



## → Seasons Greetings

All of us at CHAA would like to wish you the best of the season and a restful and restorative holiday period.

The UNSW Shutdown period will be from 22 December 2008 to 5 January 2009.

See you next year!

## → Welcome

Welcome to the final CHAA newsletter for 2008. As the year draws to a close we reflect back on a busy and productive period that has seen the Centre achieve many milestones including a successful UNSW Centre review and the arrival of the Home Modification Information Clearinghouse (HMinfo) team from the University of Sydney. [www.homemods.info/](http://www.homemods.info/)

Thus begins a period of diversification for CHAA's research into wider areas within the health and community sectors.

### → Sponsors

We continue to gratefully acknowledge our founding sponsors, the Australasian Health Infrastructure Alliance (formerly HCAMC) and, of course, UNSW which continues to provide us with significant infrastructure support. We look forward to continuing to work with AHIA in 2009 and beyond, as with our other new

sponsors and research partners including the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC), and other commercial organisations.

### → CHAA Website

We urge you to revisit the CHAA website regularly and to stand by for the launch of our new look website in early 2009. We will continue to offer many resources of interest to the health facility industry, to update these and to offer new and interesting information as it becomes available. [www.chaa.net.au](http://www.chaa.net.au)

### → New FBE Dean

I would also like to note that at the end of 2008, the Faculty of the Built Environment within which CHAA is hosted, welcomed a new Dean, Alec Tzannes, a high profile and accomplished leading architect who has already indicated his

support and enthusiasm for the role played by CHAA in improving the quality of health care buildings. This reflects the level of support expressed for CHAA by UNSW overall and bodes well for its future. [www.fbe.unsw.edu.au](http://www.fbe.unsw.edu.au)

### → CHAA Team

Finally, thanks go to the loyal CHAA staff and especially our newcomers from USyd. It is always a difficult time bringing two organisations or units together. In 2009 we will be hitting the ground running, notwithstanding the uncertain economic and political climates and all other unsettling influences, to create value to our stakeholders in researching and creating the tools for production of better health facilities and healthier built environment.



Alec Tzannes, Dean, FBE, UNSW

## → australasian health facility guidelines (AusHFG)

Work on the Australasian Health Facility Guidelines progresses on the Health Planning Units (HPU) proposed for publication in May 2009. We continue to develop information for dissemination for use by industry and other researchers.

Forum events will continue to be held across Australia in order to replicate the success of the 2008 program. These workshops will provide opportunities to share information

about latest trends and emerging issues in industry, which in turn will inform the ongoing Guideline revision process.

A schedule of forum events will be available for download on the CHAA website early in the new year: [www.chaa.net.au](http://www.chaa.net.au)

To keep up-to-date with the Guidelines, please visit: [www.healthfacilityguidelines.com.au](http://www.healthfacilityguidelines.com.au)

## → AusHFG Specific Workshops

In 2008, CHAA developed new sections of the Guidelines (AusHFG) and reviewed previously released components.

To launch the review process for each of these sections, various Australasian Health Infrastructure Alliance (AHIA) jurisdictions hosted workshops to share research and to receive feedback from clinicians, managers and designers regarding latest trends in clinical practice, technologies and design

that should be considered in updating the Guidelines.

A Mental Health Workshop was held in Canberra December 2 and was hosted and facilitated by Dr Peggy Brown, Director of Mental Health, ACT.

There were presentations from all jurisdictions (except New Zealand who were unable to attend), from a private sector representative, and from a carer and two consumers who raised some very interesting aspects relating to personal

experience of mental health facilities. Mostly the presentations addressed work in progress or recently completed. A range of issues were raised including, importantly, potentially very confusing difference in terminology between jurisdictions - especially relating to the less acute units; this issue is to be addressed independently. lines.

To view the presentations on the CHAA website, [click here](#).

## → HMinfo

Since arriving at CHAA in August, the Home Modification Information Clearinghouse team have been productive. They have finalised two systematic reviews: one on ceiling hoists for people with mobility impairment; and another on the use of colour for older people.

They have produced an occasional paper regarding access to home modifications for rural and remote communities and a multimedia presentation entitled "Off the rails" which uses humour to

prove the point that users, construction and allied health staff need to be on the same page for good clinical outcomes. These presentations will be available in 2009 at [www.homemods.info/](http://www.homemods.info/)

If you see something interesting or relevant to housing construction and/or design, older persons, people with disabilities an/or carers please email the HMinfo team at: [hminfo@fbe.unsw.edu.au](mailto:hminfo@fbe.unsw.edu.au)



## → achse national congress 2009



### ACHSE 2009 NATIONAL CONGRESS Building our Healthcare Systems around People and their Needs

Marriott Surfers Paradise Resort & Spa,  
Gold Coast, Queensland  
4-7 August 2009

In partnership with CHAA

We invite you to participate in the Australian College Of Health Service Executives (ACHSE) National Congress in August, 2009.

*Special reduced registration fees will apply for CHAA.net subscribers and members of ACHSE*

This is an experiment for both ACHSE and CHAA and born out of the desire to bring health service managers, clinicians, designers and other industry players together in a productive and interactive forum.

CHAA is a keen partner in hosting this conference, attracting sponsorship, developing the program and assisting with conference logistics.

Discounted registration will be available to CHAA subscribers and the conference is already looking like it will deliver great value to those who attend.

Please click here for further information [www.achse.org.au/frameset.html](http://www.achse.org.au/frameset.html)

## → events calendar

### IQPC - HEALTH FACILITIES & DEVELOPMENT 2009

17-20 February 2009, The Sebel/Citigate King George Sq, Brisbane, QLD

This Conference brings together industry experts and thought leaders who will share their experience and knowledge! Learn about benchmark redevelopment projects in the national and international arena, hear ground-breaking presentations and benefit from real-life case studies.

[www.iqpc.com/ShowEvent.aspx?id=133390](http://www.iqpc.com/ShowEvent.aspx?id=133390)

*IQPC is offering 10% discount to CHAA.Net members.*

### ARK GROUP - DELIVERING ICT CAPABILITIES WITHIN HEALTHCARE SERVICES 2009

3-4 February 2009, Rydges World Square, Sydney

- Deliver sustainable health services through leveraging ICT infrastructure
- Identify the role of ICT in providing quality healthcare services
- Adopt investment strategies to support ICT developments
- Build frameworks to standardise use of technology and electronic health information
- Identify tele-medicine capabilities as a sustainable healthcare service

[www.arkgroupaustralia.com.au/events-c054%20ICT%20Health.htm](http://www.arkgroupaustralia.com.au/events-c054%20ICT%20Health.htm)

*ARK is offering 20% discount to CHAA.Net members.*

## → bookmark of the month

In April 2008 the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) of the Executive Office of the President of the United States held a Workshop on “Net Zero Energy” High Performance Green Buildings. The scope was to define the R&D activities that could decrease use of natural resources and improve indoor environments while reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful pollutants from the building sector.

[Click here](#) to view the final report.

## → the last word

Our thanks for the ongoing support of all our sponsors from the Australasian Health Infrastructure Alliance (AHIA) 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](http://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.

Regards,

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