporation.

Blakely was a Senior Fulbright Fellow (1985-86), and received the 1990 San Francisco Foundation Award for improving community life in the San Francisco Bay Area. In addition, he was President of the Pacific Rim Council on Urban Development (1993) and remains on the Board of Directors. He was appointed by President Clinton as Vice Chair of the Presidio Trust to serve a two-year term (1997-1999).

From 1977-84, Blakely was Assistant Vice President of Systemwide Administration for the University of California. In this capacity, he managed the University’s faculty and academic personnel and policy system for more than 14,000 University of California academic employees. He has been an advisor to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, and to state governments in the United States, as well as government bodies in Korea, Japan, Australia, Sweden, Indonesia, New Zealand and Vietnam.

Blakely is the author of four books and more than 100 scholarly articles. His publications include Fortress America, with Mary Gail Snyder (Brookings Press, 1997); Separate Societies: Poverty and Inequality in U.S. Cities (Temple University Press, 1992), Planning Local Economic Development: Theory and Practice (Sage, 1989), and Rural Communities in Advanced Industrial Society (Praeger, 1979). His articles include “Room for Whom: Change in the Central Valley” (1990), “Theoretical Approaches for a Global Community” (1989), and “Shaping the American Dream: Landuse Choices for America’s Future” (1993). His work is widely cited and he was co-recipient of the Paul Davidoff Award (1993) and a Guggenheim Fellowship (1994).
Achievements 2004
- Fellow Member of the Australian Property Institute (API)
- Senior Fellow Member of the Prague Institute for Global Urban Development and as Head of the Prague Institute office in Sydney
- Chair Metropolitan Strategy Reference Panel appointed by Hon Bob Carr
- Senior Fellow Review Panel of the Fulbright Board
- Associate Editor of the Journal of the American Planners Association

Research in Scholarly Areas in 2004
- **Sydney Metropolitan Metrics Project**
  The Sydney Metropolitan Metrics Project is intended, therefore, to develop a metropolitan wide set of data indicators that can be measured regularly (quarterly to annually) from existing data bases or from data deep data bases designed to examine critical areas in a time series approach.

- **Meeting the Sea Change Challenge: Best Practice Models of Local and Regional Planning for Sea Change Communities**

- **ARC Research Network in Spatially Integrated Social Sciences (ARCNSISS)**

Articles published and written in 2004
- **Making a New Sydney.**
- **The Multi-versity: New Roles and new Rules for Greater Sydney’s Universities in Urban Revitalisation**
- **Regional Science Cyclops — From a One Eye to Two Eyed View of a Changing Regional Science World**

Public Engagements 2004
- In early November at the invitation of The Hon. Premier Bob Carr MP, I visited India’s Capital City new Delhi and its largest city Mumbai with Pro-Vice Chancellor Professor Beryl Hesketh and several other University of Sydney academia and professionals. Our mission was to open doors among academics and leaders in technology to India. The trip was a major success in every respect.

- With over 25 keynote speeches delivered in the 2004 period across Australia at such events as the State Chamber of Commerce Sydney Metro Business Forum, Keynote Speaker at the UDIA NSW Annual State Conference and Keynote Speaker at the ANZRSAl Regional Sciences Conference I addressed my views on Town Planning, SeaChange, the Metropolitan Strategy and Gated Communities.

Teaching
- **ARCF9002: The Nature of Theory.**
Theoretical Perspectives on Architecture, Planning, Society, Policy and the Built Environment.
The purposes of this seminar course are (1) to show research students how to trace the roots of theory and the intellectual roots of their discipline and find the relevant theoretical literature in their field so that they can build their research thesis or dissertation on strong theoretical grounds, and (2) to provide research students with an understanding of the different theoretical perspectives and their philosophical presuppositions that underlie research in the disciplines covered by the Faculty (eg, initially but not limited to environment behaviour and society, and urban and regional planning and policy).
John came to the University of Sydney in 2002. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Melbourne and has teaching responsibilities in planning theory and history, environmental impact assessment and research supervision together with coordination of the Ph.D. and M.Phil. Seminar program. John has extensive experience in planning practice working as a private consultant and for the Victorian State Government in the fields of strategic and statutory planning as well as conservation and natural resources.

**Major achievements in 2004**
- Developed and co-ordinated the summer and winter school general elective/professional development program for courses innovative finance, urban sustainable management, social analysis and project management in developing countries.
- Revamped courses in the Environmental Science stream.

**Research of Scholarly areas in 2004**
- Research working paper on planning/urban design, sustainability measures (e.g. Basixs) and ecological implications for Western Sydney in relation to the ‘new city’ proposal at Bringelly.
- In the process of writing a comparative research paper on EIS/EIA decision processes used to assess the Scorseby Freeway, Melbourne and the Western Sydney Orbital (M7).

**Published articles (2004)**

**Serving on any boards/committees**
- Program Coordination Committee, School of Architecture, Design Science and Planning (Autumn Semester).
- Environmental Science Committee.
- Metro-Planning Committee, NSW Division, PIA.

**Consultancies**
- Phibbs, P and Dee, J (October 2004). Review of the Analysis of Potentially Feasible Options for Expanding Container Terminal Facilities at Port Botany.
- Lecture, Shaanxi Province Senior Officers on Executive Short Term Training Course.
- Analysis of Potentially Feasible Options for Expanding the Container Terminal Facilities at Port Botany (Peter Phibbs and John Dee).
- Member Planning and Design Jury, Wujin Taihu Bay Holiday Resort Chanzhou Municipal Government, China.
Uni Services
  o Acting Program Coordinator
    Master of Urban and Regional Planning (Autumn Semester)
  o Coordinator
    Summer and Winter School Professional Development Courses, Urban and Regional Planning and Policy
    Disciplinary Group
  o Development of a new units of study
    Preparation of documents and course outlines for the following new units of study: PLAN 906510, ARCH
    9039 Innovative Finance, ARCH 9059 Urban Sustainable Management and ARCH 9058 Social Analysis for
    Strategic Planning, PLAN 906510 Urban Environment, core units in ecology and environment

Teaching 2004
  o ENVI 3001 The Built Environment and Planning Aspects of the Environment
    Unit deals with environmental issues within the land use planning framework
  o ENVI 5805 The Urban Environment and Planning
    Unit examines planning theory, environmentalism, impact assessment in the context of the social and the
    natural environment
  o ENVI 3002 Environmental Impact Assessment
    Unit deals with environmental impact assessment from both the scientific (positive) and normative
    (values) perspectives. There is a strong emphasis on the logic of the assessment process
  o PLAN9031 History and Theory of Planning Guest lectures in Planning History and Theory
  o PLAN9027 Foundations of Environmental Planning. EIS/EIA Module dealing with impact assessment
    methods and providing a critical analysis of its strengths and weaknesses. The module is studied through
    case material
  o PLAN 9011/9018 Planning Dissertation/Planning Report
    Research discussion seminars

Research
  o Associate Supervisor, 2 PhDs
  o Review/examine 3 PhD theses
  o Supervisor and assessments of several MURP coursework dissertations
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Research

- PhD advisor with Anna Rubbo: *Housing History*, Harvey Volke.*

- MPhil supervisor: Temperature Control in Indigenous Housing, Justin Hill (ARC Linkage Grant). Candidate undertaking emendations, due June ’05.


