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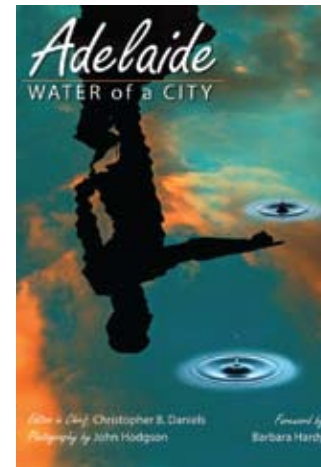
2010 Awards for Planning Excellence Overview



It's great to see the planning profession taking a lead in shaping Adelaide's urban future. The 30-Year Plan for Greater Adelaide was the winner of this year's award for urban planning achievement. This is just recognition for what is arguably the most visionary long term plan that Adelaide has had since the 1962 plan. The 30-Year Plan calls for a shift in Adelaide's urban form, focusing urban growth into transit-rich areas around rail stations and along major road corridors. The Plan also calls for the creation of quality public spaces to boost the liveability and amenity of urban environments.

Two of the PIA awards recognise the Bowden Village masterplan as an exemplary approach to creating transit-oriented communities. Another two of the commendations recognise the work of Unley and Prospect Councils in promoting high density mixed use development along key road corridors. Together, these projects are about delivering the TODs (transit oriented developments) sought by The 30-Year Plan. This year's PIA awards also recognised excellence in place-making, with seven nominations submitted in the urban design category and the Adelaide City Council's innovative plan for Victoria Square receiving an award and a commendation in different categories. Planning is about changing urban environments for the better. The winners of this year's PIA Awards are leading the way.

Awards Convenor
Stuart Moseley FPIA CPP
Principal
Connor Holmes



Planning Scholarship Research and Teaching

Winner: Adelaide, Water of a City
Dr David Jones – University of Adelaide and Professor Chris Daniels – University of South Australia

The panel considered that the text achieves the very thing that is at the heart of good planning – the pulling together of a diverse, sometimes contradictory collection of views in order to better understand an issue.

Young Planner of the Year

Winner: Warwick Deller-Coombs
Jensen Planning + Design

Warwick Deller-Coombs has been highly active as a young planner having been President and Vice President of University South Australia's Organisation of Planning Students. One of Warwick's colleagues described him as having "an unshakeable commitment to finding opportunities to support and value add to the planning profession".



Rural and Regional Planning Achievement

Winner: Georgetown Urban Design Framework
GITF (Georgetown into the Future), WAX Design, URPS, Historical Research and Shane P Foley and Associates

The Framework identifies a range of opportunities, directions and detailed actions that aim to reinvigorate the town and create a more attractive and vibrant physical setting. Importantly, the UDF will assist the community, stakeholders and Council to focus their efforts and allocate capital funds to achieve the strategic development of the town.



Urban Planning Achievement

Winner: 30-Year Plan for Greater Adelaide
The Department of Planning and Local Government, KPMG, Connor Holmes, Arup, Six Degrees and University of NSW

The 30-Year Plan for Greater Adelaide is the most comprehensive planning strategy ever adopted by the South Australian Government. It integrates land use planning with infrastructure provision, environmental protection and liveability. It was the first Australian capital city strategic plan to factor in climate change into its development.



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Urban Design - Plans and Ideas

Winner: Bowden Urban Village Master Plan
 Land Management Corporation, HASSELL and Parsons Brinckerhoff

The judges considered that the project demonstrates innovation in urban design through the development of a high-level plan and a more detailed Precinct Plan for the Bowden Urban Village site itself, together with a well considered implementation plan.



Environmental Planning and Conservation

Winner: "GREEN HOUSE EFFECT" Historic Dwelling Improvement Design and Resource Audit
 City of Unley, Dr Helen Bennetts - Sustainability House, Dr Stephen Pullen - University of South Australia and Department of Environment and Natural Resources

The report shows a huge amount of energy can be saved by renovating houses rather than replacing them.



Social and Community Based Planning

Commendation: Future Directions of Community Centres and Community Centres for Older People
 Elton Consulting, City of Playford and Sustainable Focus

The City of Playford has recognised the need to plan strategically for social infrastructure to meet projected population growth and changing community needs. Of particular interest is the comparison of community centres elsewhere in the State and interstate, along with their underlying principles and management models.

Local Government Person, Project, Policy or Process Management Initiative

Winner: Victoria Square/Tarndanyangga Urban Regeneration Project
 Adelaide City Council, Taylor Cullity Lethlean, Tonkin Zulaikha Greer and Aurecon

The urban regeneration of Victoria Square / Tarndanyangga is one of the most important public space projects in Adelaide's history. While at this stage lacking a firm implementation plan, the Master Plan is eminently worthy of capturing wider financial support and stands perhaps the strongest chance yet of turning Victoria Square from a lost opportunity into Adelaide's civic heart.



President's Award

Winner: Research and Documentation of the coastline between Streaky Bay and Baird Bay
 Friends of Seale Bay

This project was awarded for their contribution to researching and documenting the high value of the coastline between Streaky Bay and Baird Bay on the West Coast of South Australia. An unpublished report on the opportunity for the protection of coastal land between Streaky Bay to Venus Bay is providing a framework for biodiversity protection and pro-active planning for the Streaky Bay District. Written by David Letch and with exceptional photography by Grant Hobson, this book and accompanying DVD reflects the passionate commitment and collaboration of those who wish to see this very significant coastal ecosystem protected.

