

Transforming Cities in Australia and New Zealand
Sky City Conference Centre
20 -22 March 2003
Auckland, New Zealand

Transforming car-based sprawling suburbs and rundown inner city and waterfront areas into attractive, walkable communities has become a focus over the last decade for urban designers, planners and developers in Australia and New Zealand. Better design, a better environment, lifestyle choices and buoyant local economies are being sought in the redevelopment of our cities.

Urbanism downunder 2003 builds on the momentum generated by the 1st Australasian Congress for New Urbanism in Melbourne 2001. The conference will incorporate principles and practices common to the New Urbanism movement, as well as review the relevance of other international urban design practices to our unique southern hemisphere cultures and environment.

The New Zealand Institute of Landscape Architects have chosen to collaborate with Urbanism downunder 2003 as their 2003 Annual Conference, emphasising the contribution of their membership to creating exciting urban environments and robust public spaces.

Urbanism downunder 2003 will harness the experiences of Australian, New Zealand and international practitioners in the art and science of transforming cities. This conference will be inter-disciplinary, illustrating the mix of professional skills essential to creating liveable towns and cities – urban design, architecture, landscape design, planning, economics, property development, transport, community development and communications.

The conference is expected to attract up to 400 delegates. The themes below will be explored through keynote presentations, workshops, papers and site tours.

Designing for change

- Transforming cities – retrofitting, redevelopment and suburban revitalisation through urban design.
- The built form, public spaces, landscape urbanism.
- Transit, infrastructure and city form.

Leading change

- The reality, the politics.
- Leading city transformations – change management strategies.
- Pulling the pieces together.

Profiting from good design

- The economics of sustainable redevelopment.
- Keeping good design profitable.
- Innovative public/private partnerships.
- Barriers and bridges in the development lifecycle.
- The market for new forms of living and working.

Community voices

- Engaging communities in design and change.
- Building community acceptance.
- Interactive design processes.
- Hearing the quieter voices.

Founding Partners:

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Auckland City Council
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New Zealand Institute of Landscape Architects

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Australian Property Council
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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS in programme order

• **Michael Harcourt**

Michael Harcourt, British Columbia's Premier (1991-96) and Mayor of Vancouver, (1980-86), is a Senior Associate of the Liu Institute for Global Issues at the University of British Columbia, Vice Chair of CitiesPLUS and a Senior Associate with the Sustainable Development Research Institute. His work includes private business activities and directorships, as well as advising internationally on sustainability solutions.

Appointed by the Prime Minister in 1996 to the National Round Table on the Environment and Economy, Michael chairs the Urban Sustainability Program. He is Director of the Asia Pacific Foundation, Vice-Chair of the International Centre for Sustainable Cities, and Honorary Chair at the Pacific Rim Council on Urban Development.

Michael has a B.A and L.L.B, University of British Columbia and an Honorary Doctor of Laws, Royal Roads University.

• **Alan Simpson**

Alan J Simpson is an Architect, Urbanist, Teacher and Writer. He has worked across Europe, in the United States and in Russia, with city and community amenity, business and political interest groups, engaged in urban and community planning programmes, strategic urban design, urban regeneration, and urban and architectural conservation projects. He has taught at the universities of Newcastle Upon Tyne, Liverpool, University College London and was Fitz-Gibbon Professor of Architecture and Urban Design at Carnegie Mellon University Pittsburgh Pennsylvania. Alan Simpson is Head of Urban Renaissance at Yorkshire Forward.

Yorkshire Forward's Urban Renaissance works with local communities through Town Teams, assembled to represent amenity, business and political interests. Together they are creating long term environmental, social and economic renaissance strategies for the region's towns and cities built upon rising aspirations and enhanced skills in citizenship and civic leadership

• **William S W Lim**

Professor William Lim is a graduate of the Architectural Association (AA) London and the Department of City and Regional Planning, Harvard University. A citizen of Singapore, his professional work involves architecture, planning and development economics.

Professor Lim writes and lectures on architecture and urbanism in Asia as well as current issues relating to the postmodern, globality and social justice. He is the author of six books, including Asian New Urbanism (1998). He is volume co-editor on World Architecture: A Critical Mosaic 1900-2000, Southeast Asia (1999) and Editor of Postmodern Singapore (2002).