- BDes (Hons) supervisor: *Cardboard House*, Adriano Pupilli

- *History of the Block, Redfern*, Richard Green and Harvey Volke, to be commissioned by Sydney City Council historian, Shirley Fitzgerald - pending.

- CRASH research project: caretaker housing, with UTS Community Law and Legal Research Centre. South Sydney City Council 2003/2004 Community Grants.

Action Research (Consulting)

- Pemulwuy Project: Design Brief for the Block, Redfern. Complete. Next stage dependent on submissions to NSW Premier’s department for financial assistance.

- Pemulwuy Project: Design Brief for office building and gym (Charles Perkins House), hostel for Aboriginal students and visitors, investment building with serviced apartments, and civic space, partially over the railway, Redfern. In progress.

- Nambucca Heads: Merrima (NSW Govt. Architect’s Office) in association with Fell. Contracted with local land councils and Native Title Office to prepare designs for National Park management office and visitor’s centre.

- Inner-City Sydney Aboriginal Homeless Research Project: Paul Memmott, Univ. of QLD in association with Fell. Major study commissioned by the Aboriginal Housing Office to track itinerant Aboriginal rough sleepers in Sydney City and to assess support services.

- Future House, YBE (Cardboard): Stutchbury and Pape, architects in association with Fell. Severed relationship with Armacel (decision of their new GM), now renewing arrangements with Visy. Project to be managed by Multiplex. Work exhibited at Sydney Opera House Nov ’04.

- Student Housing (Cardboard): Univ. of Sydney: CRASH in association with University of Sydney Property Office. Prospects for a linkage application with Visy specialties.

*Candidate deceased January 2005. Work to be examined for capability of awarding a posthumous M.Phil.*
University of Sydney Boarding House, Darlington: CRASH seeking short term access.

SES property, Bronte: CRASH pilot project. Lease expires June, salvage rights to be discussed.

Waverley-Woollahra Incinerator: CRASH project: PRe DA rejected, lodging appeal.

Published articles

CRASH Newsletter 2004 widely circulated to local government and donors.

Honorary Work

Downs Syndrome Offices, boarding house inspection.

Oolong House, Nowra (Aboriginal drug and alcohol detox centre).

Aboriginal University of the Spirit, SW Sydney.

Teaching

Open Architectural Design Studio: The director is conducting an Open Studio in the Aboriginal Housing Company premises at the Block, Redfern to develop schemes for the Pemulwuy Project, ‘Red Square’. (Semester 1, 16 BArch year 4 & 5 students).

Housing Culture Studies: Final assignment on the meaning of home with assistance to Housing Department’s glebe dwellings for their practical work. (Semester 1, 24 grad and postgrad students).

Housing for Health: with Paul Pholeros and Justine Hill: The students have access to Housing Department’s Glebe dwellings for their practical work. (Semester 1, intensive mode, 32 undergrad and grad students).

Housing for Health (Advanced) with Paul Pholeros and Justine Hull. Mix of NSW Department of Environmental Managers and graduate students (Semester 2, Intensive mode, 16 students).
Nicole Gurran is the Co-ordinator of the Urban and Regional Planning Program. She currently teaches in a number of subjects offered through the Faculty and supervises research students. Her research interests relate to environmental planning processes and mechanisms, particularly with regard to urbanisation, housing, and ecological sustainability. She holds a BA, Masters in Urban and Regional Planning, Graduate Certificate in Higher Education and a PhD (University of Sydney). Prior to joining the Faculty, she worked for several years as an environmental planner, predominantly in the public sector. She is a member of the Planning Institute of Australia.

Achievements in 2004

- Appointed to the Executive Board of the International Environment and Urban Planning Association
- Established major new research agenda – researching the planning implications of the “Sea Change” phenomenon
- Introduced research classes to support Masters students undertaking the research component of their planning degree (planning dissertations and reports)

Research

Meeting the Sea Change Challenge: Best Practice Local and Regional Planning for Sea Change Communities (With Ed Blakely) Project Value: $30,000. Funding Body: National Sea Change Taskforce.

A Practical Framework for Expanding Affordable Housing Services in Australia: Learning from Experience (With Vivienne Milligan and Peter Phibbs). Project Value: $77,944. Funding body: AHURI (Completed 2004)

Development and testing of an evaluation framework for affordable housing services in Australia (With Peter Phibbs and Vivienne Milligan). Project Value: $59,244. Funding Body: AHURI.

Boarding Houses and Supply – Side Intervention, (With Peter Phibbs and the AHURI Queensland Research Centre.) Project Value: $56,524. Funding Body: AHURI (Completed 2004)

Publications


Gurran, N (in press) “Planning at the Conservation Frontier: Reconciling National Parks and Exurban Communities”, Australian Planner


**Teaching**

2004 Subjects (short descriptions are in the Faculty Handbook)

- PLAN 9031  History and Theory in Urban Planning
- PLAN 9020  Planning Procedures (semesters one and two)
- PLAN 9057  Housing and Urban and Regional Development
- PLAN 9018, PLAN 9010,9011  Planning Dissertation and Planning Report (semester one)

PhD Supervision: Rob Graham

**Public Engagements**

“Affordable Housing and Local Government” Seminar for Department of Housing Professional Development series (July 2004)

‘Indigenous interests and planning education: Models from Australia, New Zealand and North America’, Presentation to Australia and New Zealand Planning Schools Conference, Perth (September 2004)

“Developing an affordable housing strategy for Ashfield”, Ashfield Municipal Council (December 2004)
John Lea was on the full-time staff from 1975-2001. He currently teaches part-time and supervises research students. His research interests include development studies in Asia/Pacific and Northern Australia with a focus on urbanisation, housing, indigenous studies and Island development. He holds a BA(Hons) and MA from Cambridge University, a Dip TP from the University of Westminster (London), a PhD from the University of the Witwatersrand, and a DScArch from the University of Sydney. He is a Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute (London) and the Royal Australian Planning Institute. He was Director of the IB Fell Housing Research Centre in the Faculty of Architecture from 1990-1995. He has been a consultant internationally for UNESCO, AusAID and the World Bank; and in Australia for ATSIC and other Commonwealth and state government departments. In 2002 he was Program Quality Advisor for Aus AID in Canberra. John is also an Associate Member of the Australasian Housing Institute.

