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 appreciate your continued recommendation of our business to others!

Recent Work

Local E-Planning for GTCC:

Greater Taree City Council received funding to improve access to electronic internet based town planning tools and advice. Part of AAP's work on this project included the preparation of flowcharts summarising the rezoning, development application and exempt and complying development processes.



Development Application Process Flowchart



Redhead Constraints & Land Use Analysis

Constraints and Future Land Use Map - Red Head Rd

redhead constraints analysis / concept site layout



Statements of Environmental Effects & Development Applications:

New Nursery & Ancillary Landscaping Supplies, Wauchope



Nursery perspective courtesy Rhythm in Design, Port Macquarie

New Wauchope Supermarket



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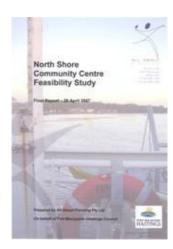
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Seniors Living Developments at Yamba, Nambucca Heads and Port Macquarie for Uniting Care Ageing North Coast - in association with Merrin & Cranston Architects, South Brisbane

North Shore Community Centre Feasibility Study:

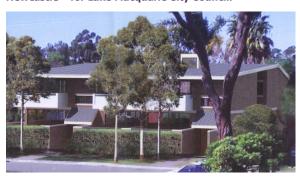
This comprehensive project on behalf of Port Macquarie-Hastings Council involved extensive community and Council consultation, site specific investigation and research.

AAP's community consultation included a community survey of all North Shore households, facilitation of a Public Meeting and the establishment and oversight of a Project Focus Group.



Kahibah Development Assessment for LMCC:

Consultant assessment of a 76 unit residential flat development of an ex-NSW TAFE site at Kahibah, Newcastle – for Lake Macquarie City Council.



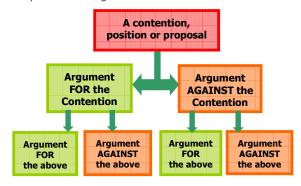
Argument Mapping

Have you ever had a disagreement of opinion and found that you were unable to focus on the facts or could not effectively present your case? If so, perhaps you could consider preparing an argument map.

An argument map is a two dimensional representation of an argument using words in a box-and-arrows diagram (an argument map looks a little like a tiered family tree). At the top of the map is a contention (which is your argument, position or proposal) and following under your contention in separate boxes, are claims for and against your contention. These claims or reasons for believing and disbelieving your contention help you to think logically and rationally about arguments for and against your position.

Mapping an argument in this way helps to visualise complex scenarios, to be a critical thinker and to move from an emotive position to an objective reason.

For those of us involved in development assessment, strategic planning or development projects, presenting well considered arguments is one key to better communication and should facilitate understanding between differing parties and may improve final outcomes. For a simplified illustration of an argument map here is a diagram:



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For more information you can Google 'Argument Mapping' and view some examples of argument maps online.

About our AAP Logo

AAP has received a number of positive comments about our company logo. We thought our clients may be interested to know the meaning behind our logo.

AAP's logo of a moving person, balancing a leaf (symbolic of the natural environment) and a building (symbolic of the built environment), visually represents a key aspect of Town Planning.

Every good Town Planner understands how to move with and accommodate change, whilst balancing the sometimes competing interests of the built and natural environments in which we live.

A note to our valued clients

AAP has had a great start to 2007, with both Directors being involved in a range of interesting and worthwhile projects, some of which are outlined in this newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter.

If you would prefer to receive AAP's news by email rather than in hard copy please contact Vivienne Tibbs our Administration

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We have really appreciated the glowing client feedback we have received on a number of our projects. We recognise that it is vital to us, as a boutique planning consultancy, that every client knows they are valued. We strive for the best planning outcome for every client, big or small, and appreciate each project we are invited to work on.

Our best wishes to you all, Peter and Michelle

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