

**NEW DESIGN PRACTICE IN THE URBAN REALM
NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS CONFERENCE
(NZILA) 2008 CONFERENCE,
3-6 APRIL 2008, HYATT HOTEL, AUCKLAND**

As the 21st century kicks in, New Zealand cities are undergoing massive transformation, with much of this change occurring in new ways and at amazing speed. CBDs, suburbs, waterfronts and peri-urban belts are all interactive systems moving rapidly into unknown futures. In these areas new kinds of terrain are emerging - usually the leftovers of previous economic and production regimes. In Auckland this process can be seen at the old railway yards to the east of the CBD, the Tank Farm to its west, in abandoned factory sites such as Lion Breweries and in disused reserves like Carlaw Park.

Up and down the country suburban business districts and residential neighbourhoods are being retrofitted to accommodate rapid population growth, and low-rise housing blocks surrounded by carparks and strip landscapes that are replacing the single-dwelling unit standing in a garden. On the peri-urban fringes horizontal urbanisation is creating a new kind of metropolitan tissue for which there are no previous models. Here, an in-between landscape is being created.

This is a composite of landscape fragments, a patchwork terrain composed of temporary carparks, grassed setbacks, vacant sections, buffer zones and other indefinable geographies awaiting redevelopment as rural land is reprogrammed for housing, schools, malls and big block retail outlets (though these latter may be on the wane).

Population pressures are driving these changes, but so are transformations in society, as urban populations diversify and adapt to emergent 21st

century conditions. This major SHIFT in landscape potential needs to be accompanied by a SHIFT in landscape practice. Design professionals need to prepare themselves for adaptive re-use scenarios, open systems design and performative approaches to practice that change and flow with the emergent requirements of rapid urbanisation.

The essential conditions of the changing city are landscape conditions. These are best addressed by a SHIFT in policy and practice towards the management, planning and design of urban landscapes. Because they deal primarily with adaptive processes landscape architects are well placed to guide and regulate the paradigm SHIFT that is occurring as New Zealand looks to maximise its unique cultural and natural resources and market them to the world.

Understanding the features of this urban SHIFT and learning how to work with them are the objectives of this conference. Future urban, economic, technological and productive health depends on salvaging and re-imagining the collective body of in-between territories, creating new, adaptive landscapes that are programmed for flexible re-use and incorporated into new urban strategies, changing and flowing with the emergent requirements of urbanisation. This is our project.

Keynote speaker: Professor Peter Droege, Chair, World Council for Renewable Energy (WCRE) Asia Pacific. Peter Droege is Conjoint Professor, School of Architecture and Built Environment, University of Newcastle, Visiting Professor and Director, Centre for Sustainable Urbanism, School of Landscape Architecture and Planning, Beijing University, Chair, World Council for Renewable Energy (WCRE) Asia Pacific, and Chair, Planning Institute of Australia (PIA) Urban

Design Chapter. Peter has twenty-five years of experience in the practice, teaching and research of urban planning and design, working with government, industry and universities. He is also an author and public speaker on urban design, sustainable development and urban environment policies. He has inaugurated and chairs the Urban Design Chapters of the Planning Institute of Australia (PIA) at both the national and New South Wales state levels. Over the past two decades, he has developed a special focus on the urban design and planning aspects of major infrastructure changes, in energy and information technology.

Other speakers confirmed for SHIFT include Chris Reed (Principal and founder of StoSS Landscape Urbanism), Stephen Tupu (Principal and founder of Terrain-nyc), Penny Allan (Member of the NSW Government's Urban Design Advisory Committee), Tony Wong (Principal EDAW Melbourne and Sydney), Mark Fuller (Principal EDAW Gillespies Australia) Jacqueline Osty (Principal of L'agence) and Brian McGrath (founder and principal of Urban-Interface).