**Achievements 2004**

- John was co-recipient, with Col James, of an ARC Linkage Grant (2002-2003) completed in mid-2004. It funded a research program on the climatic performance of low income housing in regional NSW conducted by MPhil student Justine Hill. The industry partner was Health Habitat (Paul Pholeros).
- He joined the planning consultancy Design Collaborative (Sydney) in a part-time capacity in early 2004.
- John was invited to be a PhD examiner for the National University of Singapore and the University of Hong Kong.
- Member of the international editorial advisory board of the journal *Tourism Management* and Series Editor of *Routledge Pacific Rim Geographies*.

**Research in Scholarly Areas in 2004**

Completed the biographical investigation of the Canadian development geographer Professor Terry McGee for publication. This project included a two-month period as Visiting Fellow at the Centre for Asian Research at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada in mid-2003. Continuing research relates to urban development issues in the island Pacific. The chief project is completing a book on the Japanese colonial towns of Micronesia arising out of joint work with my former PhD student Dr Keiko Ono, Okinawa, Japan in 1998-2002.

**Articles published and written in 2004**


**Teaching**

- In 2003-04 John was responsible for the elective unit Development Project Design and Planning (PLAN9049). Advanced preparations are underway with Dr Paul Jones for a complementary overseas field laboratory on development project management to commence in mid-2005. John visited Suva, Fiji in October 2004 to make arrangements for the proposed field laboratory and established links with Suva City Council, Department of Town & Country Planning, Government of Fiji and the University of South Pacific.
- John delivered a new unit on tourism planning and development in the Masters program in tourism planning at the University of Western Sydney.
- Two PhD students under his supervision are: John Sheehan (investigating compensation claims by indigenous claimants under the provisions of the Native Title Act); and Robyn Bushell (researching the opportunities for local governments in NSW to develop a wellness index emphasising the positive aspects of tourism development and promotion). MPhil student, Joy Connor, has completed her thesis on residential caravan park issues in inland NSW.
Vivienne Milligan has been an Honorary Associate of the Faculty of Architecture since 2000. Since that time she has participated on a part time basis in teaching and research activities in the Planning Disciplinary Group. Her interests include comparative housing policies, affordable housing initiatives, social housing, community renewal and housing systems. In 2004 she became Director of the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI) Sydney Research Centre, with responsibility for managing the partnership between the University of Sydney and AHURI Ltd - a national research organisation specialising in housing and urban research and policy. Vivienne has over 20 years experience in housing policy development and innovation in Australia. During her career, she has been instrumental in developing new initiatives in public, community, indigenous and affordable housing. In 1993, she was awarded a Public Service Medal for her contributions to the development of the social housing sector in Queensland. She is a member of the Australasian Housing Institute.

**Major achievements in 2004**
- Appointed to Metropolitan Strategy Housing Reference Group as an expert advisor, December 2003 - December 2004
- Completed AHURI funded research on affordable housing delivery models in Australia, April
- Appointed Director AHURI Sydney Research Centre, September
- Received AHURI grant for development and testing of an evaluation framework for affordable housing services in Australia, October

**Research Grants and Activities**
2003 Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI) Grant $77,944 A Practical Framework for Expanding Affordable Housing Services in Australia: Learning from Experience (with Associate Professor Peter Phibbs and Dr Nicole Gurran).

2004 AHURI Grant $3,600 Contribution to development of Collaborative Research Venture Plan No 3, Housing Affordability for Lower Income Australians

2004 AHURI Grant $59,244 Development and testing of an evaluation framework for affordable housing services in Australia (with Associate Professor Peter Phibbs and Dr Nicole Gurran).

**Publications**


Public engagements
- Expert Member, Housing Reference Group, Metropolitan Strategy for Sydney, Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources, 2004
- Director, Board of the Australasian Housing Institute (since 2001)
  Editor, HousingWORKS, the Journal of the Australasian Housing Institute
- Delegate at European Network of Housing Researchers Conference (ENHR), Housing Growth and Regeneration Cambridge, UK, July
- Member Steering Committee for National Affordable Housing Conference, 2005 Affordable Housing: Making It Happen.

Consultancies
Vivienne Milligan combines a part-time role at the University with a private consultancy business. Relevant consultancies to which she contributed during the year included:
- Development of a high-rise housing strategy for the Central Sydney Division, Department of Housing, with J. Powys
- A Report on risk management in non-government growth housing providers, for the National Community Housing Forum (NCHF), with H. Bisset
- A review of client service operating policies and procedure for the Department of Housing, with R. Zakharov

Conference presentations

Teaching
Housing Policies and Assistance
Urban and Regional Planning Program 6 unit elective, with Peter Phibbs.

This unit focuses on the role of governments in the provision of housing assistance. It is centred on recent Australian housing policy initiatives and the policy making process and also includes a comparative and historical perspective to promote discussion of alternative approaches to housing policy.

Housing and Urban & Regional Development
Urban and Regional Planning Program 6 unit elective, with Peter Phibbs and Nicole Gurran

This unit discusses key policy and planning issues associated with housing supply and demand. These range from the physical location and sustainable design of new housing, through to the dynamics of the housing market, and the contribution of housing strategies to urban and regional revitalisation. The empirical focus is on planning strategies and tools to encourage more affordable, appropriate, and sustainable housing outcomes for urban and regional Australia.
Martin Payne has a Master of Science from Colorado State University. He has extensive experience in both teaching and practice urban planning, especially in regard to infrastructure, transportation and urban development. He has worked as a consultant for all levels of government and developers undertaking policy analyses, design studies, preparing masterplans and instruments, and implementation strategies.

His teaching is primarily concerned with the construction of practical knowledge and arguments supporting proposals. He teaches two core units in the planning programme, concerned with the argumentation and wider planning discourses relating to many facets of urban development. Martin has acted as coordinator for the undergraduate stream in urban design and planning within the Bachelor of Design degree program.

Achievements
Last year played a central role in the undergraduate urban design and planning stream.

Martin played an important role in the implementation of policies concerning generic teaching objectives, and with reviewing and revising many units.

His main research achievement was with completing “theoretical research” concerning reflective equilibrium arguments, as these apply to policy analyses, planning and design. Some of this work has been presented in conference papers, and will provide the basis for further conference papers and publications.

Research in Scholarly Areas
Martin’s research interests complement his teaching, which emphasises reasoning and scholarly practice. He is currently undertaking research into the construction of arguments that move from problematic situations to implementable proposals. This concern for argumentation relates a wide ambit relating to urban planning, design and policy analysis. His current priorities are with preparing items for publication and with completing his doctoral dissertation.