Presently, Professor Lim is President of AA Asia, Chairperson – Asian Contemporary Arts Centre, and a board member of LaSalle-SIA College of the Arts (Singapore). He is an Adjunct Professor of the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) Australia, and Guest Professor of Tianjin University, China.

• **Paul Wygers**

Paul Wygers is Director of Urban Solutions, an architectural and urban design practice located in Johannesburg, South Africa, and established in 1994. Projects undertaken to date include large scale and detailed urban design frameworks, and large-scale architectural projects, including

- Johannesburg Inner City Framework

- Development Frameworks for Midrand, Melrose Arch, Baralink, Coega, Constitution Hill, Innovation Hub
- Inner City Street Trading Management Strategy
- Johannesburg Inner Core Framework
- The Constitutional Court of South Africa
- Metro Mall Public Transport Interchange and Baragwanath Public Transport Interchange
- Newtown Public Environment Redevelopment

• **Ian Charles Athfield**

Ian Athfield is the founding principal of Athfield Architects Limited. He has headed this practice since its inception in 1968 and has been responsible for the majority of design work completed by the office through this period. Projects include the Wellington Civic Centre and Public Library, the Palmerston North Library; Canterbury University's Commerce Building, and the refurbishment of the State Fire Building in Wellington.

As well as his contribution to the design of a broad range of projects throughout New Zealand, Ian has been involved in a teaching fellowship with the Victoria University of Wellington, keynote speaking at various international conferences and judging at numerous architectural / urban design competitions.

Ian Athfield has been the subject of many books, articles and films, and in 1996 was made a Companion to the New Zealand Order of Merit. He lectured for many years at the Victoria University School of Architecture, where he was made a Professional Fellow in 1986, and in 2000 was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Literature.

• **Steve Thorne**

Steve Thorne is currently Director of Urban Design for the State of Victoria, Australia.

Previously he ran his own Urban Design and Architecture consultancy, Urban Solutions, in Johannesburg, South Africa, where the linking of Soweto and Johannesburg was a significant project. He also has work experience in the UK and the Czech Republic.

Steve has been in Australia for five years working previously as City Designer at the City of Gosnells in Western Australia, and Principal Urban Designer for the City of Melbourne.

• **Rob Adams**

Rob Adams is currently the Director City Projects, City of Melbourne and has been principally responsible for the formulation and delivery of the highly successful Urban Design Strategy in Melbourne for the past 17 years.

Rob has over 30 years experience in the urban design and architectural fields and has successfully set up and run his own architectural practice. Rob is the recipient of a number of awards and won an international competition for the design of the National Assembly Complex for the United Arab Emirates.

• **Charles J Kibert**

Charles J. Kibert is Director and Professor of the M.E. Rinker Sr. School of Building Construction. He founded the Center for Construction and Environment at the University of Florida and is also co-founder and chairman of the Cross Creek Initiative, a non-profit industry/university joint venture seeking to implement sustainability principles into construction. Research interests include construction waste management and recycling, environmental impacts and sustainable development and construction. He is the author of over 100 publications. Charles holds a B.S. (General Engineering) from the U.S.

Military Academy, a M.S. (Nuclear Engineering) from Carnegie-Mellon University, and a Ph.D. (Mechanical Engineering) from the University of South Florida.

• **Wendy Sarkissian**

Dr Wendy Sarkissian, Director of Sarkissian Associates Planners Pty Ltd, Brisbane, is a planner specialising in social planning and community participation. She has taught in schools of architecture, landscape architecture and planning in Australia and overseas and is a Fellow of the Royal Australian Planning Institute (RAPI).

Wendy is co-author of the acclaimed 1986 book, *Housing as if People Mattered*. She also co-authored the practical advisory series, *Community Participation in Practice* (1994-2000). Her Ph.D. dissertation which explored ways of nurturing an ethic of caring for nature in the education of Australian planners received the 1998 National Award for Excellence from RAPI.

• **Vivien Twyford**

Vivien Twyford founded Twyford Consulting in New South Wales, in 1988 to assist organisations in the area of business development and improvement. Specialising in public consultation, Vivien has designed and implemented programs around very sensitive and controversial projects, assisting private and public sector clients in developing public consultation policies, practices and procedures.