To register or find out more about the speakers, visit the conference website at www.nzila.co.nz/shift

AILA NEWS ONLINE
<http://www.aila.org.au/news>

MARCH EVENTS

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THE 3RD AUSTRALIAN ROAD ENGINEERING & MAINTENANCE CONFERENCE 2008

<http://www.halledit.com.au/conferences/details.php?id=69>

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Level 1, 41 Exhibition St, Melbourne



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we come to the end of January the year already feels well underway, numerous discussions and meetings have occurred for AILA Victoria's events and activities in 2008.

The December 2007/January 2008 newsletter it was noted that applications for the Victorian State Manager were being sought. Since the last newsletter applications have closed, a short list of candidates have been interviewed and the position has been offered to the preferred applicant. The State Manager will commence employment soon, which presents the group with a new administrative system as well as new opportunities. Thanks to Kirsten Bauer, Tim Hart and Paul Costigan for assisting with the selection process. Further updates will be in the next newsletter.

The State Manager is an evolution of the Secretariat that has been provided by The Royal Australian Institute of Architects for over 10 years. Thank you to the RAlA and in particular Phoebe LaGerche-Wijsman (as the outgoing AILA Secretariat who will continue in her position with the RAlA providing Secretariat services to the Victorian and Tasmanian groups of the Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors and as Special Projects Officer for the RAlA) and Elizabeth Raut (who has provided invaluable support to AILA for a number of years). The relationship with the RAlA will continue with the State Manager based within the RAlA building at 41 Exhibition Street, and the Executive meetings and other events continuing to be held in the building.

A few weeks ago a meeting was held to discuss the events and activities for the Victorian group in 2008. The meeting was a great opportunity to discuss areas that have been working well and also areas we need to do more. If the number of people in attendance acts as a guide, there is a lot of energy and enthusiasm within our group. If one of your new year's resolutions was to get more involved with AILA please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the Executive. Alternatively come along to the next Events and Executive Committee meetings, at 5.00pm and 6.00pm respectively, Thursday 28 February.

It looks like being a big year.

Mark Frisby
Victorian Group President, AILA

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AILA FRESH is a group of young Australian designers seeking to keep the profession of Landscape Architecture FRESH, inquisitive, answerable and alive. FRESH aims to broaden the depth of knowledge that young designers, from all walks of life, seek by holding regular seminars, informal chats, exhibitions and soirees. They are looking for FRESH blood to help organise events, so please make contact with them if you are young, vibrant and well...FRESH. Check out the FRESH blog: <http://aila-fresh.blogspot.com/> or email FRESH at ailafresh@googlegroups.com to get involved.

2009 AILA National Conference

Theme, speakers, site visits, etc. for the AILA National Conference 2009 are being considered, so if you would like to have some input please register your interest now. ailavic@raia.com.au

THE ENVIRONMENT GROUP

is always interested in new members joining. If you are interested please either forward an expression of interest to ailavic@raia.com.au or join them at 8.00am at the Countryside Deli, 708 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn on the third Tuesday of the month.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION HAVE YOU MOVED LATELY???

Please ensure that you email your new address and new contact information to the National office, otherwise magazines and landmarks go missing! admin@aila.org.au

WHAT'S THE FUTURE FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE?

Prepared by the BEDP Action Agenda Committee. <http://www.aila.org.au/action/default.htm>

OUTDOOR DESIGN SOURCE INDUSTRY NEWS

<http://odsnews.com.au/>

FEBRUARY EVENTS

24 January - 17 February

Newcastle 2008, an exhibition of collaborative projects artists, architects and landscape architects.

<http://www.backtothecity.com.au/downloads/brief.pdf>

THE WINNERS OF THE LANDSCAPE INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA, 2007 AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

http://www.liav.com.au/awards_of_excellence?cid=12566

The Landscape Industries Association of Victoria is holding its first meeting for 2008 and has extended an invitation to AILA members to attend **Thursday 7 February**, at the Melbourne Zoo, for a presentation on the landscape design and construction of the Elephant Walk. Zoo staff will be giving a talk and tour of their latest projects for the orang-utans, the elephant walk, water recycling plant and the new stories from the sea exhibit that has just commenced construction. Please meet outside the main gate at 6.00pm at Melbourne Zoo.