Teaching

Graduate
- Foundations of Environmental Planning
- Land Use, Infrastructure and Transportation Planning
- Planning Discourses and Argumentation
- Environmental Design and Planning (with Bruce Forwood)

Undergraduate
- Introduction to Urban Design and Planning
- Urban Development and Planning
- Designing and Planning the Public Domain
- Design and Planning Instruments
**Achievements in 2004**
Staying sane

**Research of Scholarly areas in 2004**
- Affordable Housing
- Non-shelter outcomes of Housing
- Home Modifications

**Research Projects**

**Completed Projects:**
Project Value: $94,000. Funding body: AHURI

Project Value: $173,000. Funding body: AHURI

**Continuing:**
AHURI: Project on evaluation of affordable housing schemes (with Viv Milligan and Nicole Gurran). $57,000 provided by AHURI.

Home Maintenance and Modifications Clearing House Project (as Co-Director). The project is sponsored by a capital $200,000 grant and a $57,000 recurrent grant from DADHC. Details are at: www.arch.usyd.edu.au/hmminfo.html

**Published articles**

**Research Reports**
Two AHURI reports listed above (available from www.ahuri.edu.au)

**Refereed Publications**

**Invited Papers**

**Public Engagements**

**Boards/Committees**
Invited Housing expert: Warringah Shire Strategic Plan
Invited Expert: ADI site: Affordable Housing Project, Department of Housing
Consultancies
DIPNR, Manly and Warringah Council: Northern Beaches Keyworker Study
DIPNR: An Expert Review of the Multi Criteria Analysis for the Expansion of Port Botany
Department of Housing: Development of New Affordable Housing Products

University Service
Faculty of Architecture Academic Board Representative
Academic Board Staffing Committee
Member, Central Promotions Committee (to Level C)- University of Sydney
Member, Central Promotions Committee (to Level C)- University of NSW
Head of School, Faculty of Architecture (from June)
Planning Consultant to the PVC, College of Science and Technology

Teaching
2004 Subjects: (short descriptions are in the Faculty Handbook)
PLAN 9044: Planning Methods
ARCH 9056: Housing Policy and Assistance
PLAN9045 Economic Tools and Community Development
PLAN9005 Economic Applications in Planning
ARCH9057 Housing and Urban Regional Development
ARCH9026 Development Finance

Excursions:
In 2004, the Economic and Community Development Class continued its relationship with the township of Karuah. Karuah is a town of about 650 people north of Newcastle. Its major economic role was traditionally as a stop for motorists traveling on the Pacific Highway. However, in September 2004 the Karuah bypass was opened, resulting in a very large reduction in the number of people stopping in the town. We have been working with the town and the Port Stephens Council since June 2003 to help ameliorate the economic shock of the opening of the bypass and have helped develop with the community an economic development strategy for the town. The students in 2003 developed the main strategic ideas for the plan: In 2004 the students developed a detailed workplan for the town’s Economic Development Officer (who began work in November 2004). Through the project the students have had an opportunity to help develop an economic development strategy, to see first hand the interaction between communities and local government and to learn a lot about life in non-metropolitan Australia.

PhD students completed in 2004
- Garry Glazebrook;
- Hamid Ibrahim
- Hassan Raizendeah and
- Alison Ziller.

Conference Presentations:
2004 ANZAPS conference, Perth (see above)
BARRIE SHELTON

*Urban Design crosses the boundaries between architecture and planning. The urban design program draws from and contributes to both areas. Consequently Barrie is associated with both discipline groups.

Before taking up his present position in 2002 at the University of Sydney, Barrie's 30 years of professional experience included teaching, practice, writing and research in a several cities in Australia, Japan, and the British Isles.

More specifically, over the last thirteen years, he has been an urban design consultant (Victoria and Tasmania), Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Urban Design at the University of Tasmania in Hobart, Visiting Professor at the University of Central England, and a Japan Foundation Fellow (based at Nagasaki Science University). During the same period, he has at various times been a visiting lecturer at RMIT University, Monash University, Southeast University (Nanjing, China), and the Hanoi Architectural Centre, and spoken at many urban design conferences and seminars in Australia and overseas.

He is author of approximately 100 published items, including books and reports (and sections thereof), journal articles, papers in conference proceedings, exhibition catalogues, etc. on a wide range of design, planning and education subjects. His articles have appeared in both specialist design and cultural journals including Architecture Australia, Australian Planner, Heritage Australia, Built Environment (UK), City (UK), Tokyojin and Kokusai Koryu. Learning from the Japanese City: West meets East In Urban Design (London/NY: Spon/Routledge 1999) is his most substantial recent work and has been well received internationally and cited widely.

His special areas of interest and expertise cover urban morphology; city waterfronts, Japanese architecture and urbanism; the preparation of urban design frameworks, concepts and guidelines; design-led planning and urban history and heritage. In these areas, his work has been recognised with a number of awards for practice (including urban design competitions) and scholarship at state, national and international levels.

Achievements in 2004

- As urban design adviser to the Tasmanian Department of Primary Industry, Water and Environment on the Hobart waterfront, BS played a key role in shaping the proposals, report and associated exhibition, Hobart Waterfront Urban Design Framework - released May 2004.

- As an extension of the above, Barrie ran a highly successful Urban Design Studio project which demonstrated a range of design possibilities for the strategic axes defined in the ‘Hobart Urban Design Framework’. The work culminated in a public exhibition presented by ‘the State Government of Tasmania with the University of Sydney Urban Design Program’ in late June/early July and a PIA ‘Planning Excellence’ Award later in the year – see under ‘teaching’ below.

- Barrie initiated and coordinated the development of two new studio-based cross-disciplinary masters degrees, each of two years duration, that combine architecture and urban design, and urban design and planning: Master of Architecture (architecture and urban design) and Master of Urban Design (urban design and planning). These are available from 2005.
Research
- Barrie continued research on cultural and morphological aspects of East Asian urbanism - recent work has emphasised the relationship between spatial and other visual characteristics of the written language, architecture and urban form in Japan, a theme that first raised in his book Learning from the Japanese City five years ago.
- At the invitation of Hong Kong University School of Architecture, Barrie joined an international research team on a project entitled Linear City – a morphological study of potential that is investigating better ways of integrating railways and railway stations into the urban fabric.

Consultancy
- Expert adviser, to Tasmanian Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment, on the first and second stages of the Hobart Waterfront Urban Design project – included a public exhibition, media interviews, report released in printed, CD and web formats.