She has facilitated training programs and advises on public consultation, leadership, communication, personal and organisational communication. Vivien is a member of the Board of the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) and in 2002 was appointed Vice President, International Affairs.

She was the inaugural President of IAP2's Australasian Chapter. She has recently been made a Fellow of the University of Wollongong.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME
(subject to amendment)

• **Wednesday 19 March 2003**

- 2.30 pm New Zealand Institute of Landscape Architects AGM
4.30 Pre-conference registration
6.00-7.30 Welcome Reception

• **Thursday 20 March**

- 7.30 am Registration
9.00 Powhiri and welcome
9.35 Presentation
- *Impressions of Auckland – NZ's biggest urban area*
10.30 - *Leadership that Leads to Better Cities*
Keynote Presentations
Mike Harcourt
- *Sustainable Cities update from Canada*
11.30 Alan Simpson (Yorkshire Forward)
- *Urban Renaissance: innovative process to optimise outcomes*
1.30 *Designing for Change* – Keynote Presentations
Professor William Lim
- *Modernist Urbanism and its Revitalization*
Paul Wygers
- *Transforming the City – Johannesburg in the New Millennium*
Ian Charles Athfield
- *Towards a Kiwi Urbanism*
Steve Thorne
- *Melbourne City – Connecting with its waterways*
4.10 Panel Discussion
5.00-6.00 Urban Design Forum – *Urban design in New Zealand, where to from here?*
7.00 Public Forum - *Transforming Cities*

• **Friday 21 March**

- 8.30 Registration
9.00 Profiting from Good Design
Keynote Presentations
Moderator – Peter Verwer, CEO Australian Property Council
Rob Adams – City of Melbourne
- *Public/private partnerships and innovation*
Charles Kibert – University of Florida
- *Financing urban renewal and brownfield development*
- *The economics of sustainable development*

10.45 Parallel Sessions (choice of three streams)
Development Downunder
Moderator – Allan McGregor, Waitakere Properties Ltd
Nigel McKenna – Melview Developments
Paul Phillips – AMP Henderson Global
Speaker – Westfield
Update of Australian and New Zealand urban design projects
Moderator – Wendy Morris, ESD, Melbourne

Landscape Urbanism

Moderator – Michael Jones, UNITEC
Simon Swaffield - Lincoln University
– *New Urbanism, New Natures*
Mathew Bradbury - UNITEC
– *Landscape Infrastructure*

1.00

Parallel Sessions (choice of two streams or site tour)

Development

Ian Cassells, What's New Ltd
– *What's New in Wellington?*
Michael Lennon, Housing NZ
– *Building better cities for all*
Allan McGregor, Waitakere Properties Ltd
– *Harbourview – a commercial review*
Rolf Fenner, Planning NSW
– *Building Sustainable Places – contemporary lessons from Malmö and Hanover*
Peter Robinson, Peter Robinson Assoc Sydney
– *Addressing fragmented ownership on road to densification*
Jenny Dixon/Ann Dupuis, Auckland/Massey Universities
– *'Body Building' in Auckland: Bodies Corporate and Intensive Housing*
Michelle Thompson-Fawcett, Otago University
– *Auckland medium density: who and why?*

Design

Patrick Clifford, Architectus
– *Auckland waterfront*
Peter Walker, Peter Walker Partnership
– *Highbrook Office Park*
Peter Richards, Deike Richards
– *Regional Urbanism Queensland*
David Irwin, Isthmus Group Ltd
– *Art in the City*
Andrew Hammonds, Hassell Pty Ltd and John Byrne, Department
Housing, Queensland
– *Urban Villages*
North Shore City Council
– *Recent initiatives*
Mark Vinall/Dawne Mackay, Auckland City Council
– *Best Practice*
Barry Rae, Transurban Ltd
– *Neighbourhood Transformations*

Site Tours (choice of three)

- 1. Inner City Auckland** – guided walk through downtown Auckland, with particular emphasis on how the once derelict waterfront area is being transformed into the vibrant Viaduct Harbour and Britomart transport centre. Presentation – Auckland Waterfront and Britomart Experience.
- 2. Manukau City or 3. Waitakere City** - these site visits will examine attempts to create sustainability based town centres in brown and greenfield locations, mainstreet based shopping malls, mixed use in

marginal locations, medium and mixed density housing solutions, innovative approaches to solar gain and back lane configurations. To include visits to Botany Centre or Harbourview.

