

## CHAA NEWSLETTER - 1 June 2006

### INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the fifth CHAA Newsletter for 2006. This newsletter is one of a continuing series intended to disseminate useful sources of information and update our sponsors and key stakeholders regarding key CHAA research, events, and achievements.

Thanks once again to all our sponsors from the Health Capital Asset Managers' Consortium (HCAMC) jurisdictions for their ongoing support and feedback. Thank you also to our UNSW sponsors, especially those in the Faculty of the Built Environment (FBE).

### CENTRE UPDATE

#### Staff Additions at CHAA

- **Welcome to Dr Keiko Hirota**

Keiko is a qualified and experienced architect, and has recently graduated with her PhD. Keiko has joined the CHAA team and will work for the next year on a range of projects, including supporting the Capacity Building Program with Steve Tipper and the Benchmarking & Evaluation Program with Tim Earnshaw. As Director of the Centre I am very pleased to welcome her to our team.

#### Emerging Issues Update

- **NSW Health APM Seminar**

NSW Health Asset & Contract Services has over the last year undertaken a procurement reform program for the delivery of new health facilities. An initiative known as the Asset Procurement Model (APM) has resulted. We are very pleased to extend an invitation for you to attend a joint NSW Department of Health and [CHAA](#) forum event: 'Better Health Facilities Delivered Faster' to be held on 12 & 13 September 2006 in Sydney, Australia.

A flyer with more detail and a draft program are available by visiting the CHAA website ([www.chaa.net.au](http://www.chaa.net.au)) under the Events Program tab. Further details about APM are available at [www.health.nsw.gov.au/assets/links.html](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/assets/links.html) or by calling Myra Risk (Senior Project Officer, Major Projects Office, Asset and Contract Services, NSW Health) on +61 2 9391 9142.

- **CHAA Australasian Seminar Series update**

A draft timetable has been forwarded to all Health Capital Asset Managers Consortium jurisdictions for these seminars to be held in 2006 in each Australian State/Territory and in New Zealand between June and November. The first seminar will be held in Adelaide, South Australia on 20<sup>th</sup> June, organised by Asset Services, South Australian Department of Health. The seminar program has a common set of topics based on CHAA projects and related research of

- (a) Australasian Health Facility Guidelines – R&D to date & user feedback;
- (b) Post-Occupancy Evaluation – CHAA methodology and guidance on use & user feedback;
- (c) CHAA website – resources available.

Please feel free to [email us](#) if you have any questions about the seminars.

- **EuHPN delegation coming to Australia**

Marinus Verweij MD, Chair, Board of Directors, European Health Property Network (EuHPN) will visit Australia with Harry Post MSc, Head of the Quality Survey and Monitoring Unit and Just Eijkman MSc, Head of the R&D department in July. CHAA is arranging for M. Verweij to present an **evening seminar (5.30pm-7.30pm) at UNSW on Monday 17th July** on "The European Health Property Network – work in progress". An update will be made on the website (Events page) & CHAA.Net e-mail will be sent once venue details are confirmed.

- **Health Facility Guidelines – Reviewers wanted**

Please consider being a Reviewer of the new Guideline components that are in development in 2006. In addition to internal CHAA and Department of Health review, we wish to obtain as wide a representation as possible from within the industry, encompassing designers, facility planners and practitioners – as individuals or as representatives of professional bodies, associations and other relevant organisations.

The following are priorities for new reviewers, to be completed by the end of August. If you are interested please [e-mail](#) Margaret Binnie, Research Fellow, CHAA (ph: 02 9385 4364). The Health Planning Units for review are:

- **Sterile Supply Unit/CSSD**
- **Nuclear Med / PET**
- **Day Procedure Unit**

- A review of the **Australian Health Facility Guidelines – Part E (Engineering Services)** is being undertaken by John Horridge coordinating input from members of the Health Capital and Asset Managers Consortium. Release in draft form for industry comment will occur this year.

- **NSW Health Facility Guidelines – Part B Standard Components**

In addition to the current standard components, an additional forty (40) are in development for NSW Health. These will available via the website (<http://www.healthdesign.com.au/nsw.hfg/>) for industry review in August 2006.

## The More Things Change.....



Welcome to a new section for this & possibly future CHAA Newsletters that will explore our past and encourage reflection on current healthcare facility design, service planning and delivery of services. Please feel free to submit items of interest on 'past' healthcare facilities to the Editor, Steve Tipper (who acknowledges the item below from Tim Earnshaw) for this new initiative:

- **On Hospital Architecture by Dr Henry, Australian Medical Journal. January 15, 1881,p.41**

“The author draws attention to the progress in medicine, and the nevertheless ignoring of the medical professions when hospitals are designed. The germ theory of disease requires to be recognised in such designs. He submits plans, showing that all the wards should be at least five feet from the ground to secure proper ventilation and prevent accumulations beneath the floors. He thinks hospitals should provide for accommodations of different classes of (paying) patients. He describes the closets, their draining and ventilation. He insists that the floors and walls should be smooth and easy to be washed; that buildings for isolation and disinfecting purposes should be provided; and that a proper amount of breathing space should be secured.”

## USEFUL REFERENCES:

The **CHAA website** ([www.chaa.net.au](http://www.chaa.net.au)) has continuously updated content under the menu ‘**Links and References**’ as part of the Knowledge Management & Infrastructure (KIM) Project. The CHAA website is undergoing a systematic review process: please feel free to [email us](#) your suggestions.

## Bookmark of the month

This months interesting reading item is a speech presented at the U.S. Naval Medical School,



National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, by John W. Cronin, M.D., Chief, Division of Hospital Facilities, Public Health Service, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington DC on **September 21, 1954**. (© half a Century!) His presentation was on “**Development trends in hospital facilities in the Unites States**” [http://profiles.nlm.nih.gov/RM/A/A/M/A/\\_/rmaama.pdf](http://profiles.nlm.nih.gov/RM/A/A/M/A/_/rmaama.pdf)

Your response to this item re: its value as an ‘interesting read’ and comments on the relevance of including a journal item or other publications links in the Newsletter are welcome.

## **ORGANISATIONAL NEWS:**

**CHAA and the GBCAus:** CHAA staff (Patrick Chu and John Horridge) are continuing to work with the Green Building Council of Australia (GBCA) Technical Working Group which is developing the Green Star – Health tool. All Green Star tools are initially launched as PILOT tools with a 90-day public feedback period. Stakeholder feedback is used to refine the tool, which is then officially released. Details of the Green Star Environmental Rating System for Buildings are available [online](http://www.gbcaus.org/gbc.asp?sectionid=88&docid=952) at <http://www.gbcaus.org/gbc.asp?sectionid=88&docid=952>.

**CHAA and the RAIA:** The close cooperation between CHAA and the RAIA on educational initiatives is of mutual benefit. These events are open to all health facility and asset managers from both the public and private sectors, free for RAIA members and a small charge for non-members. For further information go to <http://www.architecture.com.au/> and select the Chapter closest to you.

## **FUTURE MONTHS:**

Please let us know of any areas of particular interest that we can address in future newsletters and email us your links for useful resources, news items etc for the next newsletter **by Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2006**. Please circulate the newsletter amongst your colleagues, consultants, contractors, etc

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