



introduction

Welcome to the second CHAA Newsletter for 2007. This newsletter aims to disseminate useful sources of information to our CHAA.Net members in Australia and New Zealand and update our sponsors and key stakeholders regarding key CHAA research, events, and achievements.

EVENTS

> CHAA Conference 2007

"Interesting, thought provoking and a terrific networking opportunity!"

Held at UNSW 19-20 February 2007, the CHAA Conference 2007 [Future Health Facilities: Sustainability, Financing, Design & Research](#) attracted over 100 delegates. 17 speakers made presentations and the conference finished with a facilitated discussion between invited panel and audience.

[Abstracts and presentations](#) are available from the CHAA website; please encourage your colleagues to access this also.



> CHAA Conference 2007 Sponsors

Without the support of our conference sponsors, conference registration fees would certainly be much higher and the quality of the venue and food possibly not quite so outstanding! Therefore we most gratefully acknowledge the support of the following sponsors:

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Please consider demonstrating your support for our work in this practical and high profile manner for future CHAA conferences!

Planning has already started for the CHAA 2008 Conference – your feedback comments on the 2007 Conference and suggestions for 2008 are welcome.
Email: CHAA.Conference@fbe.unsw.edu.au

> CHAA Australasian Seminar Series update

Stand by for further information regarding 2007 seminars which are now being developed for various locations in Australia and New Zealand.

These will continue to update industry regarding CHAA research including further development of the Australasian Health Facility Guidelines, plus outcomes from the Benchmarking and Post Occupancy Evaluation Projects.

The first NSW Health Seminar will be held Tuesday 20 March in Sydney. Further information and registration details will be available from the CHAA website shortly.

NEWS

> RESEARCH UPDATE

Australasian HFG Announcement

The Australasian Health Facility Guidelines were launched in November 2006 for industry review and use for 12 months and are accessible via the website www.healthfacilityguidelines.com.au

To view and download the new Guidelines, visit www.chaa.net.au and click on the HFG logo.

NSW HFG Transfer to Aus HFG as of March 31, 2007

The Australasian HFG will replace the current NSW HFG after a transition period ending 30 March 2007. After that date all access requests to the NSW HFG website will be redirected to the new Australasian HFG website www.healthfacilityguidelines.com.au

Australasian HFG Reviewer Input

If you are interested in reviewing any guidelines in the future, please contact Margaret Binnie via email chaa.admin@unsw.edu.au

In 2007, the 'new' Guidelines will be: Nuclear Medicine/PET, Cardiac Care Unit, in addition to review of existing Emergency Department, Inpatient Unit & Parts C and D of the Guidelines for Australasian use.

> RESEARCH UPDATE

Sustainability Survey

CHAA.Net members are invited to complete this simple 10 question survey. [Click here](#) for the sustainability survey.

US Green Building Council – PVC

The Technical and Scientific Advisory Committee (TSAC) has issued its final report to USGBC's LEED Steering Committee (LSC) on the technical and scientific basis for a PVC-related credit within LEED. For a copy of the report, Assessment of the Technical Basis for a PVC-related Materials Credit for LEED, visit www.usgbc.org.

A Stakeholder Communication Bulletin drafted by Sophi MacMillan, Chief Operating Officer, Vinyl Council Australia, summarizes the US Green Building Council's bulletin on the release of the US GBC technical report on PVC.

For more information on PVC in Australia and the industry's Product Stewardship Program, visit www.vinyl.org.au or call Sophi MacMillan, Chief Operating Officer on (03) 9368 4856.

[Click here](#) for the original US Green Building Council's Press Release.

> VISITORS & TRAVEL

International Keynotes Speakers

We wish to thank the CHAA Conference 2007 International Keynote speakers:

Dr Jack Thiadens MD, LL.M., CEO, Martini Teaching Hospital, Groningen, The Netherlands. Dr Thiadens was a joint Keynote presenter with Mr Rutger Kriek, (Project Manager AT-Osborne, The Netherlands) on Day 1 of the conference and a presenter on Day 2 of a very informative presentation on the financing of the Martini Hospital. Dr Thiadens also assisted in the visit of colleagues from the Netherlands: Arnold Burger, Architect, Board of Directors, Burger Grunstra, The Netherlands and Gerrit Afink, Project Manager (Martini Hospital), AT Osborne

Prof Franklin Becker Professor & Chair, Department Design & Environmental Analysis, Co-Director, Design Concepts Laboratory, College of Human Ecology, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, USA. Prof Becker provided an excellent Keynote to open Day 2 of the Conference & his time at CHAA and with colleagues at UNSW has been greatly appreciated. Prof Becker has also assisted in developing research collaborations with colleagues from other Australian universities. He has also spoken at several special seminar events during his time here. We look forward to his return to us in future years.

> Informa Conference 2007 Public Private Partnerships In Healthcare Summit

The Public Private Partnerships in Healthcare Summit is being held 26-27 March at the Rendezvous Hotel, Melbourne. This event is cross-promoted by agreement between CHAA and Informa.

"The 3rd Annual Public Private Partnerships in Healthcare summit will showcase interactive studies and informative solutions on public and private healthcare partnership innovations."

Jane Carthey is speaking at this event.

Please visit the Informa site www.informa.com.au/PPPhealth for the event brochure pdf.

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HISTORICAL WORDS OF WISDOM

The following quote is taken from an 'old' publication by J Green, T King, E Clare, T Purcell, K Laphorne, J Snell, D Hart, K Kleist & G Jenkins published by the Graduate School of the Built Environment, School of Health Administration, The University of New South Wales.

"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 (1980) Needs and objectives of briefing for health facilities, In Green J, King T, Clare T et al Briefing for Health Facilities, UNSW, pp.1.9-1.10

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CLOSING COMMENTS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CHAA

We continue to acknowledge the support of all our sponsors from the Health Capital Asset Managers' Consortium (HCAMC) jurisdictions and UNSW sponsors, especially those in the Faculty of the Built Environment (FBE) and look forward to an ongoing and productive relationship in 2007.

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.

On behalf of the CHAA Team, I look forward to your comments on the Newsletter and our work, and participation in future CHAA activities throughout 2007.

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