Student Project

Commendation: Pirie Street Assessment
 Stephanie Rogers, Lauren Ryder, Rona Zou, Pimpakorn Invasa

The judges considered that this report is an excellent analysis of Pirie Street from an urban design/placemaking perspective that pays particular attention to the various elements that make up the street and its links to the wider urban environment. The judges were particularly impressed with the depth and detail of the analysis and the students are to be applauded for undertaking the assessment across the entire length of the street as well as during different times of the day and night.



Category 10

Minister's Award

Winner: Bowden Urban Village Master Plan
 Land Management Corporation, HASSELL and Parsons Brinckerhoff

The Master Plan effectively achieves its goal of demonstrating a vision for a precinct in an easily understood and well presented document. By defining a strategic vision in this way, the Master Plan helps to support the Bowden Urban Village's aim of creating an integrated community that is environmentally sustainable, water sensitive and makes best use of transport corridors to put people and their homes near jobs, services and recreation.

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Cities and their regions were the focus for discussions on sustainable planning futures, based around the growing concerns of climate change and population expansion at the 2010 EAROPH Golden Jubilee Congress.

Adelaide was the host for this international conference attended by delegates from the East Asian region, New Zealand and various States of Australia.

Speakers such as Professor Chris Paris from Ulster University and Professor Dinesh Mehta, CEPT University, India, promoted a world view of the urban impact of population changes and mobility, as related to climate change and urban management. The views of overseas speakers were complemented by a range of eminent local speakers such as Dr. Wendy Sarkissian, Professor Chris Daniels, Dorte Ekelund and Professor Mike Young. The EAROPH Congress was attended by leading urban planners from the region who gave an international flavour to proceedings with contributions led by the Deputy Director General of the Department of Town and Country Planning, Malaysia, Madam Datin Hamisah Ariffin and leading city planners from Japan, Vietnam, Indonesia and India.

The Congress defined a strong case for regional co-operation and sharing to combat the growing concerns surrounding population expansion, community and cultural expectation and the need to focus

on renewable energy and innovative development approaches to address the big picture of climate change. The 2011 EAROPH Congress will be held in Brunei.

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New role for Harbison

Michael Harbison was elected President of EAROPH at the Congress held in Adelaide. His experience in local government and business was seen to place him well to lead the international Eastern Region Organisation of Planning and Human Settlements based in Kuala Lumpur.

The new president will work with governments and agencies throughout the Australasian region to maintain a strong planning focus on the growth of cities and communities to be much more sustainable with a focus on regional co-operation.



Above: Delegates from EAROPH enjoy the sites of Adelaide.

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Paul Holloway, Wendy Holloway



Victoria Shute, Cimon Burke



Melissa Cooper, Melanie Paull



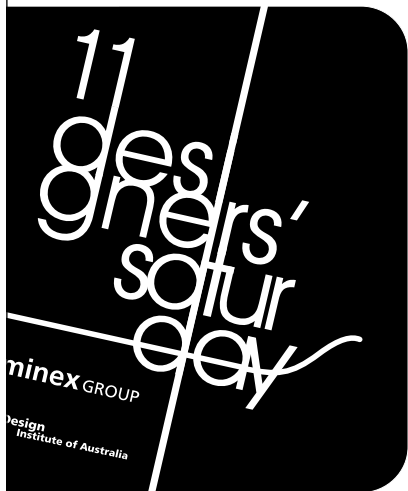
Pimpakorn Invasa, Shan Yao, Rong Zou



Andrew Gear, Angela Hazebroek, Marcus Rolfe



Roger Freeman, Iris Iwanicki, Ian Nightingale, Joe Kocy



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WOODHEAD GOES ALONG FOR THE RIDE

The Tour Down Under is coming to town and local teams are out in force training for their annual cycling feast.



Woodhead has been practising architecture for 83 years and cycling for nine. Although the two pursuits may seem unrelated, both are enjoyable and require commitment, endurance and team-work to be successful.

Woodhead was invited to become a corporate sponsor of the Tour Down Under in 2000, and the first event we participated in as a sponsor was in 2001.

Previously we had seen the Grand Prix come and go in Adelaide, replaced by the V8s. In our search to support a major South Australian event, we settled on the Tour Down Under because we saw a future in cycling both as a leisure pursuit and

as a spectator sport, ensuring the future growth of this event but even we could not have imagined the exponential growth that cycling has enjoyed as a professional sport since then.

One of the great things about the Tour Down Under is the fact that it takes place at the beginning of the year. The weather is almost always good, barring a few hot days that make the challenge for the cyclist just a bit more daunting, and everyone looks forward to the excuse for a bit of summer fun after the Christmas break. The Tour is the topic of conversation in Adelaide in the lead up to the event and for many months after and many locals now take part

themselves, following in the wake of their international idols.

In the past nine years Woodhead has had a lot of fun entertaining clients at the race and introducing them to the subtleties and tactics of international professional staged races.

The Woodhead bus follows the event each day with all the colour, energy and excitement of the race, naturally stopping off to sample the wonderful food and wine at many of the great restaurants in the Hills and the Fleurieu Peninsular.

It is a great opportunity to show off our state to interstate guests who especially enjoy the unique atmosphere of the Tour,

not to mention the scenery and lunches.

For the first time in 2011, Woodhead has entered a team of our own consisting of staff and clients in the Mutual Community Challenge, on Friday, January 21.

Cycling is playing an increasing role in planning of cities and communities as an environmental form of transport and a good way to improve health and fitness. Architecture and cycling come together in urban design and building design where many buildings now incorporate cycle storage and shower and change facilities.

– David King-Jones
Director, Woodhead



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