

CHAA NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2005

Welcome from the Director, Jane Carthey

It is my pleasure to present the first CHAA Newsletter, which will be the first of a series of monthly updates to our sponsors and key stakeholders. I take this opportunity to thank our sponsors from the Health Capital Asset Managers' Consortium (HCAMC) jurisdictions for their ongoing support and feedback.

We intend that this and future newsletters are a useful source of information for our sponsors and stakeholders. Each will include a monthly Centre update including a brief list of emerging issues followed by a list of useful resources.

"Guidelines" are the main subject of this first newsletter. A comprehensive set of electronic bookmark references (website links) is in development; this will be located on the CHAA website in the near future. Please feel free to e-mail any suggestions regarding either the newsletter or the bookmarks to Steven Tipper (News Editor) via CHAA.Admin@unsw.edu.au

CENTRE UPDATE

CHAA Staff

Staff numbers at CHAA continue to grow. As noted in our recent progress report to the CHAA Governance Board, also circulated to HCAMC members, we are generally meeting the planned deliverables on the CHAA projects as well as the essential academic output in response to the requests of the University.

We have recently advertised for a Research Fellow (applications closed 31 August). To date we have not been advertised by UNSW HR of the response to the advertisement but should know this in the next day or so.

UNSW Staff

Richard Hough, Principal with the Arup Group, one of the world's largest independent multi-disciplinary design and consulting firms, has recently been co-appointed cross-faculty Chair of Multi-Disciplinary Design at UNSW. (Professor Hough will share this role with **Davina Jackson**, a prominent architectural writer and curator.) Richard's professional interests include health capital projects and he is emerging as a keen supporter of CHAA and its work. As part of his role with UNSW, he is already working with CHAA in developing collaborative alliances with industry that may assist in expanding our research agenda. This may include forming collaborative alliances to bid for competitive grants such as ARC Linkage and International Fellowships.

Emerging Issues

- CHAA Conference – November 2005; early bird registrations closed for the conference on 31 August (with the exception of Victoria, closing date is 9 September). So far we have had a lot of interest in the conference, and several registrations. The program is now complete and available via the CHAA website; we are now actively seeking sponsorship contributions from industry. Please continue to promote in your jurisdictions and amongst your staff.
- Completion of Needs Analysis Reports for key CHAA Projects – this is now underway for the National HFG and the Asset Managers' Short Course projects, and will shortly commence for the Benchmarking and Evaluation projects.
- Agenda for the HCAMC meeting in November 2005. We are proposing that a strategic planning session for the 2006 activities of CHAA be undertaken during one session of the HCAMC meeting in Melbourne this November, and this has been put forward to the meeting convenors, Randal Garnham and Judith Hemsworth, Vic DHS.

USEFUL REFERENCES

Building Guidelines are the focus of this first CHAA Newsletter. Resources have been compiled from a variety of sources and the list is not intended to be comprehensive. Of course, if you believe something is missing, please let us know.

Please also note that we cannot review in detail every website or resource listed, therefore the principle of 'caveat emptor' must apply to their use!

If you have come across a useful resource that you would like to share with others, please email the link to Steve Tipper at the address above. Please include a brief description of the link and its usefulness for the information of others.

GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS

NSW Health Facility Guidelines (HFG link also available via CHAA website) are now available from a more interactive website, with a presence similar to that of the Victorian HFG. They are available for viewing, without the need for logon/password, and for free download via the web site:

<http://www.healthdesign.com.au/nsw.hfg/>

Victorian Health Facility Guidelines (HFG link also available via CHAA website)

<http://www.healthdesign.com.au/vic.dghdp/>

Queensland Health (Capital Works Branch) has an extensive set of Building Guidelines for the Planning, Design and Building of:

- Residential Aged Care Facilities;
- Queensland Mental Health Facilities
- Primary Health Care Facilities in Indigenous Communities
- Oral Health Facilities

<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/cwamb/guidelines.asp>

Government Procurement Processes: Department of Commerce, NSW Gateway Review Process

<http://www.dpws.nsw.gov.au/Government+Procurement/Gateway+Review+Process/Gateway+Review+Process.htm>

Capital Development Guidelines

The Department of Human Services, Victoria provides an extensive range of Capital Development Guidelines, with content links to (.pdf) documents.

