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The entries for the 2008 National Awards for Planning Excellence showcased the outstanding work that is being undertaken within the planning profession. The nominees and award winners have demonstrated work of an exceptionally high standard and all should be congratulated on their achievements.

It is encouraging to see that planners are addressing the issues that are at the forefront of our cities and regions and that the profession is doing this in consultation with the community and the private sector. The hot topics of today, most notably climate change, are allowing planners and allied disciplines to think and work more innovatively thus ensuring that we are creating sustainable communities for future generations to come.

The judging panel is to be commended for its efforts as the entries were, like most years, of a very high standard making the decision for the judges very difficult. The planning profession and allied disciplines are a very important part of the Australian community and we should all feel proud of the work, that we are doing, and the achievements that we are celebrating tonight.

Congratulations to our winners and all nominees.

Neil Savery
MPIA CPP
National President
Planning Institute of Australia
FOREWORD FROM THE JUDGING PANEL

In the opinion of the 2008 national Judging Panel, this year’s state nominations were of a markedly high standard. The Panel – Sue Holliday, Kirsty Kelly and John McInerney, also noted how these nominations reflected the widening ambit of the Institute’s `Chapters’ covering Urban Design, Social, Law, Economic, Environmental and Transport Planning.

While there was a high quality across all categories, the panel observed highlights in Urban Planning and Young Planner of the Year categories. In the former, two awards reflect the current concentration across Australia on metropolitan land use issues and links with strategic transport planning. In the latter category, the profession is profiting from the growth of energetic and vocal young planner groups. Our award of Young Planner of the Year to Yen Trinh was highly deserved and indicative of the growing numbers of skilled and committed young people in the profession.

The panel does not consider nomination from any particular State as a criterion, but wishes to note the significant number of awards and commendations achieved by the State of Queensland. Our congratulations go to the Queensland Division. Lastly, the panel recommends a formal review of the awards system, recognising that the awards are an opportunity to promote the work of planners to the general community, and at the same time provide a source of technical information online to planning practitioners.
The Planning Institute of Australia (PIA) is the peak national body representing planning professionals. PIA was established in 1951 to serve planning professionals and promote planning as a profession. PIA boasts approximately 4500 members, and supports Planners in all states and territories in Australia. It also has representation in 36 different countries around the world. PIA aims to support the Australian planning profession and community in the creation of liveable communities, vibrant economies, sustainable places, diverse cultural expression and social cohesion.

Voice
PIA strives to lobby and influence authorities to promote the advancement of planning issues on national political and industry agendas through various forums and media activities. Efforts in recent times have focused on building a strong policy platform on issues such as Development on Airport Land and Planning for Healthy Communities as well as providing advocacy on Climate Change and Affordable Housing. PIA will continue to build a stronger public profile of planners and planning through advocacy and strategic relationship development with Government.

In April 2006, PIA launched the first Planning Report Card, a planning opinion poll which allows the profession to conduct a peer review on the state and performance of our planning systems, and current planning outcomes across the nation. The Planning Report Card is conducted annually and results are announced annually on World Town Planning Day. Current Report Card results can be found at www.planning.org.au.

Services
PIA provides value to its members through the delivery of high quality services, debate and communication on planning issues, continued professional development, support and advocacy. Each of PIA’s state and territory divisions and branches deliver topical and relevant debates, forums, and professional development events. Each year, larger divisions hold state conferences to address planning issues in a state context, and PIA’s National Office hosts a National Congress with high profile national and international speakers attracting an increasing number of attendees. PIA has also been holding the very successful annual YPConnect event since 2005 – the national conference dedicated to young planning professionals.

Each year PIA’s divisions recognise best practice in planning. Divisional winners are then nominated for the Annual National Awards for Planning Excellence; where the national winners of these awards will be announced as part of this year’s National Congress.

PIA keeps members informed of industry news, innovations, and vital developments as they arise at the local and national level. These topics are communicated through eNews and Australian Planner at a national level, and through various Divisional equivalents.

International
PIA is still forging links with similar peak planning bodies internationally, including the New Zealand Planning Institute, the City Planning Institute of Japan, the Royal Town Planning Institute UK, the American Planning Association, and Canadian Institute of Planners.
PIA has played an important role in the recovery from the 2004 Boxing Day Tsunami, which has reinforced PIA’s commitment to assist with planning for developing nations. Currently PIA is undertaking a project with the help of AusAID and PIA volunteers to help repair tsunami-affected communities and the town planning profession in Sri Lanka.

PIA has also developed a close working relationship with the newly formed Pacific Island Planners Association (PIPA). PIPA has formed to provide a support service to our many neighbouring planners and organisations in the Pacific. PIA was happy to have been involved in PIPA’s inaugural AGM held last year in Brisbane and have invited PIPA’s President to join PIA’s International Division to maintain open communication and support between our Institutes.

**Education & Professional Standards**

PIA is committed to high professional and ethical standards in planning practice. The Institute works closely with universities to inform professional education, and delivers regular and topical professional development through publications, seminars and conferences. All PIA members are encouraged to engage in reflection, discussion and debate to inform continual improvement of planning practice. The Certified Practising Planner (CPP) scheme indicates practitioners who, over and above membership, have made a commitment to professionalism, and to actively keeping pace with industry and community expectations.

