

News and Views

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All About Planning Pty Ltd is pleased to be approaching our fourth year in Port Macquarie.

We thank you for your ongoing commitment and support of our business and we would appreciate your continued recommendation of our business to others!

"A View From Above"

Do you want to make a difference in your sphere of involvement in the built environment? Do you desire to initiate and obtain support for good development and policy outcomes? If so, take a step back and set aside some personal time to generate your own vision for your local area. Then, apply this vision to your situation. Focus on what you can change and work within your sphere of influence to effect this vision.



Town Planners and other related professionals have a long history both in Australia and overseas of making significant contributions to the design and quality of urban environments and the smallest villages and rural areas to the largest cities in the world still need good visionaries...and good planning. So start with a dream.

Your dream may not be to create a garden suburb like Richard Stanton or to construct a nation's capital like Sir Walter Burley Griffin; it may not be to establish basic building controls for the great city of Rome like Vitruvius or to rid a town of traffic congestion like Professor Sir Colin Buchanan – but start with the basics for your area:

- **What needs does your area have?**
- **What local problems does your area need to face?**
- **What are the assets and strengths of your local area?**
- **What future do you envisage for your area?**
- **What outcomes are needed to achieve your vision?**

As anyone who flies can attest – the view from above can be breathtaking – try a new perspective. It may be just the ticket!

Recent Work

Feasibility Report:

For ING Real Estate – discussing the feasibility of adapting three aged care developments (in NSW, VIC & QLD) to create independent living units for the 55 years and over market.



Town Planning Advice:

RTA compulsory acquisition of land at Frederickton for Kempsey Shire Council. Our report detailed the range and intensity of permissible development on the subject site and compared development scenarios both before and after acquisition of the site, to assist in a valuation dispute.

Statements of Environmental Effects & Development Applications:

New Drive-through Bottle Shop
Settlers Inn, Port Macquarie



Existing Drive-through

Forte Music Tuition Facility
Port Macquarie



Greyhound Animal Breeding and Training Facility,
Rollands Plains



Rezoning Manual:

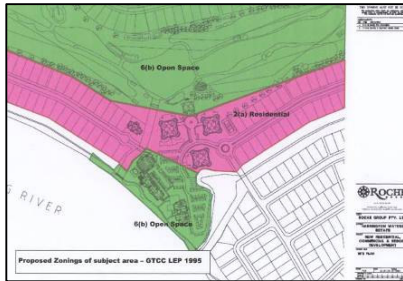
Preparation of a Rezoning Manual for Greater Taree City Council, which reflects all of the most recent advice from the NSW Department of Planning.



City of Taree & the Manning River

Rezoning Application:

Harrington Waters for Roche Group Pty Limited



Harrington Waters Estate, Harrington

Part 5 EIS Assessment Commenced:

Area 13 Sewage Treatment Plant for Port Macquarie – Hastings Council. EIS prepared by **CH2MHILL**.

Meeting Facilitation:

Facilitation of a Landowners Forum to discuss a proposed Service Road and Industrial Employment Precinct at Sancro on behalf of Port Macquarie – Hastings Council.

Certified Practising Planners

Directors, Peter & Michelle Chapman have both been accepted as Certified Practising Planners (CPP) by the Planning Institute of Australia under their recently established CPP scheme. The CPP registration is recognition of Peter & Michelle's high professional standards, planning experience and commitment to continuing professional development.

Continuing Professional Development

For the interest of our clients, we advise of our attendance and participation in the following seminars and training courses:

UNSW Short Course - Rural Strategic Planning

Michelle successfully completed a Rural Strategic Planning course run by the University of NSW in Tamworth in October 2005 and February 2006. The course was a useful refresher on strategic plan making, planning law and public consultation formats and skills.

On the subject of rural planning, Michelle appreciated hearing an address (broadcast on ABC Radio) by Mick Keogh, Executive Director of the Australian Farm Institute on 14 March 2006 to policymakers. Mick challenged policymakers to ensure their policies to protect agricultural land had not been formed in isolation of Australian agricultural and market realities. The key point from Mick Keogh's address was:

"The broad domestic and international marketplace is the key determinant of change in agriculture, and to presume to plan the future of farming in isolation from that reality will turn agriculture into some sort of historic relic, snap-frozen in time and sustained only by ever-increasing public funding."

Mick Keogh, Executive Director – Australian Farm Institute

So avoid over-prescribed, poorly conceived and inflexible rural planning policies which prevent landholders from adapting to the international and domestic marketplace. At the same time, if something is truly worth preserving – go for it!

BASIX

Peter successfully completed BASIX training for detached residential dwellings run by the NSW Department of Planning in Port Macquarie earlier this year.

CPTED

Michelle attended a one day course in Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) in Port Macquarie, May 2006. This course was thoughtfully arranged for local planners and architects/designers by Senior Constable Jacqueline Isbel, Crime Prevention Officer, Port Macquarie Local Area Command.

Do you know the four principles of CPTED?

**Surveillance
Access Control
Territorial Reinforcement
Space Management**



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