Published Articles

Public Engagements
- Public lecture: Japanese Urbanism: new forms- old foundations, University of Hong Kong (School of Architecture), Nov 18th
- Public lecture Crossing the Boundaries, (with Profs Ed Blakely and Tom Heneghan): University of Sydney’s Faculty of Architecture ‘Thursday Evening Lecture’ series, Oct 21st
- Member, Expert Panel, advisory to the Minister of Planning, NSW on the Luna Park Cliff top Site Urban Design Study

Teaching
Subjects taught:
- Urban Design Studio A
- Urban Design Studio B

The focus of the studios is the design project. Each studio reviews relevant urban design approaches and projects, involves rigorous investigation, and the development of challenging urban design proposals - for two strategic axes on Hobart’s historic waterfront in Semester 1, and for the vast flat rectilinear port area of Sydney’s Millers Point in Semester 2.

The Hobart project involved an investigative field visit, a presentation visit (to senior officers of local and state government, and the Hobart Ports Corporation) and a public exhibition in the Service Tasmania Centre, Lands Building, Hobart. The Hobart Waterfront Urban Design Ideas Exhibition in this highly public venue served to alert members of the public and professions to the design potential of the Tasmanian Government’s Hobart Waterfront Urban Design Framework. Thanks are extended to the Tasmanian Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment for their support.
12 students received PIA (Tasmania) Awards for Planning Excellence for their work on this project, and are to be congratulated for an outstanding result: Glenn Wallace, Yousef Al Taibeh, Janelle Scully, Clay Johnsen, Yuji Ji, Kaniz Kaleda, Chris Brown, Nick Rae and Maree Neary (from the Master of Urban Design program); Nanzhen Huang, Surdar Masud Kari and Tim Corcoran (from the urban design stream of the Master of Urban and Regional Planning program).

Studio lecturer, Barrie Shelton, and Master of Urban Design student, Clay Johnsen represented the group at the awards ceremony in December – held appropriately at a venue on Hobart’s waterfront.

In Semester 2, the Millers Point studio, carried out in conjunction with the Sydney City Council, also resulted in some outstanding work. The strengths of much of this work lay in the rigorous morphological and movement analysis, and the bold solutions incorporating high densities, public space and 3-dimensional movement.

- **Urban Design – Ideas and Methods**
  Ideas and Methods reviews the most significant urban design theories, methods and models that contributed to the practice of urban design over the course of the Twentieth Century.

- **Urban Morphology**
  Morphology focuses upon physical transformation of the city, and develops abilities to recognise, investigate and explain urban forms in terms of their physical characteristics and the circumstances that shaped them.

- **Japanese Architecture Cities and Culture (taught with Prof Tom Heneghan and Dr Peter Armstrong of the architecture discipline).**
  The purpose of this unit is to gain insights into the architecture and urban patterns of a different culture. In effect, it reveals a ‘different way of seeing’ encouraging participants to be more critical of their design biases as shaped by their own cultural experience.

- **Urban Design Report**
  Eleven projects and practical studies were prepared over the year on subjects as diverse as an evaluation of a UK urban regeneration project to a 3-d movement study for Miller’s Point, Sydney.
Post-graduate research supervision
PhD and MPhil candidates and provisional titles of theses:

- Harpreet Mand  Ph.D. candidate  
  *Constructing Identity, Interpreting Architecture: Alternative Strategies in Contemporary Asian Design*
  

- Stewart Wallace  M.Phil. candidate  
  *Urban Design and Information and Communications Technology (iCT)*

- Winny Lau  M.Phil. candidate  
  *Literature, Inspiration and Architecture - Case Study: Tanizaki’s ‘In Praise of Shadows’.*
Kimberley Everett

For the past 20 years, Kimberly has held diverse management positions in the United States, Europe and Australia. Her expertise lies in realising the client’s vision through effective project management and planning. Her strong work ethic complemented by an ability to transform elements of big picture planning into the details of the finished design results in award-winning projects. Early in 2004, leading on from her position as a Director of EDAWGillespies, Kimberly became the Manager of CIVICmatters Pty Ltd. As a new firm in Sydney, CIVICmatters specialises in strategy development, urban planning and project management.

Teaching
General Elective ARCH9039 - Professional Practice (a new course giving MURP students an introduction to the office environment and the elements necessary to be successful therein; included a 2-week internship with a planning entity).

Rob Freestone

Joined UNSW in mid 1991 after six years with a Sydney planning, research and heritage consultancy. Held previous appointments in the Department of Geography at the University of Melbourne and the Urban Research Program at the Australian National University. Council member of the International Planning History Society and now president 2002-2006.

Teaching
Planning history, heritage conservation, metropolitan change, research design and planning projects.

Research
Development of modern planning theory and practice in Australia, heritage conservation and urban restructuring.
Mary-Lynne Taylor

Mary-Lynne Taylor is a graduate in Arts and Law from Sydney University. She was admitted as a barrister in 1969 and as a solicitor in 1972, and has practiced continuously since that time.

Mary-Lynne is an Accredited Specialist in Local Government and Town Planning and in this field matters have been referred to her from time to time by the Law Society to present the Law Society’s view on legislation.

Mary-Lynne’s expertise in Local Government and Town Planning has stemmed from 30 years’ of practice in the field together with experience in conveyancing of all kinds, particularly in the area of government and local government conveyancing, resumption and valuation matters and debt recovery.

She has been advising Blacktown Council since 1987, and her other council clients have included Sydney City (10 years), Tenterfield, Campbelltown, Waverley, Liverpool, Snowy River Shire and Bellingen, as well as developers and building owners, land professionals such as surveyors, town planners, architects, builders, valuers, home owners, resident action groups and environmental groups.

Now an Adjunct Professor in the Urban and Regional Planning Masters at Sydney University, Mary-Lynne lectures in Planning Law every year to graduate students of Planning and Heritage conservation. She sits on the Planning Minister’s new Planning Reform reference group and on the Faculty’s advisory committee.

Mary-Lynne has initiated the Independent Hearing and Assessment Panel at Liverpool, Warringah and Fairfield Councils and has spoken to a number of other councils on the same subject. She is a long-standing councillor of the Urban Development Institute of Australia and has been made an honorary fellow of both the Planning Institute and the Property Institute of Australia. Mary-Lynne is a former President of the Environmental Law Association of NSW (now EPLA), having been a founder member and jointly responsible for setting up the Environmental Defender’s Office. She has been a member of the National Speakers’ Association and is in demand for conferences, seminars and other business activities.
Coastal communities around Australia and around the world are struggling to plan for rapid population growth driven by internal migration from metropolitan cities and inland areas. Described as the “sea change” phenomenon by demographers Ian Burnley and Peter Murphy (2004), the implications of this movement are significant. Development pressures associated with rapid population growth offer opportunities for new immigrants in the form of high quality open space but at the same time these opportunities pose threats to sensitive coastal processes and environments, including coastal waters, dunes, wetlands, and distinctive landscapes. Many coastal communities are surrounded by environments of national and international heritage importance, such as national parks, world heritage areas, and, increasingly, marine protected areas. These places are particularly vulnerable to inappropriate development which threatens biodiversity, cultural heritage sites, recreational and tourism values. The social implications of sea change migration are also profound. Many non metropolitan coastal communities are characterised by high levels of unemployment, lower than average household incomes, and greater levels of socio-economic disadvantage along with higher numbers of seniors than other parts of Australia. In spite of increasing population growth, development activity in these areas is not translating to long term economic gains. Social cleavages are occurring between existing residents and newcomers and between wealthier sea changers and those who have been pushed out of expensive metropolitan areas.

