

## CHAA NEWSLETTER - October 2006

### INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the ninth 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 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).

### EVENTS

#### NSW Health Seminar Series 2006: 18th October 2006

Mark your diary for the third NSW Health supported seminar Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2006, starting at 5.30pm for 6pm. The venue is the Carlton Crest Hotel, Thomas St, Sydney.

**Theme: Culture and Health as elements of design.**

**Aim:** To present to the health facilities planning and design industry case studies on cultural, health and design that will stimulate improved cultural design of health facilities.

**Target group:** health planners; designers; architects; multicultural coordinators and program managers; board, management and planners of culturally diverse organizations; NSW Health Dept. Capital Management group; Faculty of the Built Environment post graduate students, FBE culture and design groups.

The seminar venue is centrally located with good parking available next door and public transport access (buses at George Street, Great Southern Hotel or a short walk across George Street from Central Railway Station). The CHAA website of [events](#) has more details for registration etc. or you can [email](#) Miriam with any enquiries.

#### CHAA Conference 2007 Update

Planning for the CHAA Conference 2007 "Future Health Facilities: Sustainability, Financing, Design & Research" is well underway. Last month's Conference Announcement was the trigger for the initial Call for Presentations, Papers & Sessions.

The second Call for Expressions of Interest, which was published in our last Newsletter, has resulted in 11 potential papers or presentations from industry, the public sector or academia. The purpose of the EOI was to gauge interest in the sub-themes and topics, which will assist planning of the Draft Program. **The CLOSING DATE FOR PAPERS (i.e., written as a full paper for post-conference publication) IS MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> November 2006.**

The conference will be held at The University of New South Wales on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2007**, so mark these dates in your diary now. Please refer to the [CHAA website](#) for development of the Conference Program detail.

#### FBE News & Events: Adjunct Professorial Lecture Series

Some of the most prominent architects and engineers in Australia will continue an open lecture series at the Faculty of the Built Environment at the University of New South Wales during October and November. The lectures have become a forum for communicating current architectural thinking and practice, and will be of interest to anyone involved in the planning, commissioning and creation of buildings. Ken Maher, Angelo Candalepas and Neil Durbach are amongst those presenting.

**When:** Wednesdays at 2.00 PM; **Where:** Physics Theatre, UNSW

For more information, contact Paola Favaro, lecture series coordinator ([paolaf@fbe.unsw.edu.au](mailto:paolaf@fbe.unsw.edu.au))

Link to event timetable: [lecture series details](#)

## CHAA Australasian Seminar Series update

The next HCAMC Seminar is being organized by the **New Zealand Ministry of Health for 25th October 2006**. This is one of a continuing program of seminars being held in every state and territory of Australia and in New Zealand.

The contact person is Liz Maddison, Project Director at capital & Coast District Health Board. Her email address is [liz.maddison@ccdhb.org.nz](mailto:liz.maddison@ccdhb.org.nz). Her phone number is +64 4 385 5939.

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.

These seminars have now been held in Adelaide, South Australia (20<sup>th</sup> June) organised by Asset Services, South Australian Department of Health; in Canberra for the ACT jurisdiction (20<sup>th</sup> July); in Perth, Western Australia (2<sup>nd</sup> August). The most recent Queensland Health seminar on Wednesday 20th September was a great success with over 150 attendees in the Auditorium at Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital. ([More details](#))

If you would like further information on this or any of our seminars, please see details on the CHAA website Events Program > [CHAA events](#) or [email us](#).

## PROJECTS UPDATE

- **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. **Radiation Therapy** is the next Health Planning Unit for review. If you are interested in commenting on this Unit please [e-mail](#) Margaret Binnie, Research Fellow, CHAA or phone: 02 9385 4364.

- **Australasian HFG Release strategy**

Australasian HFG Project Coordination Working Committee (established 21 March 2006, fifth meeting on 13 September 2006) continues being successful in resolving cross- jurisdictional technical issues. Current Australasian HFG review process is on target to launch the Australasian HFG on 24 November 2006 as planned.

Recommendations accepted by Australasian HFG Steering Committee on 22 June 2006:

- Updated Australasian HFG website published on 1 September 2006 for final website review and individual jurisdiction approval.
- 24 November 2006 is the Australasian HFG launch

A Progress Report of other projects to the end of August 2006 is available [here](#).

## CHAA PERSONNEL

- **Meet Tim Earnshaw: Research Fellow, CHAA**

CHAA is pleased to feature a brief profile on staff member Tim Earnshaw.

Tim joined CHAA from February 2006. Tim provides the following for your information:



“I’m happy being a bit of a gypsy, as I love traveling, spending time mostly in Sydney, but regularly going to other Darwin and northern Philippines homes. My interests are diverse, including driving an eco tour coach, fishing, walking, swimming, botanical photography, organic gardening, farming goats and fruit production. I love learning and trying new recipes and am always open to dinner invitations. If you have a favourite jam, preserve, chutney or relish recipe for mangoes or papaya/pawpaw please send me a copy.”

#### Tim’s current projects:

- Benchmarking
  - The CHAA benchmarking program
  - Capital Health Assets Project (CHAP) to establish an assets register
- Post occupancy evaluation
  - Developing a Health Facility POE tool
- Culture and Health as elements of design
  - Identifying future research questions
  - Establishing an information page on the CHAA website
  - Culture and design component for the Health Facility Guidelines
  - Culture and health as elements of design survey

#### Background - before CHAA:

- Originally building & civil engineering; youth work; Alcohol and Other Drug work; prevention of HIV and communicable disease; community, international and mental health; teaching community, public health and cultural competence.

#### Currently studying:

- Doctor of Health Science – cultural competence needs survey of health professionals

#### Favourite past-time at CHAA:

- Staff brainstorming – with a ‘very creative group’

#### THE MORE THINGS CHANGE.....



This section of the CHAA Newsletter will explore our past and encourage reflection on current healthcare facility design, service planning and delivery of services. ***This quote is from 1980 (yes, 25 years ago) with regards to briefing:***

**“1. Users, when asked to describe their functional requirements, tend to describe their present environment with suggested improvements, rather than describe what they want to do and how they want to do it.....10. Two identical buildings can function in entirely different ways.”** SOURCE: Green J. Needs and objectives of briefing for health facilities. In: Green et al. Briefing for Health Facilities. The University of New South Wales; 1980 p. 1.9-1.10.

*“The current problem is to know how best to utilise knowledge and experience resources, and how to simplify the process of planning so that it becomes easier for users to participate effectively in the decision making process. Development of a standard briefing method is unlikely to catch on, even though it might permit better use of available information. There is conflict between efficient use of information resources and freedom to innovate and experiment. The preferred choice between these two options may vary from project to project, but neither should predominate to the exclusion of the other.”*

Green, J. Needs and objectives of briefing for health facilities. In: Green et al. Briefing for Health Facilities. The University of New South Wales; 1980 p.1.10

## BOOKMARK OF THE MONTH: Evidence-Based Design and Practice



This month's Bookmarks are in keeping with the historical quote above and follow from last month's bookmarks on evidence-based design:

**Health Facility Design Guidelines Framework for Development**

[http://www.healthdesign.com.au/nsw.hfg/hfg\\_content/guidelines/hfg\\_health\\_facility\\_guidelines\\_framework\\_for\\_development\\_complete.pdf](http://www.healthdesign.com.au/nsw.hfg/hfg_content/guidelines/hfg_health_facility_guidelines_framework_for_development_complete.pdf)

## 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](http://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 to Steve Tipper (Newsletter Editor [email](#)) for the next newsletter **by Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> October 2006**.

Regards,

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