- 5.30 Informal Salons
(meet at the bar for further discussion) – cash bar
- 5.30 Elected Members Function (A focus on leadership with Michael Harcourt and other guest speakers for local and visiting politicians)
- 7.00 **Congress for New Urbanism meeting**
– A Downunder Branch?

• **SATURDAY 22 MARCH**

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 Community Voices - Keynote Presentations
Wendy Sarkissian
– *Listening to the Softest Voices*
– *Consulting Children and Nature in Planning Public Spaces*
Vivien Twyford
– *Tools and techniques for involving people in the transformation of their community*
- 11.00 Parallel Sessions (choice of three streams or design workshop)

Design

- Malcolm Middleton, Malcolm Middleton Architects
– *Urban Renewal*
Michelle Calleja, Coomes Consulting
– *Urban drama/ urban space*
Michael Wright, Rush Wright
– *Urban Renewal/ Dockland (Aust)*
Ian Craig, Harrison Grierson Consultants Ltd
– *Suburban Masterplanning*
Garth Falconer, Isthmus Group Ltd
– *Critique of new urbanism*
Peter Jensen, Hypercons
– *New technology and urban form/ places*
Shaun Killerby, Forest Research
– *Urban form visions*

Community Participation

- Wendy Morris, Waitakere City Council with Chip Kaufman, ESD Melbourne
– *Design tools for engaging communities – the Waitakere experience*
Daniel Arndt, City of Nedlands
– *Community structure plan (Aust)*
Rachel Barker/ Chris Freeman, Christchurch City Council
– *Community involvement (NZ)*
Murina Mackay, Dept Planning & Infrastructure, Perth
– *Community involvement*
Rizal Sabastian, Delft University of Technology
– *Design collaboration (Aust)*
Gerald Blunt, Wellington City Council
– *Community led design (NZ waterfront)*

Leadership

John Loneragon, Studio Textron

– *Showing Leadership (Aust)*

Stephen Rainbow, Wellington City Council

– *National urban policy leadership (NZ)*

Ree Anderson/ Amanda Harland, Manukau City Council

– *The local government - community link*

Anthony Flannery, Chow Hill Architects

– *Advisory panels (UK case study)*

Stuart Jardine, City of Gosnell

– *Urban renewal (Aust)*

Ernst Zollner/ Kobus Mentz, Auckland University/Sinclair Knight Merz

– *Strategic growth management (NZ)*

Sarah Zagami, RMIT University

– *Policy requirements*

Ministry for the Environment

- *Urban Policy*

Design Workshop

Hands-on facilitated workshop for practitioners, students and interested participants, to develop a workable concept for an inner city site. Work in small, mixed groups to apply ideas and concepts discussed during the conference.

3.30 Panel Review of Design Workshop Outcomes

4.30 Wrap up by Keynoters

5.00 Close of Congress

7.00 Congress dinner

Programme correct at time of printing.

There will be breaks in sessions for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

(Aust) and (NZ) refer to case studies.

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Registration Fees (in \$NZ incl. GST)

Full Registration: \$450 before 20 February 2003
\$495 after 20 February 2003

Includes teas, lunches, welcome reception, conference dinner and materials.

Student Registration: \$225

Includes teas, lunches, and some materials. Excludes welcome reception and conference dinner.

Day Registration: \$252 before 20 February 2003
\$297 after 20 February 2003

Includes teas, lunch and some materials.

Optional Extras (Guests, Day/Student Registrants)

Welcome Reception Tickets \$36

Conference Dinner Tickets \$81

Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations advised by 10 March 2003 will receive a full refund.

Cancellations advised before 17 March 2003 will receive a 50% refund.

No refunds after 17 March 2003 but documentation/materials will be supplied.

Substitute delegates are welcome.

Accommodation:

Rooms are being held at Sky City Hotel for conference attendees. Rate \$175 (GST incl.) per night. Please quote UD0319 when making reservations.

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