



Snap Shot



Australian Association of
Planning Consultants

CHAIRMAN'S NOTE

Welcome to 2007 and the first of a new look AAPC 'Snap Shot.'

At a time when most practices seem to be focussing on recruitment, staff retention, project resourcing and keeping heads above water, the AAPC is keen to stay relevant, informative and to be of value to its members.

Debate, dialogue and involvement in a period of substantial change will have a high profile this year. The number of groups appearing to provoke some purpose and form in Perth's future is noted. Hot on the heels of Al Gore's visit in late 2006, Lynda Dorington and FORM are again stimulating discussion with Charles Landry in the Creative Capital workshop to be held next month. Charles will be joined by Jeff Kennet, Ken Maher and Nick Rowley to workshop Perth's future with a selected group of thinkers and decision makers.

It is highly appropriate that AAPC has supported 'Painting the Town', the first exhibition of art by planners to be presented in parallel with the Sight>Lines<Sight National PIA Congress.

So please have a read, give us your feedback and join us at lunch this month with Jeremy Dawkins to talk about what he and we think are important in planning for the future of Perth.

I also take the liberty of passing on David Caddy's concern that practicing planners are conspicuous by their absence from Sight>Lines<Sight National PIA Congress. I recommend your participation!

Chris Melsom, Chairman



Review - 2006 Speakers

Thanks to those who have shared their expertise with AAPC members in 2006.

2007 will bring new issues and review some old. As WA moves from having one planning course to four, education will be high on the agenda. So will the services we offer the market place, changes in policy direction and the implications of Global Warming.

A moment to reflect...



Tony Free
Director Sustainable Development, City of Mandurah

"Sustainability and the Seachange City"

According to KPMG, along with only three other centres in Australia, the "Seachange City" of Mandurah will reinvent itself as its population doubles in the next 25 years. Tony Free, Director of Sustainable Development at the City of Mandurah illustrated the challenges faced by the City as it delivers sustainable outcomes in one of the fastest growing regional cities in Australia ... not the least of which are pressures for high-rise, preserving natural settings and retrofitting the City for rail.



Martin Bowman
Director, RPS Bowman Bishaw Gorham

"EPA Guidance Statement No. 33"

Draft Guidance Statement "Environmental Guidance for Planning & Development" (Guidance Statement No. 33) will provide comprehensive advice on protecting the environment during planning, and information on environmental impact assessment processes. Martin Bowman, Director - RPS Bowman Bishaw Gorham, provided an overview of the contents and implications of EPA Guidance Statement No. 33 based on his use of the document and its predecessor released in 1996.



Steve Hiller
Manager Development Services Branch, Water Corporation

"Development Services Branch - What the?"

The Water Corporation provides water, sewer and drainage services within the State. It has in the order of 950,000 customers. The Development Services Branch is the Corporation's point of contact for the development industry in relation to planning, subdivision and building. But who are they and what do they do?



Debra Shorter
General Manager Business Development, LandCorp

"Challenges Facing the State Government's Property Developer"

LandCorp is increasing its focus on sustainability, innovation and best practice in design through greater linkages and partnerships with the private sector. LandCorp has established strong relationships with leaders in professions such as planning, engineering and the environment working to an outsourcing model. How will LandCorp respond to the challenge of working beyond the land boundary in the future and create different delivery models? What skill sets does it require? Will the outsourcing model continue?



Eugene Ferraro
Department for Planning and Infrastructure

The Western Australian Planning Commission is currently in the process of finalising and adopting Liveable Neighborhoods.

While Liveable Neighborhoods deals with subdivision layout, it does not address the issue of how the built form respond to the planned environment.

Earlier this year, Eugene attended a Smart Codes tour organised through Roberts Day and DPZ Pacific. The tour took in many "traditional neighbourhood design" projects, mainly in central and on the east coast of the US and concluded with a three day Smart Code workshop in Biloxi Mississippi. On the tour he was able to see many of the benefits and issues associated with this type of planning and is now firmly convinced that Western Australia should consider embracing the concept.

RUSSELL TAYLOR AWARD

The Australian Association of Planning consultants proudly presented the Russell Taylor Award to Bill Burrell for his professionalism, quality and excellence in urban and rural planning at the PIA (WA) Awards for Planning Excellence 2006 Ceremony.

