

CHAA NEWSLETTER - 1 August 2006

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the seventh CHAA Newsletter for 2006. This newsletter continues the monthly 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

Events you should attend:

- **CHAA Seminar Monday 7th August 2006:**

"Recent Architecture for Health Projects at Texas A+M university"

The Faculty of the Built Environment is hosting a visit by the eminent Professor George Mann on the 7th & 8th August 2006. Prof. Mann is the Ronald L. Skaggs Endowed Professor of Health Facilities Design at the College of Architecture, Texas A&M University.

Prof Mann will present on "*Recent Architecture for Health Projects at Texas A+M University*" at a special CHAA seminar on the 7th August at UNSW from 5.30pm – 7.00 pm. Prof Mann is interested in feedback on Australian views of emerging issues so feel free to come & contribute. This event is FREE.

Please RSVP to CHAA.Admin@unsw.edu.au before COB Thursday 3 August for catering purposes.

Venue: Old Main Block, Room 233 (Guiding posters from the car park and from CHAA, Red Centre will be displayed. Car entry via Barker Street, Gate 14, UNSW Kensington Campus – see [map](#))

Details of Prof Mann and his work are available online.

CV information: <http://archone.tamu.edu/chsd/contrib/mann/vitae1.html>;

Center for Health Systems & Design: <http://archone.tamu.edu/chsd/index.html>

- **NSW Health Seminar Series 2006: CHAA Seminar 23rd August 2006**

Mark your diary date for Wednesday 23rd August 2006, starting at 5.30pm (for 6pm). The venue is as for the successful 2005 Seminar Series – the Carlton Crest Hotel near Central Railway Station, Sydney. The theme for this second seminar of three is **The NSW Health System: Facilities Management & Environmental Sustainability**. Details of the second NSW Health Seminar for 2006 are available online now as a [Program](#) and [Registration](#). Topics include the Green Star Health Tool, Facility Design & Energy Management and Sustainable Facilities Planning.

In 2006 a total of three seminars will be provided by CHAA targeted at meeting the needs of NSW Health and its industry clients. The last NSW Health Seminar is planned for 18th October 2006.

- **CHAA Australasian Seminar Series update**

A timetable has been developed for all Health Capital Asset Managers Consortium jurisdictions to host these seminars in 2006 in each Australian State/Territory and in New Zealand before the end of the year. Please see details on the CHAA website Events Program ([CHAA events](#))

The first seminar held on 20th June in Adelaide, South Australia, organised by Asset Services, South Australian Department of Health was a great success. The seminar held on 20th July in Canberra for the ACT jurisdiction had a smaller number of very enthusiastic participants, with a participant quoted as saying "*This is a terrific opportunity to understand the guidelines development*" and "*It made me realise that there are benefits to our practice from the enthusiastic application of the guidelines in the ACT*"

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](mailto:info@chaa.org.au) for answers to questions on these seminars.

- **CHAA Conference 2007- Conference Announcement, Preliminary Call for Presentations, Papers and Sessions**

Planning for the CHAA Conference 2007 is underway with the Conference to be held at the University of New South Wales on Monday the 19th & Tuesday 20th February 2007.

This newsletter announces the **Call for Expressions of Interest** from industry, academia and public sector to present at the Conference by submission of an EOI by email to the Conference Convenor by **Friday 1st September 2006**.

Please refer to the CHAA website for development of the Conference details and the EOI Call for Presentations document at the end of this Newsletter for details.

Projects Update:

- **Health Facility Guidelines Update**

The Project Coordination Working Committee is working productively with input from all HCAMC jurisdictions and CHAA towards the November launch of the Australasian HFG. Stand by for further more detailed information in the next newsletter.

- **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](mailto:info@chaa.org.au) Margaret Binnie, Research Fellow, CHAA (ph: 02 9385 4364). The Health Planning Units for review are:

- Sterile Supply Unit/CSSD
- Day Procedure Unit

- A review of the **Australasian Health Facility Guidelines – Part E (Engineering Services)** is being undertaken by John Horridge, who is 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. These are currently undergoing internal development via the Project Planning Committee & will available via the website (<http://www.healthdesign.com.au/nsw.hfg/>) for industry review in August 2006.

- **NSW Health Facility Guidelines – The Administration Health Planning Unit (HPU)**

The Administration HPU has been posted to the NSW Health Facilities Guidelines web site this month.

CHAA Personnel

- **New research staff member – Victoria Ritchie**

CHAA is pleased to welcome Victoria Ritchie to the Centre, who will be working part-time as a Research Fellow on the development of new Health Facility Guidelines for Radiation Therapy, Mortuary and Mental Health Services for Older People.

- **Acting Administrative Coordinator – Samantha Sheridan**

During the early part of August, Miriam Burgess is taking a well deserved holiday. Her role will be temporarily taken up by Ms Samantha Sheridan from the 2nd August. Sam has administrative support experience within UNSW, having worked happily with CHAA staff in previous positions.

THE MORE THINGS CHANGE.....



Welcome to the new section for 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 our Newsletter Editor ([email](#)).

"I am come to the general conclusion that the starting point of all hospital plans should be simplicity. This principle is even greater importance in a young country like Australia, where the climate is generally warm. The cost of labour is high. And where owing to this, there is necessarily a comparative inattention to matters of detail. A permanent hospital in this Colony cannot be too simple in design or construction, and it should be so arranged that the management may be simple, easy and economical". (Sir Alfred Roberts, "Upon a few points in the construction and organization of hospitals, bearing upon the physical and social characters of Sydney", The Australasian Medical Gazette, January 1884, page 85)

USEFUL REFERENCES

Bookmark of the month: Public Private Partnerships

This months Bookmark is in keeping with our interesting historical quote item above:



Inquiry into Public Private Partnerships, Parliament of New South Wales, Australia, Public Accounts Committee Report dated 8 June 2006

<http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/prod/parlament/committee.nsf/0/6FB3D448CE8BF349CA2570700015952F>

The **CHAA website** (www.chaa.net.au) is undergoing a systematic review process to continuously update content. The most recent update under '**Links and References**' provides quick-loading .rtf files on selected CHAA topics as part of the Knowledge Management & Infrastructure (KIM) Project. Please feel free to [email us](#) your suggestions.

