

News and Views

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All About Planning is well into our 7th year of business in Port Macquarie. Thank you for your ongoing commitment and support.

We appreciate your continued recommendation of our business to others.

Recent Work

Plan of Management Manning Waters Public Reserve for Greater Taree City Council



In the Media

Federal Gov't to Guide Growth of Big Cities

PHILLIP COOREY, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT
Extract from Sydney Morning Herald Article, October 28, 2009

FUTURE federal funding for capital works will be contingent on the States agreeing to a set of conditions that will enable major cities to cope with Australia's forecast population explosion and make them better places to live.

In a recent speech to the Business Council of Australia, the Prime Minister said the Commonwealth would take the lead role on the future planning of cities and it would use funding as a lever to get its way.

"With Australia facing rapid growth in the decades ahead, the time has now come for the Australian Government to take a much greater national responsibility for improving the long-term planning of our major cities," Mr Rudd said.



"If the Commonwealth is to foot any significant part of the urban infrastructure bill, the Commonwealth will legitimately expect to have confidence in the integrity of the strategic planning system in our major cities."

The most recent Treasury estimates forecast Australia's population, currently 22 million, to reach 35 million by 2049.

The populations of Sydney and Melbourne will expand by another 3 million apiece to reach 7 million.

Barangaroo to be Carbon Neutral

BRIAN ROBINS
Extract from Sydney Morning Herald Article, November 2, 2009

THE 22-hectare Barangaroo site at east Darling Harbour has been selected by the Clinton Climate Initiative's climate positive development program, which aims to reduce the carbon dioxide emissions of large urban development's to below zero.



Image from www.barangaroo.com

The State Government claims the redevelopment will produce more water than it uses and generate more renewable energy than it uses, while generating zero waste.

"Sydney's new city waterfront precinct will join just 16 other developments around the world which are working with the Clinton Climate Initiative to be climate positive," the NSW Planning Minister, Kristina Keneally, said.

In July the Government signed an agreement with the Clinton Foundation to speed up the use of low-emission technologies in government-owned buildings, as well as to seek sites for commercial-scale solar projects.

The Barangaroo site will boast a water recycling unit which, along with reducing demand and maximising recycling, means it will be able to pump the excess water into the city water supply.

World Town Planning Day 2009 Success

Port Macquarie town planners from the public and private sector banded together to promote the role of planning in creating liveable communities.



World Town Planning Day was celebrated in Port Macquarie in the lead up to 8th November 2009.

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PROTECTS VALUED ENVIRONMENTS
ENSURES SUSTAINABLE PLACES TO LIVE
SHAPES THE FUTURE OF OUR TOWN

WORLD TOWN PLANNING DAY

8 NOVEMBER, 2009



Pictured:
2009 WTPD local promotional brochure, designed by Michelle Chapman of All About Planning

Michelle Chapman, Director of All About Planning, initiated the local event and together with Geraldine Haigh, Director of Hopkins Consultants successfully co-ordinated some exciting local activities to mark the date.

Local WTPD 2009 activities included:

- Giving local school students the opportunity to experience an interactive multi-award winning computer program called 'My Neighbourhood', produced by Landcom. Local planners attended Year 4 classes at Port Macquarie Primary School and St Agnes Primary School
- Colouring in and art competition for children aged 5-14 yrs, with excellent book voucher prizes
- 'Where We Live' Planning Story Time and Craft for preschoolers at the Town Library
- Town Planning Themed Book and Library Display

The international organisation for World Town Planning Day was founded in 1949 by the late Professor Carlos Maria della Paolera (University of Buenos Aires) to advance public and professional interest in planning, both locally and abroad.

Pictured below: 'KIDS PLAN' Event - Local school children with WTPD local co-ordinators Geraldine Haigh and Michelle Chapman



NSW MP Peter Besseling kindly agreed to judge the WTPD art and colouring competition and to hand out prizes to the excited winners at Port Macquarie Library.



Pictured:
Peter Besseling MP with some of the award winning World Town Planning Day art entries

Continuing Professional Development

Peter and Michelle are currently studying 'Effective Communication, Negotiation and Mediation' and the 'Economics of Development'.

These studies are undertaken as part of the Director's commitment to continuing professional development and the Certified Practising Planner Program of the Planning Institute of Australia.

A note to our valued clients

It is good to hear some positive economic commentary in the news at present. We hope all our clients have managed through what we are sure has been a stressful period for many. There is no doubt that tough economic times lead us all to evaluate what is important in life.

We hope you like the recent addition of a section in our News & Views titled 'In the Media', where we choose a couple of the most interesting planning related recent items for you to consider.



We are pleased to hear that the Port Macquarie-Hastings Customer Care Program was announced the National Winner at the prestigious Australian Service Excellence Awards on 22 October 2009. Congratulations to all involved in the Customer Care Program!

AAP is extremely pleased to be an accredited business under the Customer Care Program.



Pictured: (from left) Trevor Sergeant - Economic Development Manager, Port Macquarie-Hastings Council (PM-HC), Liz Paine - Learning Insight, Rachel Ross - Customer Care Co-ordinator, PM-HC and Andrew Roach, General Manager, PM-HC

We wish you all the very best until the New Year and hope you have a restful, joyous and blessed Christmas.

Peter and Michelle Chapman



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