

CHAA NEWSLETTER - 1 APRIL 2006

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the third 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).

Each newsletter includes a monthly Centre update including a brief list of emerging issues and a list of useful resources (usually electronic and almost always free of charge).

The 2006 work plans for each of our CHAA program areas and projects have been approved by the Governance Board which met on 14th March 2006. In conjunction with this work we are interested in industry collaboration that will provide mutual benefits. One of the areas that we see offers opportunities for partnering with industry is by supporting PhD scholarships to students interested in pursuing our particular areas of research. We urge you to contact us to discuss mutual interests and opportunities in this area, whether from the point of view of a potential student or as a supporter of high quality research.

CENTRE UPDATE

CHAA Personnel

- **Professor Franklin Becker (Visiting Fellow) leaves CHAA**

Professor Frank Becker has left us in the first week of March at the end of his sabbatical leave, returning to his position as Professor and Chair of the Department Design & Environmental Analysis, Co-Director, Design Concepts Laboratory, College of Human Ecology, Cornell University, Ithaca New York. For further information please visit <http://iwsp.human.cornell.edu>.

While hosted by CHAA, Frank presented at internal Faculty seminars and a special seminar on Wednesday March 8 at the RAIA NSW Headquarters, Tusculum Auditorium, Potts Point, Sydney.

- **Sylvia Wyatt (Manager, Future Healthcare Network, NHS) visit to CHAA**

Sylvia Wyatt is a founder (2001) and the current Manager of the [Future Healthcare Network](#) of the NHS Confederation in the UK. She has been a healthcare planner and manager in the UK and overseas for many years, with a special interest in the use of land and property. Her particular interests include planning for care outside hospitals and care in the home, and developing the principles underpinning the design of acute hospitals.

Sylvia previously visited Australia in 2002 on a study tour arranged by Barrie Dowdeswell of the [EuHPN](#), and returned last month to give invited talks in Brisbane (Planning for Uncertainty) and Melbourne (PPP), and to meet with industry to find out what has been happening in NSW in the last 3 years. To assist Sylvia in researching these issues, CHAA hosted a roundtable seminar session on Wednesday 29th March with invited academic and industry representatives. For CHAA.Net members' information, three FHN publications that explain the work of the network and its current range of research interests are available on request. (CHAA.Admin@fbe.unsw.edu.au)

Emerging Issues Update

- **NSW Health Seminar Series 2006:**

Details of the first NSW Health Seminar for 2006 have been emailed to all CHAA.net members. Mark your diary date for Wednesday 5 April 2006, starting at 5.30pm (for 6pm), and the venue the same as for the successful 2005 Seminar Series – the Carlton Crest Hotel near Central Railway Station, Sydney. The theme for the first session is *Changing Models of Service Delivery: Effects on Facility Design* which will look at PECC, Rural Health Units and 23-hour Care Units. For more details of the first of a series of three stimulating and engaging NSW sessions in 2006 go to www.chaa.net.au/events Future diary dates are 19 July & 18 October 2006 for this NSW series.

- **“Flying Doctors”: WA delegation visit to the Netherlands (News Report)**

It seems that the recent visit by a Western Australian delegation to the Netherlands, led by Dr Neale Fong (Director-General WA Health) and Jim McGinty (Minister for Health), was very successful.

Reports in the Groningen press about the visit to Martiniziekenhuis ([Martini Hospital](#)) under the header “Flying Doctors” note the delegation from the land of the Flying Doctors seem impressed with the design. "It appears to be like no hospital we know. Already you feel welcome in the building." said McGinty.

The news item reports that Martiniziekenhuis is a world leading example of the ‘healing environment’ hospital where a lot of thought had gone into the interior design. This philosophy played a large role in the choice of colours in the building and the enormous influx of daylight. "A pleasant environment helps people heal more quickly" said director Jack Thiadens.

USEFUL REFERENCES: Rural Health / Multi Purpose Services

The new Hospital Planning Unit (HPU) for Rural Health Services (RHS) and Multi Purpose Services (MPS) will replace the former NSW Health DS35 in 2006. The new HPU recognises the diversity of rural communities and the need to adapt and integrate a range of acute, aged and primary health care services to meet each community’s needs.

A reading and reference list of resources on **Rural Health Service / Multi Purpose Service (MPS) Health Facilities** will be included in the CHAA Bookmarks Set as of the 3rd April 2006. This reading and reference set was developed just prior to release of the draft Guideline, which will be released for expert review in mid-April 2006.

As of 2006 all Newsletter references will be included in the **CHAA website** (www.chaa.net.au) under ‘**Links and References**’ (the former ‘eResources’ link has been amended from this month). Content is also being updated into the ‘Web Links to Useful References’ as part of the Knowledge Management & Infrastructure (KIM) Project. The CHAA website is undergoing an overhaul as part of a systematic review process: please feel free to [email us](mailto:) your suggestions for changes.

Bookmarks of the month



National Rural Health Alliance (NRHA)

NRHA is the peak body working to improve the health of Australians in rural and remote areas. The site has information on emergent rural health issues, presentations and conferences (e.g., National Rural Health Conference). The free CD of '**Rural and Remote Health Papers 1991 – 2005**' is highly recommended. This CD is a valuable resource for students, academics, researchers and policy writers in the field of rural, regional and remote health. The 1,800 separate authored documents contain 17,000 pages of information and are searchable by key words and phrases, see <http://www.ruralhealth.org.au/>



Rand Health, Charles Meade, **Planning the Safety of Healthcare Structures**, Working paper, October 2005 (After hurricane Katrina, decision making and strategies to make hospitals more resilient to natural disasters and hospital building codes will be reviewed. Should special provisions be made for hospitals?)
http://www.rand.org/pubs/working_papers/2005/RAND_WR309.pdf

Organisational News:

CHAA and the ACHSE: Some articles cited in the CHAA Bookmarks Set are provided by the Australian College of Health Services Executives (ACHSE) Library. The ACHSE Health Planning & Management Library Bulletin, March, is online <http://www.achse.org.au/ebulletin/library/mar06.htm>

Each edition includes a section of references on HEALTH FACILITIES PLANNING AND DESIGN which CHAA is happy to cross-promote.

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

We intend to cover the following topics in upcoming issues of this newsletter in 2006:

1 May 2006	New Health Technologies and the Design of Healthcare Facilities
1 June 2006	Oral Health Unit
1 July 2006	Health Facility Design for Culturally & Linguistically Diverse (CALD) populations

Please email us your links for useful resources, particularly where they are relevant to the upcoming subject areas, ASAP, and for the next newsletter **by Friday, 24th April 2006**.

Please also let us know of any areas of particular interest that we can address in future newsletters.

****Don't forget to circulate the newsletter amongst your colleagues, consultants, contractors, etc****

We look forward to producing future Newsletters on topics of interest and working with you in 2006.

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