CULTURE AND HEALTH AS ELEMENTS OF DESIGN

Last month's (July 2006) issue featured an introduction to 'Culture and Health as Elements of Design'. This is a new area which CHAA will be developing to underpin all the Centre's Programs.

Future CHAA activities are planned, including a seminar, regular updates on relevant standards, articles, case studies and FAQ's. It is anticipated that contacts and people in the field may form in future an electronic discussion group. If you are interested in participating keep an eye on this CHAA Newsletter, visit our site for information & contact Tim Earnshaw the Program Coordinator on + 61 2 9385 5437 or email t.earnshaw@unsw.edu.au . Questions or comments are welcome.

ORGANISATIONAL NEWS:

CHAA and the GBCAus: CHAA staff (Patrick Chu and John Horridge) have completed their expert input to the Green Building Council of Australia (GBCA) Technical Working Group which is developing the Green Star – Health As Built tool. 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 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.

Visit by Western Australians: A visit by Sue Jones (Acting Director, Planning, Technology, Department of Health Western Australia) was facilitated by Steve Tipper from CHAA to include a visit to the Children's Hospital Westmead on the 19th July.

Sue was accompanied by colleagues from the Dept. of Treasury & Finance (John Filippone, Assistant Director, ICT Sourcing and Milton D'Roza, Contract Manager, IT&T Procurement) who were investigating the NSW process and outcomes for clinical information systems.

Meetings were arranged with senior UNSW academics from the School of Information Systems, Technology & Management (A/Prof. Pradeep Ray) and at the Centre for Health Informatics (Prof. Enrico Coiera & Prof. Johanna Westbrook). Meetings were also arranged by NSW Health with senior executives and central office planners which should inform the technology decisions and development of ICT infrastructure by our WA colleagues.

CHAA and the EuHPN: An all day workshop at CHAA was held on the 7th July with Drs. Just Eijkman, Harry Post and Marinus Verweij of the Netherlands Board for Healthcare Institutions (NBHI). CHAA staff, senior Faculty academics and a NSW Health representative (Mr. Phil Senior) gained interesting insights into the health capital assets management processes in The Netherlands in comparison with the Australian experience.

Discussions were held on collaboration during the visit in July by Dr. Marinus Verweij in his role as Chair of the European Health Property Network. The CHAA Seminar presentation by Dr Verweij on the 17th July was very interesting and well received by industry, government and academic attendees. This presentation is available from the CHAA website under Events>CHAA Events or via this link ([Dr Verweij.ppt](#)).

We look forward to mutual benefit from the association of CHAA with the Netherlands Board for Healthcare Institutions and the EuHPN in the future.

FUTURE MONTHS:

Please circulate the newsletter amongst your colleagues, consultants, contractors, etc and encourage them to go to our website at www.chaa.net.au to register for CHAA.Net free membership.

We welcome your feedback on areas of particular interest that we can address in future newsletters. Please email your comments, links for useful resources, news items etc for the next newsletter **by Friday, 25th August 2006.**

Regards,

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Announcement

We are proud to announce the call for presentations, papers and sessions for the CHAA Conference 2007 – the premiere health assets and facilities conference in Australia and New Zealand for leaders and their professional peers within healthcare, hosted at the University of New South Wales.

Both experience-based and academic evidence-based research will be presented, with full papers where appropriate. Learn about design, planning, construction and management of hospitals and other healthcare facilities from the people who practice in the field and have lessons to share. Meet industry experts, decision makers, innovative companies and many others in the beautiful city of Sydney, from the evening of the 18th until the 20th February 2007.

Call for Expressions of Interest

Representatives from industry, academia and the public sector are invited to present at the CHAA Conference 2007 to be held Monday the 19th February & Tuesday 20th February 2007 by submission of an EOI by [email](#) to the Conference Convenor by **Friday 1st September 2006**.

Proposed Title of Presentation/Paper (16 point, bold)

Author(s) Name(s) (12 point, bold)

Organization/Affiliation (12 point)

Complete Postal Address (12 point)

Telephone/Facsimile Numbers (12 point)

Email Address(es) (12 point)

For the EOI, please provide: an **abstract summary** of the intended presentation (not exceeding 250 words) and a **statement indicating whether a full paper for publication will also be submitted**. Authors should identify if **DEST compliant peer-review** for academic credit is sought.

Aim of the conference

The CHAA Conference 2007 aims to raise awareness of the facilities issues in the healthcare sector and to increase and disseminate knowledge on best-practices to solve current and emerging problems. CHAA Conferences over succeeding years aim to be the meeting point for all healthcare professionals with an interest in improving healthcare facilities design, functional planning, operation and life-cycle management to support improved patient care outcomes and the performance of the healthcare sector.

Themes

International and Australia Keynote Speakers are coming to present at CHAA Conference sessions which include presentations on the themes of health facilities sustainability, financing, design for the future and health facilities research.

Organisers

The Centre for Health Assets Australasia is the organiser on behalf of the University of New South Wales and the Health Capital Asset Managers Consortium as the main sponsors for this conference.

Other Sponsors/Contributors

We are happy to receive sponsorship: please refer the CHAA website for details of how you may be involved in the conference through financial or other support of this event.

For further information contact: CHAA [website](#) &/or [email](#) your queries to us for response.