The Award is named after the late Russell D. Taylor who was a founder of Taylor Burrell Barnett and who shared those values.

Following Russell's passing in 1996, the AAPC established the award in his honour, and offers it to any individual who is a member of PIA.



“Encourage the pursuit of professionalism, quality and excellence in urban design and rural planning.”

BILL BURRELL

Bill's career achievements are impressive and the list long. The award could celebrate Bill's early work in corridor strategies, his role in taking planning to rural areas, his co-authorship and lead consultant role in the Liveable Neighbourhoods Community Design Code or any number of his roles in planning education and major urban projects.

This award was made in recognition of the contribution Bill Burrell has made to urban planning through the regeneration of waterfront urban environments over a number of years. Projects include the Marlston Hill and Marlston waterfront projects in Bunbury which have given public access to the waterfront, an asset both natural and man made that Bunbury is now able to enjoy. These projects have themselves led to a major reactivation of the Bunbury CBD way beyond the immediate boundaries of those projects.

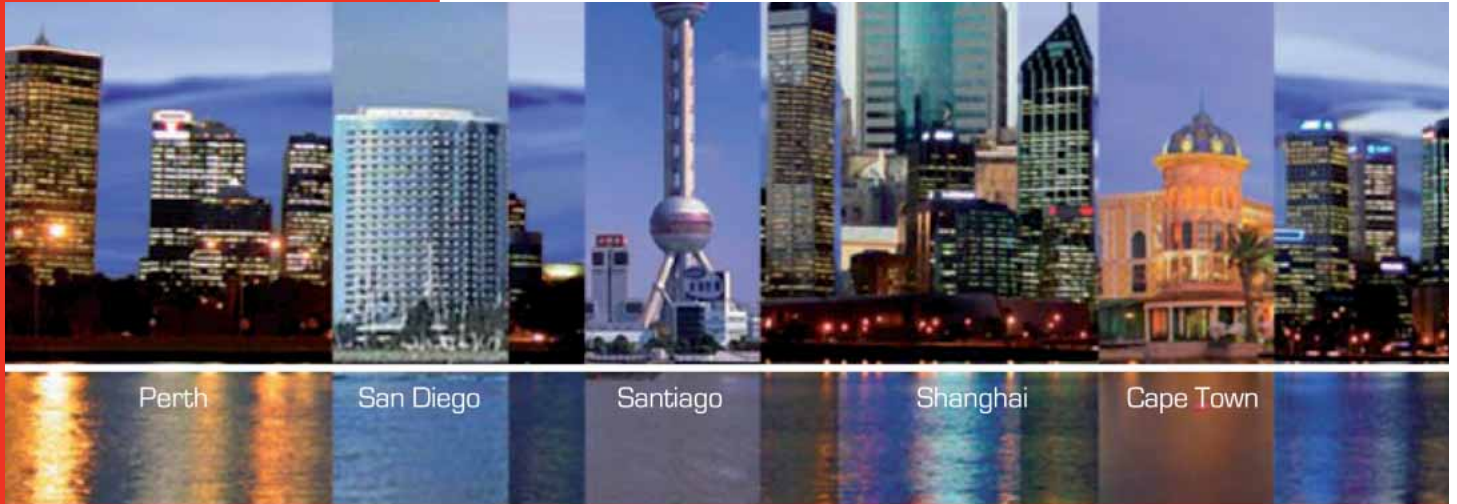
More recently in Bunbury, Bill's earlier work has been extended by the initial phases of planning for the redevelopment of the Bunbury Outer Harbour and the Koombana Bay waterfront which will continue to put Bunbury on the map as a place people will chose to visit and will chose to live in, rather than drive by on their way south. These works show an understanding of the interface relationships between working port and living community together with the natural environment, coastal and estuarine systems.

Bill has led – and his contribution in design is hands on –the development of Ascot Waters, Mindarie Keys, Mangles Bay, planning for Port Coogee, the Cockburn Coast and the Mandurah Foreshore precincts.

But perhaps one project that highlights and brings together Bill's achievements in waterfront planning is the Mandurah Ocean Marina.

Mandurah shows us the high value we put on access to water and how innovation in urban living can be brought about through community and stakeholder consultation, through the most complex development approval processes, through complex land tenure issues and in a way that works with the environment and water movement systems. It shows us how the development process and the taking of risks is also directly related to the creation of community.