The report highlights these issues and examines how existing coastal policy and planning frameworks in Australia are responding to them. The report has been prepared for the National Sea Change Taskforce, which includes over 50 local government areas in New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia. The research aimed to identify the key social, economic, and environmental planning issues facing coastal sea change communities in Australia, and review current responses to these issues. The specific research objectives were to:

- Define the sea change phenomenon and document the manifestation of sea change in peri and non metropolitan coastal communities;
- Develop a profile of the various types of sea change communities in Australia, drawing on key social, economic, and environmental indicators;
- Review policy and planning responses to sea change in New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia; and,
- Identify priorities for policy intervention and further research.

The research included three main steps: (1) a review of existing research and data on coastal migration and urbanisation in Australia; (2) construction of a typology of coastal communities affected by the sea change process, using a sample of 55 local government areas involved in the interim National Sea Change Taskforce in 2004, and the major planning issues they face; and, (3) analysis of coastal policy and planning frameworks (including regional and local plans) in each State, to evaluate current responses to the sea change phenomenon.
Stage One: A Typology of Sea Change Communities
The first stage of the research will develop a profile of the various types of sea change communities in Australia. Drawing on key social, economic, and environmental indicators, a broad typology representing sea change communities will be constructed. These indicators will capture Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) data and council information on resident population characteristics, migration, industry and employment, tourism and development data, infrastructure and services, and relevant spatial features. A more detailed matrix extending to issues such as governance, social, economic, and environmental threats and opportunities, will support the broader typology, allowing a rigorous and rich description of “sea change” communities. This will form a basis for identifying and analysing the key planning issues affecting the various types of sea change communities. The experience and expertise of sea change member representatives will be sought in identifying and categorising these planning issues, and in evaluating existing approaches to address them. As part of this process, relevant State, regional, and local legislation, policies, strategies and plans, will be analysed. This information is crucial to understanding the institutional and planning constraints or opportunities affecting sea change councils. In addition, a small number of case study communities representing each of the “ideal types” will be selected to examine the specific issues affecting these places in greater detail.

Phase Two: Review of best practice in planning for communities situated in sensitive environmental contexts
The typology and analysis of planning issues will form a basis for matching examples of best practice approaches to planning for communities situated in highly sensitive environments and affected by growing populations and tourism pressures. This research will draw on existing models internationally and in Australia (some of these might already be emerging in particular sea change member councils). Drawing from these best practice models, and in consultation with sea change taskforce members, broad principles for effective planning in such communities, as well as governance and operational considerations will be identified. In addition, a more detailed set of tools suitable for the various types of sea change communities (having regard to the typology and matrix) will be presented.

Phase Three: Models of local and regional planning for Sea Change Communities
The third phase of the project involves developing, piloting, and refining, models of local and regional planning suitable for the various types of sea change communities in Australia. In addition to regular input from the sea change Taskforce, this component of the research will be conducted in very close collaboration with a small number of sea change member councils. There is also potential to include other institutions such as State government agencies that are interested in developing new local and regional approaches to coastal or non metropolitan planning. An action research methodology will be employed whereby these organisations, in collaboration with the researchers of the PRC, will develop, pilot, refine and evaluate new planning approaches suitable for emulation in other contexts.
THE BLOCK

Planning for Indigenous Neighbours

The notorious ‘Block’ at Redfern Station and our near neighbour, has proved to be a useful planning vehicle for several courses during the year.

At the beginning of 2004, Acting Dean, Associate Professor Peter Phibbs encouraged all Faculty staff to integrate coursework and projects, where appropriate, to assist the Aboriginal Housing Company in their efforts to redevelop the Block for a mix of social housing. Local linguist, Richard Green (aka Dr Green Thom) welcomed the Faculty to Gadigal Lands and cast a vision of walking into the future together in Sydney (Darnk/Earo) language.

Executive Officer, Micahel Mundine offered shopfront studio space on the corner of Lawson and Eveleigh Streets and unlimited access to AHC Staff, and consultants.

Martin Payne and Col James provided briefing discussions and local planning practice notes and site inspections to graduate planning students. Peter Phibbs set the Development Finance project for private sector affordable housing which flushed out a financial model by Anthony Gilmour, which has been adopted for trial implementation. David Leiffer provided on-going facilities management and a testcase for housing asset management.

Col James, who is also a local resident and long standing planning advisor continues to assist the company with advice and submissions to Government. A new civic spaced proposal, ‘Red Square’ was a forms for both planning and architecture students, who produced a large site model for participatory exercises.

2005 promises to provide more opportunities to integrate with the new Redfern Waterloo Authority and Minister Frank Sartor.

(see accompanying plan)
Col James is a local architect/planner from Sydney University, who has been working with the AHC from the beginning in 1973. He is a current member of the Pemulwuy Project team with Michael Mundine, Richard Green, Lani Tuitavake, Peter Valilis and Angie Pitts.
Program Mission and Direction

In 2004 the Disciplinary Group developed a clear mission and organizational structure aimed at finding an academic niche that would bring both national and international recognition based on our setting in Sydney and our resources. This mission is to:

1. Provide a world class curriculum in Urban Metropolitan Planning and Management emphasizing urban and suburban:
   a. Metropolitan Regional Planning;
   b. Environmental and Sustainable Design and Management;
   c. Socio-cultural and housing planning;
   d. International Development Planning as applied to the above three emphasis.

2. Create research programs based on the above areas and attract research funding and research students and scholars interested in the above topics in Australia and internationally;

3. Base our curriculum on a rigorous policy analysis and field based problem solving model using economic, social and behavioral paradigms;

4. Ensuring students receive professional experience and expertise as part of the educational process in the areas of specialization;

5. Recruit high quality students from both Australia and internationally with aggressive recruiting strategies both domestically and internationally;

6. Develop a strong and direct relationship with the planning profession in the region, nationally and internationally, including memberships of PIA chapters; and

7. Produce high quality professional policy research aimed at influencing professional skills and practice both domestically and internationally.