The night is free, but booking is essential.
RSVP to LIAV 1300 365 428 by Monday 4 February



AUSTRALIAN LANDSCAPE CHARTER NOW ONLINE <http://www.aila.org.au/charter>

THE SUMMER EDITION OF LAONLINE IS NOW AVAILABLE

<http://www.aila.org.au/laonline/>

The National office is seeking articles for the Autumn issue of LAonline. Articles can be on a range of topics, reviews of projects, reviews of books or happenings, hot topics, heritage works, research under way or even about sites visited while travelling (AILA love travel pictures).

<http://www.aila.org.au/LAOnline/docs/policy.htm>

If you have an article you wish to submit, please make contact with the National office to discuss content and size (AILA can be very flexible).

HOT TOPIC:

2008 is 20 years since Australia's Bicentenary (1988) and many projects were undertaken around that time. Were you involved then and/or wish to revisit and review any of these historic sites? Critical comments welcomed. Please contact the National Office ASAP or by return email. admin@aila.org.au

LOTS OF JOBS ARE ON OFFER

<http://www.aila.org.au/jobs>

AILA TASMANIAN GROUP 2007 PROJECT AWARDS WINNERS

<http://www.aila.org.au/tasmania/AWARDS/2007.htm>

NEW ASSESSMENT GUIDE

FOR APPLICANTS AND MENTORS - IS NOW AVAILABLE <http://www.aila.org.au/membership>

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THURSDAY 3 TO SATURDAY 5 APRIL, HYATT HOTEL, AUCKLAND
http://www.nzila.co.nz/conf_coming.asp

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT'S SIGNBOARDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE <http://www.aila.org.au/victoria/signboards.htm>

BIRD COLLISION MITIGATION

WORKSHOP - TUESDAY 12 FEBRUARY

The Threatened Species Network (a partnership of WWF-Australia and the Australian Government) will be hosting a workshop in Melbourne on Tuesday February 12th to seek advice from the planning, design, architectural and landscape planning industries on potential design solutions to reduce the risk of bird collisions. Collisions are a particular threat to the Swift Parrot, a nationally endangered species. The workshop will run from 8:45 am to 1:30 pm, followed by a light lunch. If you are interested in the issue of bird collisions, able to attend, and willing to share your knowledge and experience, please contact Stephanie Pfennigwerth at stephpf@ozemail.com.au or Natalie Holland, Threatened Species Network Victoria, on (03) 9669 1304 or tsnvc@wwf.org.au.

More about compulsory CPD in 2008

<http://www.aila.org.au/cpd>

ARCHITECTURE+PHILOSOPHY PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES - 2008 LAUNCH:

Thursday, 3 February, 6:00pm, at BMW EDGE, FEDSQ

Architecture+Philosophy returns for the fourth year in 2008. The monthly public program provokes engagement with questions of contemporary urbanism, planning, technology, space, system, design, distribution and other issues in the productive overlap between the two disciplines.

Opening the series is Prof Richard Blythe, Professor of Architecture and Head of the School of Architecture + Design at RMIT University, and a founding director of the architecture practice Terroir. Full details will appear on the website: <http://www.architecturephilosophy.rmit.edu.au/> All sessions are free and there is no need to RSVP.

Architecture+Philosophy is curated by Esther Anatolitis and Dr Hélène Frichot, and presented by RMIT Architecture and Design and Federation Square. New to the series as Guest Curator in 2008 is Chelle Macnaughtan.

The full 2008 program will be advertised shortly. Presentation proposals are still welcome. Contact the curators with your proposal by Friday, 15 February.

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3rd Australian Congress of New Urbanism, Brisbane
More information: www.acnu.org

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The Landscape Industries of Victoria
First meeting for 2008.
Melbourne Zoo 6.00pm

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Green Cities 08
10-13 February,
Sydney Convention centre
<http://www.greencities.org.au/>

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