<http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/capdev.htm>

Green Guide for Health Care

A best practices guide for healthy and sustainable building design, construction, and operations for the healthcare industry. You can get the Green Guide now (free download or purchase the print version). The "Green Guide for Health Care Newsletter" is worth registering for as is downloading the guidance documents (from the 'links' tab).

<http://www.gghc.org>

Green Building Council of Australia

A recent visit by Jane Carthey & Steven Tipper to the Sydney offices of GBCA to meet with the Director, Maria Atkinson resulted in breaking news that "Green Star is set to extend to Health & Education" with two new rating tools - Green Star - Health and Green Star - Education. Collaboration between CHAA & the GBCA is off to a great start with this announcement & Ms Atkinson's agreement to speak at the November CHAA Conference 2005.

<http://www.gbcaus.org>

Australian Building Codes Board

The ABCB was established in an inter-government agreement signed by the Australian Government and State and Territory Ministers responsible for building regulatory matters on 1 March 1994 and reaffirmed by Ministers in July 2001. Also use the LINKS searchable feature: <http://www.abcb.gov.au/>

Standards Australia & New Zealand

It is worth becoming a Registered User to take advantage of several website features that require an online registration including Free Downloads (most Draft Standards and Standard Amendments are free) & receive StandardsWatch (a weekly email based update advisory service). Registered Users are able to nominate a list of individual documents (including Australian, IEC and ISO Standards), subject areas and Standard Committees. <http://www.standards.com.au>

See also **Standards New Zealand**: <http://www.standards.co.nz/default.htm>

ASSET MANAGEMENT

NSW Treasury Total Asset Management (TAM) Policy

<http://www.treasury.nsw.gov.au/tam/tam-intro.htm?pageid=12> Includes links to [TAM Guidelines](#) and [Assessment & Decision Tools](#)

AMQ International

This is a public interest association and asset management think tank that aims to strengthen communication lines between community leaders, opinion formers in the media, and asset management specialists with the goal of creating stronger, more sustainable communities through wiser infrastructure decisions.

<http://www.amqi.com/>

Acorn Inc

ACORN Inc stands for "Asset Management (and) Community Organisation Networks, Incorporated". It is a registered, non-profit, and non-aligned organisation. It is a public interest association that aims to strengthen the quality of infrastructure decision-making and increase accountability. Among other items accessible on-line, this group has designed a database of over 50 Asset Management Services with descriptions of where they can be used and their benefits.

www.acorninc.org

CONSTRUCTION

Infection control risk assessment

Includes links to guidelines published by the American Institute of Architects/Academy of Architecture for Health/Facility Guidelines Institute (AIA/FGI) in 2001; links to the Centers for Disease Control (Guideline for Environmental Infection Control in Health-Care Facilities, 2003) plus links to infection control policies, tools, resources related to design issues.

<http://www.premierinc.com/safety/resources/construction/>

CLINICAL GUIDELINES

National Guideline Clearinghouse™, a public resource for evidence-based clinical practice guidelines. NGC is an initiative of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Clinical guidelines from non-USA organisations are included (e.g., UK, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand)

www.guideline.gov

Medical Journal of Australia (eMJA): Clinical guidelines published by the MJA represent the consensus opinion of experts based on review of the scientific literature.

This list is organised by broad clinical topic area: <http://www.mja.com.au/public/guides/guides.html>

NEXT MONTH

Please email us your links for useful resources **by Monday, 26 September**.

We welcome your feedback on the format and content of this newsletter e.g. would you prefer a broad range of resources or a special theme for each month's newsletter?

Also your thoughts on how widely you would like to see the newsletter circulated by CHAA – the simple approach to this would be to make it available for download from our website.

We will also post the list of resources on our website, initially as an rtf document for download. Later it will be developed into the electronic bookmark set of web link references that we mentioned earlier in this newsletter.

In the meantime we will leave it up to you to decide how widely you circulate the newsletter amongst your colleagues, consultants, contractors, etc!

Finally, I'd like to thank Steve Tipper for putting in the hard work producing this month's inaugural edition of the CHAA Newsletter. We, at CHAA, look forward to producing future issues and hope you will also find these interesting and, in terms of links to resources, etc, rewarding.

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