8. Develop linkages and collaborations with international peer academic and professional institutions with similar missions.

Research

1. All members of staff will affiliate with the two major research institutes and produce regular scholarship and submit for research grants to support research students and research infrastructure
2. Each member of the academic staff is committed to submitting one article each year to a domestic professional/academic policy journal to increase domestic recognition of the group in Australia as the leading scholarly group in the nation on urban planning.
3. Each member of the academic staff will also submit one paper for an international refereed conference or journal from among the best such outlets in the United States recognizing that in our profession the United States scholarly outlets are the most widely cited.
4. The Group will place higher standards for admission to doctoral education with the expectation that doctoral candidates will be full time and studying in the areas of faculty specialisations.

5. Each member of academic staff will attain an editorial board or similar post on a leading academic journal or review body and maintain such links.

6. The PRC will affiliate with the other leading urban research institutes in the United States and England (primary targets) and other leading Asian Urban Research and policy Institutes as well.

7. The Disciplinary unit will support the publication of the new international journal Opolis in collaboration with the University of California and Virginia Tech University.

8. Research supervisors will ensure that all research students produce and present at least one conference paper annually.

9. The Group will support hosting or co-hosting one national conference a year in the field usually on the campus if at all possible.

10. The Group will host at least one international fellow each for a semester or a year from a leading academic international institution and engage the academic in research and related activities that enhance the program and the visitors experience.

11. The Group will host a monthly research student seminar for students in the field of planning from all three Sydney academic institutions that offer urban planning doctoral education.

12. The Group will offer a bi-monthly reading seminar for academic staff and a few doctoral students

13. The Group will explore the potential for a professional doctoral degree in Sustainability for practitioners to enhance professional education and provide a different type to research oriented education as a part time professional.

14. The Group with PRC will explore and referee practice oriented monograph series for work that has strong professional import.

**Outreach and Professional Contact**

1. Senior full time academic staff will seek opportunities to serve on regional, national and international policy bodies.

2. Each member of staff will seek to serve on at least one local or regional professional body to improve access and gain feedback on professional requirements and debates.

3. The Group with conjunction with the PRC and the AHURI Sydney Research Centre will host at least 3 professional workshops and seminars on campus and co-host other activities as resources allow.

4. The Group will be visible at alumni and other professional functions and support these efforts.

5. The Group will co-sponsor with PRC one domestic and one international study tour annually.

6. The Group will offer both for credit and professional certification education each year and open and advertises elective courses for professional education as space will allow.
The Advisory Committee was established as a forum for sharing information, best practice, methodologies and cases, to provide input to URPP courses. To advise on the Urban and Regional Planning program’s overall strategic directions, curriculum and research development.

One of the outcomes of a Strategic Planning retreat held in February 2004 was to move towards a more focussed set of specialist areas in research and teaching relating to metropolitan planning, urban environment, and housing.

A second outcome was to add an international dimension to the program by: observing American Planning Accreditation Board guidelines in curriculum development; offering subjects and summer school courses that would be suitable for American and European students; and introducing an international field laboratory. Students will also be able to include an international focus in their area of specialisation by selecting appropriate subjects including the international field laboratory.

The Professional Advisory Committee is comprised of the following members:

- Professor Edward Blakely, Discipline Head, Urban & Regional Planning Program, Co-Chair
- Dr Nicole Gurran, Program Coordinator, Urban & Regional Planning Program, Co-Chair
- Ms Kimberley Everett, Consultant
- Mr Tom Gellibrand, Sydney Water
- Dr Garry Glazebrook, Environmental Transportation Commission
- Mr Evan Jones, NSW Department of Infrastructure, Planning & Natural Resources
- Dr Paul Jones, International Consultant
- Mr Graham Larcombe, Liverpool Council
- Mr Phil Manidis, Manidis Roberts
- Ms Allison McCabe, Leichhardt Council
- Mr John McInerney, City of Sydney Council
- Mr Bob Meyer, Cox Richardson
- Professor Jane Marceau, UWS
- Professor Peter Murphy, UNSW Faculty of the Built Environment
- Mr Michael Neustein, Neustein Rosenberg Partnership (President, Alumni Association)
- Adjunct Associate Professor Harvey Sanders, Sanders Associates
- Mr Gary Shiels, Gary Shiels and Associates
- Adjunct Professor Mary Lynne Taylor, Taylor Kelso Lawyers
- Professor Gary Moore, Dean, ex-officio
In the second semester of 2004 a small group of PhD students from School of Planning at Sydney University and AEGIS (The Australian Expert Group in Industry Studies) at the University of Western Sydney started meeting monthly. Initially the group intended to meet casually for informal discussions of common academic research topics but it was discovered that few students’ work overlapped.

Whilst it is still an informal occasion, the focus is on academic topics and issues that the students grapple with regularly. It has also become an appropriate forum for students to present their work before large conferences or academic boards and fine tune their presentations with the constructive comments offered by those in attendance. Besides presentations of current work, topics for discussion have included publishing in academic journals, good presentation skills and time management.

These seminars have drawn on the skills and experience of the Professors from both institutions. The group has since grown to almost twice its original size as students from other subject areas within the Faculty of Architecture have joined in with meetings held alternately in the Wilkinson Building and AEGIS’s building in the city.

Oregon Paper was for ACSP in Portland, October

Consultation or Communication:
Negotiating Community Involvement in Hallmark Events
Kat Martindale

Summary
When cities prepare for large sporting events such as the Olympic Games, the role of citizen participation is often minimised. Unlike other types of developments, the dates associated with an event are fixed and in order to achieve the project’s completion on time organising committees often behave as though they are besieged and must ‘get the job done’ at all costs. Specific legislation is enacted to satisfy the expeditious process: amendments to freedom of information acts are the most frequently applied. This paper discusses the extent to which residents of the coastal suburb of Bondi Beach were included in the preparatory process for the Olympic volleyball stadium development, unusually tight schedule afforded by an International Olympic Committee decision and the impacts this had had on those involved.

Key words: community consultation, citizen participation, hallmark events, Olympics, sacred space, Bondi Beach
Extended Abstract 2 was for IPHS in Barcelona, July
Consultation or Communication: Negotiating Community
Involvement in the Bondi Beach Olympic Volleyball Stadium
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This paper will examine the extent to which citizens were included in the preparations for events held at Bondi Beach for the 2000 Sydney Summer Olympic Games. The Bondi Beach Volleyball Stadium, a semi-permanent structure that occupied a third of the beach for six months, comprised several practice courts, changing areas and a main stadium. It was this imposition, and in particular its duration, that frustrated the strong local community whose vociferous demonstrations were aired through the global media. The infuriation felt at the significant reduction of the beach's usable space during the construction, event and demolition periods, for regular users was compounded by the increased number of tourists that visited Bondi at this time, drawn by the publicity for the city and the Olympics. This abstract will summarise some of the arguments posed in the literature, discuss selected issues that affected another major Australian hallmark event, the Defence of the America's Cup, and outline the elemental exclusions placed on participation processes in the planning for the Bondi Beach Volleyball Stadium.

