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Did you know that you can access the CHAA website using any of these web addresses:

www.chaa.net.au
www.chaa.com.au
www.fbe.unsw.edu.au/chaa/

From here, you can access the Australasian Health Facility Guidelines, or visit the page directly:

www.healthfacilityguidelines.com.au

welcome

Welcome to the fifth CHAA Newsletter for 2007. It is difficult to understand where the year has gone as we continue to be extremely busy with our major body of work - developing, reviewing and publishing the Australasian Health Facility Guidelines.

In addition, we pursue other areas of research including benchmarking, post occupancy evaluation and health facility workforce capacity issues. We are also developing ARC grant proposals to research issues of interest to the health facility industry, which we hope to tell you more about in future issues of this newsletter.

At half way through our third year of existence, we are currently negotiating with both the University

of New South Wales (UNSW) and the Health Capital & Asset Managers Consortium (HCAMC) to ensure our continued operation into another 3 year funding period. We have done a great deal, but there is still much to be achieved!

As we all know, the health facility industry is currently going through a period of boom conditions with extensive capital works programs occurring across the country - particularly in Queensland and Western Australia. Many of us have lived through previous booms and busts in this industry, and I am sure that we can all learn from the past and improve on how we do things for the future.

At CHAA we are certainly looking towards the future through our work in developing the health facility guidelines and in encouraging their greater use and

review by those using them on real projects. Please work with us in further improving the Aus HFG by participating in reviews via the [Aus HFG website](#) or by [emailing](#) us any feedback.

> Final NSW Health Seminar for 2007

The third and final NSW Health Seminar for 2007 will be held on **Thursday 18 October 2007** on the topic of **Health Facilities: Career and Workforce Development Issues.**

Please mark your diaries with this date.

Further information will be available from the [CHAA website](#) in the near future and emailed to those on the CHAA.net subscriber database.

If you do not have a CHAA.net membership, [click here](#) to sign up today for notification of seminars and conference information.



> Stop Press

> Australasian Health Facility Guidelines

49 Additional Standard Components will be available for INDUSTRY REVIEW from 14th September. [Click here](#) for the Aus HFG website.

> CHAA Conference 2007 Presentations

A selection of presentations from the CHAA Future Health Facilities Conference: Sustainability, Design, Financing & Research were recorded and are now available for viewing via the UNSW Streaming Server.

[Click here](#) for access to Windows Media Player and ASX files.

> Wet Area Finishes Report

The Wet Area Finishes research study will be available from the [CHAA website](#) as a reference document later this month.

> Annotated Culture & Design bibliography

Resources to assist designers, planners, practitioners and academics are now available from the [CHAA website](#).

News

> Arrivals and Departures

We are pleased to welcome back Patrick Chu to the CHAA Team. We greatly missed Patrick while he was away and are very happy that he has returned. Patrick has been appointed to the Deputy Director role at CHAA; his major responsibilities include project management of the Australasian Health Facility Guidelines project amongst other key leadership roles in the Centre.

At the same time, we say farewell to two other CHAA staff members. Many of you will remember Steven Tipper who was present at the birth of CHAA in 2005. In May, Steve left for an interesting role at the NSW Cancer Council. More recently, Tim Earnshaw departed CHAA for a job in Darwin enabling him to be closer to his family.

We wish both of these former CHAA team members all the best and thank them for their dedication and commitment over the time that they spent with us.

> Seminars

The second NSW Health Seminar was held on 18 July 2007 on the topic of 'Health Facilities: Sustainability'. Invited speakers discussed the subject

of Environmentally Sustainable Design and Healthcare Infrastructure.

Richard Pye from NSW Health commenced by setting the scene from the NSW Government perspective regarding the need to substantially reduce energy and water usage by all government buildings and especially by health facilities.

Glen Hadfield from Western Sydney Area Health Service continued by outlining initiatives pursued in his region that have demonstrated some clear successes in achieving the required goals.

Finally, David Ulhorn of Umow Lai Environment spoke about the John Curtin Medical School at the Australian National University showing a real life example of environmentally responsible design that has also resulted in a landmark building highly regarded by those working there or visiting. All three speakers were well received by the audience and for those who missed out on the seminar, presentations are now available from the [CHAA website](#) for download.

> Visitors

This month we welcomed [Joram Nauta](#) from the Netherlands Health Building Institute to CHAA where he presented work on Life Cycle Costing analysis and the 'Flextool', a system developed in conjunction with Delft University for assessment of the transformational value of existing residential buildings for aged care purposes. He spent five weeks in Australia and travelled extensively during his time here - including a presentation of his work at Queensland Health.

We look forward to developing future research opportunities with our Dutch colleagues and thank Joram for taking time out from his holiday to spend time with us.

We also welcomed [Chris Watson](#) from Wellington, NZ, who visited CHAA to discuss approaches to post occupancy evaluation and to share information regarding techniques and processes for obtaining maximum value from that process. Thank you to Chris for his presentation.

> Travel

> UIA PHG Seminar, Beijing

Jane Carthey attended the Union of International Architects Public Health Group Seminar in Beijing 1-6 July where she presented a paper on the NSW Health project regarding the need for adapting health facilities to climate change related extreme weather events. This paper is available from the CHAA website.

Site visits included the Beijing Olympics site to review progress. A visit was also made to two urban hospitals and to a cardio vascular hospital in the Tianjin Economic Development Area (TEDA) about 3 hours from Beijing.

For further information, visit the [CHAA website](#) or the [UIA-PHG website](#).



^ Pharmacy
Peking University First Hospital, Beijing



^ Executive Health Suite, TEDA International Cardiovascular Hospital, Beijing



^ Emergency Department entrance
Beijing Friendship Hospital, Beijing



^ Rooftop playground, TEDA International Cardiovascular Hospital, Beijing

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The **10th Annual Health Facilities Planning & Design Summit** is being held 20-21 November 2007 at the Swisshotel, Sydney. This event is cross-promoted by agreement between CHAA and Informa.

Evolving hospital design models and ever-changing expectations are constantly impacting the direction of new health facility planning and design. By attending this year's Summit, you will gain professional insight into industry standards and issues shaping the directions of upcoming projects. Furthermore, you will discover some of the latest benchmark models and gain fresh ideas to inspire the next generation of industry professionals.

Patrick Chu is speaking at this event.

A 10% discount is available to all CHAA net members. Please visit the Informa website www.informa.com.au for further information.



bookmarks

During April 2007, the WA Health Minister, Mr Jim McGinty, and various WA Health delegates visited 17 of America's leading hospitals and health care systems. They held more than 58 separate meetings with experts in American healthcare facilities and visited four of the top six US hospitals.

The tour gave the Delegation the opportunity to observe a different health care system for two weeks and to identify issues or ideas from the best hospitals that money can buy, which will help inform the health reform process underway in Western Australia.

Click on the link below for the Tour Report, available from the WA Health website:

http://www.health.wa.gov.au/HRIT/publications/docs/20070517_USA_Health_Study_Tour_Report.pdf



in closing

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).

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 and please let us know of any areas of particular interest that we can address in future newsletters. [Click here](#) to email your comments, links for useful resources, news items etc.

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