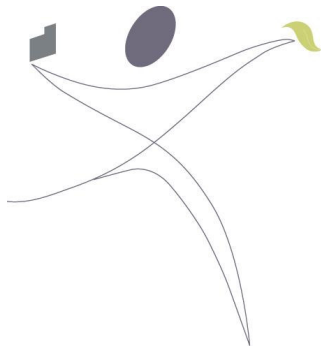


# News and Views

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## Recent Work:

### Preliminary Planning Reports

AAP - a preferred planning consultant of the NSW Department of Housing - assisted the Department on a number of projects within NSW over 07/08, including sites in Newcastle, Port Macquarie, Nambucca Heads, Casino and Ballina.



AAP's Newcastle East report for the NSW Department of Housing on 16 historic boatman's terraces addressed complex parking and heritage conservation issues and identified and evaluated a large number of potential future uses.

### Mid-North Coast Regional Strategy

AAP has recently completed a number of Regional Strategy Submissions to the NSW Department of Planning on behalf of local property owners.

It is anticipated that the Mid-North Coast Regional Strategy will be finalised by the NSW Department of Planning in early 2008. The Strategy is an important planning document for the Mid-North Coast of NSW as:

- The strategy establishes dwelling targets for all residential development within the Mid-North Coast region to the year 2031
- All rezoning proposals and future land releases within the region will be required to be consistent with the adopted Strategy

## Statements of Environmental Effects & DA's

- Development Assessment of proposed Sewage Treatment Plant at Thrumster for Port Macquarie-Hastings Council
- Development Assessment of proposed 5,000 m<sup>2</sup> Shopping Centre including Woolworths Supermarket and Specialty Stores at Cardiff, Newcastle for Lake Macquarie City Council
- Nambucca Heads and Port Macquarie Seniors Living Developments for Uniting Care Ageing North Coast

AAP's assessment involved a negotiated amendment to improve the development's relationship to immediately adjacent shops and future pedestrians/cyclists and to reduce crime risk.

## Glasshouse Inquiry Impacts:

AAP has received enquiries from concerned clients about the impacts of the dismissal of Port Macquarie's Councillors on 27 February 2008.

Councillors were dismissed following consideration of Commissioner Frank Willan's report on the

Council's Glasshouse Arts & Conference Centre Project by NSW Local Government Minister Paul Lynch.

At this early stage in events, Council's Manager of Development Assessments has advised us there will be no change to current DA processing arrangements. Applications that would have been tabled at Council meetings for the consideration of Councillors will now be tabled at Council meetings for the consideration of the state government appointed Administrator, Mr Dick Persson.

- Port Macquarie-Hastings Council meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of every month from 5.30 pm.
- Members of the community will be welcome to attend Council meetings and address Mr Persson on matters of concern or interest.



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- Mr Persson has advised that he will not be lobbied on development matters prior to consideration of applications at Council meetings.
- Until the end of September 2008, Mr Persson will be in Port Macquarie on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays as he is also administrator of Warringah Council in Sydney.
- In the medium to longer term it appears likely that an Independent Hearing Assessment Panel (IHAP) will be established for those development applications that would normally have been considered by Council. These applications will still be tabled at Council meetings but only after IHAP has heard the matter and made recommendation to Council.

## Coastal Walk Extension



**Proposed walkway route adjacent to Pacific Drive in Port Macquarie**



AAP is very pleased to be working with Port Macquarie–Hastings Council’s Parks and Gardens Section to facilitate construction of the missing coastal walk link between Windmill Hill and Flynn’s Beach. AAP’s work also involves a proposal to improve pedestrian access to the northern end of Shelly Beach and a substantial walkway proposal at Tacking Point Lighthouse.

## Port Macquarie Heritage

In 2007 AAP was pleased to have some involvement with Council’s Heritage Officer Mitch McKay concerning the Kooloonbung Creek Cemetery.

On completion of necessary site investigations and research Council has produced a Self-guided Walk booklet for Kooloonbung Cemetery titled **‘If I Could Just See Your Face’**. The booklet includes the actual historic gravestone inscriptions and is currently on sale at the Tourist Info Office for \$7.50.

AAP recommends the publication to all of our local clients. A trip to a cemetery is both good for the soul and will support a worthy local heritage initiative. *“The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning.”* Ecclesiastes 7:4

## Continuing Professional Development

### Further Studies for AAP Directors



As part of Peter and Michelle’s commitment to their profession as PIA Certified Practising Planners they will be completing studies in 2008 on ‘Effective Communication, Negotiation & Mediation’ and ‘Legislation & Governance’.

### Place Making

In August 2007 AAP Director’s Peter and Michelle presented a Seminar on ‘Place Making’ at a quarterly PIA meeting of regional town planning professionals at Valla Beach.

#### Great Places are achieved by:

1. **Fostering a variety of uses and activities**
2. **Improving a place’s image and providing for the comfort of users**
3. **Ensuring good access and interconnectedness**
4. **Providing opportunities for social interaction**

## International Planning Perspectives

Michelle is an Executive Member of the PIA North Coast Chapter, and recently co-ordinated a Seminar held at Sea Acres Rainforest Centre on current International Planning Issues and Planning Aid Opportunities. There were a large number of public and private planning professionals from the Hunter, Mid-North Coast and North Coast Regions.

Attendees were reminded of the significant community benefits Australians generally take for granted of being able to live and work in a prosperous, stable and politically accountable country.

## Customer Care Accreditation

**To show our commitment to Customer Service AAP is pleased to be accredited by the Port Macquarie-Hastings Council Customer Care Program.**



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**‘Quality planning outcomes through personal service by experienced professionals’**

## A note to our valued clients

Despite another round of planning reform by the State Government and recent findings/allegations of government incompetence and corruption, it is timely to be reminded that Australia’s planning system remains one of the best in the world!

We are thankful for the accountability and checks and balances within our system of government that work to protect public interests and which aim to ensure quality planning outcomes.

As a valued client we trust that you have benefited from our planning experience and skills and commitment to personal and professional integrity. We seek to demonstrate genuine care for each of our clients by pursuing quality outcomes, achieved through personal service by an experienced team of professionals.

We also wish to extend our support at this time to Port Macquarie–Hastings Council. Whilst no individual, government or organisation (including AAP) can claim perfection, we congratulate Council for their hard work and dedication to the best interests of the Port Macquarie area.

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