The literature commonly presents the argument that governing bodies consider community participation in hallmark events as untenable, and that community groups and organisations bring only bad publicity, and disrupt and delay preparations. To date, the inclusion of host city residents has been limited, with organising committees adopting a parental style role in the relationship which is rarely appreciated by the community. The public's perception of their inclusion and power within the process has traditionally been manipulated in an attempt to reduce friction and increase accession and in this regard the Sydney Olympics were no different. For example, information regarding proposed developments and impact statements were displayed for only short periods at limited locations. Occasionally these were at sites remote from those discussed in the reports. This paper will discuss the quality of data presented to residents and the restrictions on its dissemination.

Authors of hallmark event literature stress the importance and benefits of public participation, and discuss the generally negative views of both processes expressed by the community. Public opposition to hallmark events is wider ranging than just residential displacement, either through forced evictions or rent increases, as the impacts felt are usually city-wide. Many of these protests could be avoided or mitigated if, as several authors suggest, local communities were involved. Kasarda claims that early engagement leads to more readily accepted proposals and more effective and enduring policies. This does, however, require governments and organising committees to accept that there is not only a role to be played by residents, but that this should be a long term involvement, and that their views should be considered seriously.
Other than the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games, the Defence of the America’s Cup hosted by Fremantle, Western Australia, in 1987 has been the largest single event in recent Australian sporting history and is well documented. Unlike most hallmark events, the America’s Cup Defence overwhelms its host city for several months rather than a few weeks, making the issues of residential displacement, provision of tourist accommodation and homelessness more acute. Cowie focuses on all three of these issues presenting and analysing the findings of the America’s Cup Defence Tenancy Working Party whose principal function was to provide information and support to affected tenants. Their key recommendations included increasing the type and quantity of visitor accommodation for both the short and long term, which may have minimised both displacement and homelessness. Whilst this proposal was acknowledged by the event’s organising committee, their employment of it was limited. Cowie blames this half-hearted implementation on a lack of confidence in the report by hotel groups, investors, landlords and the event management team. Whilst several papers criticised the event management team for ignoring community concerns Newman, ‘a resident, councillor and seconded government employee working on Cup preparation’, admits that whilst residents were not permitted a liberal hand in decision-making they were guided and consulted by the City Council and State government.

Hall notes that gaining public support for a hallmark event, like any other development project, is significantly easier if there are early opportunities to participate. Whilst community pressure groups can provoke discernible government reactions, and in some cases force policy changes, this capacity decreases nearer the event with organising committees turning their focus towards achieving preparatory goals, such as transport planning, ticket sales or construction deadlines. As beach Volleyball was not mentioned in Sydney’s Bid documentation submitted to the IOC in 1993, early consultation was not an option.

Jefferson Lenskyj (2002) discusses the events leading up to the Bondi Beach Volleyball Stadium and the convoluted processes that lead to the eventual emergence of the arena, dwelling mainly on the political negotiations and public protests. Lenskyj credits the original decision to host the volleyball at Bondi Beach to Dick Ebersol, NBC’s Olympic Head, made during his 1996 visit to Sydney. The stadium complex was not considered an immediate concern until late 1998. Waverley Council and concerned residents had been fighting against a development proposal to extend the existing rail link ten kilometers from Bondi Junction to Bondi Beach.

Waverley Mayor, Paul Pearce, declared in February 1999 that no venue agreements would be signed by Council and the Olympic Coordination Authority (OCA) until the general public had had the opportunity to voice their concerns. This stance was maintained for a further two months until the Mayor made a further announcement stating that the Council was not the consent authority for the Beach and that the State would assume responsibility for the development leaving the Council to negotiate the best deal for local residents.

Whilst host city communities may be invited to participate, their opinions acknowledged and be informed of the decisions made, their involvement in the process is purely perfunctory if they are not included in the decision making process that culminates in tangible results. It is clear that both Waverley Council and the OCA paid little more than lip service to the residents of Bondi Beach.
The Challenge of Asian Architecture: The Consumption-scape, Vietnamese Ambience, Vietnamese Goods and Services
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Abstract
The architectural interchanges in Asia will be compared to places where Asian migrants’ people have inhabited in a host city such as Sydney. Several opinions found that the “little Saigon” of Cabramatta, the centre suburb in western Sydney where the most Vietnamese live, performs more Asian, than Saigon, the Vietnam city with its architectural style progresses toward international performance. The “Vietnamese ambience” in Cabramatta reflects the demands of consumers. Vietnamese goods and services and suits for the Vietnamese migrants. However, the international architecture in Saigon presents global involvements which might not represent the Vietnamese ambience. The manuscript is divided into six sections i.e the introduction to terminologies used, research methodology and research methods; the changes of consumers’ life-style, preference and interest; the growth of the Vietnamese ambience in British-Anglo planning system of Cabramatta; the effects of the ambience on consumers’ choices; finally the reflections of Vietnamese ambience as part of re-building the Asian images and architectural interchanges as the consumption-scape.

Keywords: Consumption-scape; Asian architecture; Vietnamese ambience; Vietnamese goods and services.
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Abstract

Other than providing shelter, housing also has some non-shelter outcomes in a number of areas such as education. Different aspects of housing have different educational outcomes. This research will primarily explain the relationship between housing mobility and children’s school achievement. The findings of this research will have a number of policy implications. For example, if it is found that housing mobility and school outcomes are strongly correlated, then it would highlight the importance of security of tenure. In the dearth of Australian studies linking housing and education, it is expected that my research will contribute to the knowledge in this field.

The literature review reveals that housing moves result in detachment from the neighbourhood, implying loss of social network and hence loss of peer support. Lack of motivation in establishing a new network may result in social isolation. On the other hand, change of schools is related to loss of peer group and relationship with the teachers, and increased pressure of acclimatising to the new environment. Every move is associated with high financial costs for the family. All these contribute to increased stress and possibly even depression resulting in poor health, absenteeism, and possible poor academic performance.

To establish the relationship between residential mobility and educational performance, this study will primarily depend on a secondary panel data set of Queensland Education. The longitudinal design will be used for this research. As school outcomes are also dependent on other variables, such as ethnicity, gender, socio-economic status of the parents, these confounding variables will have to be statistically controlled during the data analysis stage. Limitations of the Queensland Education database will mean that supplementary survey research will be required to gather the additional information. It will also help in the triangulation process leading to stronger research outcomes.