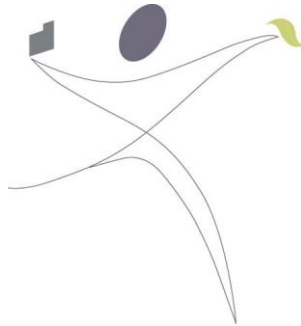


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All About Planning is pleased to be approaching our 6th anniversary of business in Port Macquarie. Thank you for your ongoing commitment and support. We appreciate your continued recommendation of our business to others.

Recent Work

Development Applications

Housing NSW Developments - Town Beach Precinct:



Perspective courtesy Housing NSW

These Developments are predominantly for aged persons and are in a superb location ensuring access to all local facilities and services.

Nambucca Heads Seniors Living Development for Uniting Care Ageing North Coast:



Perspective courtesy Merrin & Cranston Architects, Brisbane

Proposed amendments will significantly improve the development for the future residents and the local community.

Social Impact Assessments

AAP has completed a number of social impact assessments recently, including for a residential flat development over part of the existing Edgewater Holiday Park in Port Macquarie and for new public housing in Port Macquarie.

Five key elements to preparing a Social Impact Assessment:



New Planning Policies

Housing Code Adopted

A state wide exempt and complying development code was adopted in December 2008.

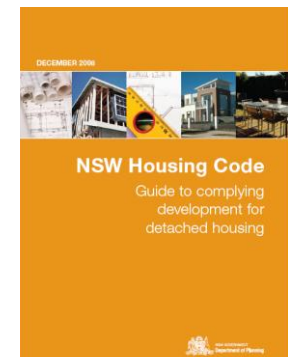
The Code outlines types of development that can proceed as either **complying** or **exempt development**.

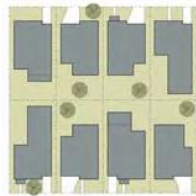
There are some areas where the Code cannot be used, including some environmentally-sensitive and bushfire prone areas as well as heritage conservation areas or heritage items.

If your proposed development meets the Code's standards, then it will be **approved** by an accredited certifier or council **within 10 days**.

The Code also specifies 40 types of minor development, eg: garden sheds, which can proceed as exempt development and don't require planning or construction approval but are subject to other restrictions.

Four lot sizes have been created under the Code, with varying criteria, to help guide the protection of special neighbourhood characters.





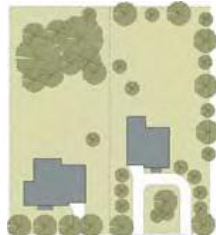
Lots 450-600m²



Lots 600-900m²



Lots 900-1500m²



Lots 1500m² or greater

The four lot sizes created under the new Housing Code

- All rezoning proposals and future land releases within the region are required to be consistent with the adopted Strategy

It is very interesting to see what areas have been identified as future urban investigation areas within the Hastings. The NSW Department of Planning has acknowledged that the small scale of the mapping for the regional strategy makes some properties hard to identify.

To confirm if a site has been included within the Mid-North Coast Regional Strategy you can go to the NSW Department of Planning website: www.planning.nsw.gov.au or call AAP!



World Town Planning Day

World Town Planning Day is celebrated in 30 countries, including Australia, on four continents each November 8. It is a special day to recognise and promote the role of planning in creating liveable communities.



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

WTPD is promoted each year by the International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISoCaRP) headquartered at The Hague in The Netherlands.

Why celebrate World Town Planning Day?

- To draw attention to the aims, objectives, and progress of urban and regional planning around the globe
- To highlight the valuable contributions sound planning has made to the quality of global human settlements and their environment

- To give worldwide coverage to the ideals of urban and regional planning not only within the profession but also among the general public
- So you can be challenged to look at planning challenges around the world and help by being part of the solution 😊

Continuing Professional Development

As part of AAP's commitment to professional development, Peter and Michelle have completed further studies in the fields of Project Management and Professional Ethics.

STATE AWARD WINNER: Our Administration Manager, Vivienne Tibbs, has won the TAFE State Medal for her Diploma of Business Administration. Well done Vivienne! We knew you were the best!

New Administrator for Council

Mr Garry Payne, previously Director General of the NSW Department of Local Government, has replaced Dick Persson as the Administrator of Port Macquarie-Hastings Council. We look forward to finding out more about Garry and wish him all the best as Administrator.

A note to our valued clients

Despite the worldwide economic gloom at present we hope you can identify some things to be thankful for. We also hope you take time out to think about what you could do to give others a hand in these economic times.

At AAP we have been working hard on lots of interesting projects and have been pleased to receive positive feedback on a number of these jobs.

Until next time,

Peter and Michelle Chapman

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Key design considerations reflected in new code:

Size - While respecting privacy controls, a new house should complement the overall character of its street and general neighbourhood.

Neighbours - A new house should be an adequate distance from its neighbours to avoid the street feeling overcrowded.

Height - A new house should be an appropriate height and make minimal impact on its close neighbours and street.

Landscaping - Adequate landscaping is an important contributor to complementing the character of the street.

Car Parking - A new house's presentation to the street should be dominant, while the impact of a garage should be minimised.

If you are interested to know more about the new Code or other NSW Government Planning Reforms, give AAP a call.

Regional Strategy Adopted

The Mid-North Coast Regional Strategy has now been finalised.

- The strategy has set dwelling targets for all residential development within the Mid-North Coast region to the year 2031