The Mandurah Ocean marina will certainly be seen as a project that has set standards and opened up possibilities for civic design and waterfront development not just in Western Australia, but across Australia. It is changing people's mental map of Mandurah and has brought a level of urbanity to the region. Bill is a mentor, an educator, an absolute professional, a gentleman and was applauded a deserving recipient of this award.



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Sight-lines-site will take you to Perth, an edge city, and capital of booming, resource rich, Western Australia. It will open your eyes as to how planning is creating vibrant, liveable communities globally, nationally and locally.

The Congress will analyse the experiences of Australian cities and regions, but look beyond them, drawing on the global planning experiences of a number of cities on the 32nd parallel - Perth, Cape Town, Shanghai, Santiago and San Diego. We will also look internationally to the vibrant and liveable city of Vancouver.

We look forward to seeing you in Perth in May 2007.

David Caddy
Director of Congress
National City Vice President

Di Jay
National Co-Chair
PIA Chief Executive Officer



YP Connect 30 April & 1 May 2007

The Planning Institute of Australia's National Young Planner Group will be hosting the third annual national young planner conference YPConnect in Perth in 2007. YPConnect is an annual event that allows young planners, both students and graduates, to have a voice on a national scale and to participate in professional development specifically targeted at young professionals. YPConnect 2007 will commence with an opening study tour and welcome function on Monday 30th April followed by a full day stand alone conference on Tuesday 1st May.

international keynote speakers include:

Prof Sir Peter Hall

Professor of Planning and Regeneration, Bartlett School of Architecture and Planning, University College London; Senior Research Fellow Young Foundation UNITED KINGDOM



Richard Marshall
Director of Urban Design,
Woods Bagot Sydney
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Dr David Dewar
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Bill Anderson
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accommodation

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the PEET business centre

The PEET Business Centre will be operating for the duration of the Congress. The Centre will include internet facilities, telephone, fax and photocopier to assist delegates with all their business requirements during the Congress.

PEET

national invited speakers include:

Billie Giles Corti
University of Western Australia, WA

John Montgomery
Urban Cultures Ltd, NSW

Pamille Berg AO
Pamille Berg Consulting, ACT

Gilbert Rochecoste
Village Well, VIC

Richard Brecknock
Brecknock Consulting, SA

Leon van Schaik
RMIT, VIC

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Roger Wood
Anup Planning, UK

The Hon Alannah MacTiernan MLA
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“PAINTING THE TOWN”

...an art exhibition by planners
perth town hall undercroft
april 30 - may 4 2007

“this exhibition is the first of its kind...these talented individuals coming together and sharing their vision and creativity”

sharon dawes
curator of
“painting the town” and
gallery manager,
elements art gallery



“Painting the Town” is a parallel event
to the Site>Lines<Sight National PIA Congress.
Put it in your diary now.

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WE NEED YOUR HELP ...

Help the Association to help you in 2007

The AAPC is an association whose objectives include representing the views and interests of its members, the promotion of registered town planning consultants, arbitration and advise on primary issues and promoting the development, enhancement and status of member practices.

The AAPC holds bi-monthly meetings for members with presentations for a range of professional consulting planners.

In 2007, we aim to focus on changes in the education of planners, the growing challenges of sustainability particularly those associated with urban growth, and the debate on the future form of Perth. **BUT we need to hear from you!** Please take a few minutes to let us know your key areas of interest/concern/direction for 2007 so that the AAPC can best serve it's members.

MEETING CALENDER

MARCH

General Meeting: 21-Mar

APRIL

Management Committee Meeting: 17-Apr

Practice Workshop: 17-Apr

MAY

General Meeting: 8-May

JUNE

Management Committee Meeting: 12-Jun

Practice Workshop: 19-June

AGM: TBC

JULY

General Meeting: 10-Jul

AUGUST

Management Committee Meeting: 7-Aug



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Please complete the following questions and send to Claire Turner:

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- 1** What is/are the key issue(s) for planning practices in 2007?
- 2** What would you most like to hear about over lunch in 2007?
- 3** We are planning three (2-3 hour) practice workshops this year (more information to follow). Should they be morning, afternoon or after hours?

Have something to add?

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