In 2008, PIA is reaffirming its commitment to raising education and professional standards through Foundations for the Future. This consultation process will allow members and other interested stakeholders to contribute actively to the review of PIA’s policy and agenda in the education arena.

**Member Benefits**

PIA has approximately 4500 members and associates, who enjoy significant benefit from belonging to a network of like-minded professionals.

The Institute provides regular national and local publications and correspondence about topical planning issues and professional opportunities, and delivers professional development events and other functions for members. PIA is also extremely active as a voice of the profession, advocating effective government policy, greater public awareness and building relationships with agencies and industry.

PIA is distinct among similar professional associations and peak bodies in the range of opportunities it provides for members and associates to actively participate in and contribute to Institute activity. PIA is run for and by its members.

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Sue Holliday is the immediate past National President of the Planning Institute of Australia and an Adjunct Professor of Planning at the University of Technology Sydney. Sue has worked for 30 years in urban planning in the UK and Australia where she was the driving force behind Australia’s first affordable housing company – Citi West Housing. Sue has held positions as Director General of Planning for NSW, Inaugural Director on the Green Building Council of Australia and Chief Planning Advisor to the National Capital Authority. Sue was also Director of City Strategy for DEGW until 2007.

John McInerney  LFPIA FRAIA

John McInerney is an architect and planner with extensive experience in planning at local government level. He graduated as an architect from Melbourne University in 1963 and completed post graduate studies in town planning in London. After extensive overseas experience he worked in planning and urban design for the City of Heidelberg in Victoria, then for the Cities of Melbourne and Sydney. After leaving the City of Sydney he created the consulting firm City Plan Services, until he resigned in March 2004 to stand as a candidate for the Sydney Council election. John is a past president of the Planning Institute of Australia and is committed to developing an integrated transport strategy with emphasis on light rail and pedestrian / bike paths for Sydney.

Kirsty Kelly  MPIA CPP

Kirsty Kelly is the State Manager of the South Australian Division of the Planning Institute of Australia. She is the immediate Past President of the South Australian Division of the Institute and has held a range of leadership roles with the Institute since 1997. This includes South Australian National Councillor and National Young Planner Convenor. Kirsty has ten years of planning experience across state, territory and local government, as well as the private sector. She holds a Bachelor of Built Environment (Urban and Regional Planning) from the Queensland University of Technology, graduating with Distinction, and a Graduate Diploma of Regional and Urban Planning from the University of South Australia.
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• hands on learning tasks related to work settings.

In 2008, GSA Planning is celebrating its 20th anniversary of offering expert planning, urban design and traffic advice to clients in metropolitan Sydney, NSW generally and Queensland. The multidisciplinary planning team, which is based in Paddington, offers extensive qualifications and experience in all planning, design and traffic related matters. GSA Planning also provide expert evidence in the Land and Environment Court. Directors, George Karavanas and Gary Shiels encourage clients to obtain early planning advice prior to making costly commitments to projects and the purchase of land. The appropriate expert advice at the outset can save clients time and money when pursuing development projects.

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From a field of outstanding entries the 2008 Young Planner of the Year is awarded to Yen Trinh. Yen is a passionate and highly engaged young planning professional. Her peers variously describe her as exceptional, fiercely independent and brilliant. Her contribution to the planning profession reaches far beyond demonstrating excellence in her work with Tract Consulting in Brisbane, and now Brisbane City Council, and encompasses public, professional and personal activities.

Yen is actively involved in the Queensland Planning Institute, contributes to the Queensland Planner and the Urban Design Forum, and participates in youth and planning forums. She is a tutor at QUT, and writes for Map Magazine’s Street Editors, independently promoting professional interests in urban design, public spaces and sustainable planning via the internet. Her unique and innovative contributions to Street Editors inspired the judges as she communicates complex planning concepts to inspire everyday people to think about what their cities are and what they can be. Yen’s commitment to planning, her talent in communication and design, and her out of the box new media initiatives set her apart as a very worthy recipient of the 2008 Young Planner of the Year.
The Urban Planning Program in the Melbourne School of Design is leading a change in Australian planning education. It has embraced the ethos of the Melbourne Model to provide a quality vocational Masters degree in Urban Planning.

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Lawrence is a dedicated and enthusiastic young planner who is a tireless volunteer for the Planning Institute. He has been a key contributor in the development of young planners in Western Australia for the last five years, and is currently the national young planner representative. As co-convenor, he was instrumental in the organisation of the National Young Planners YP Connect Conference in Perth in 2007 and while in his employment at Hassell he has led collaboration between many built environment professional organisations.

Be Part of Planning Change.
A book for all Australia, “Planning Australia”, edited by Professor Susan Thompson, provides a comprehensive and interdisciplinary view of the major issues and principal activities that occupy planning practitioners today.

It draws on a wealth of academic talent from around Australia covering a wide range and depth of topics. It is noted that the book is dedicated “to furthering the hope that is at the heart of planning.”
WINNER

Brisbane’s Inner South East: District Development Strategy
Nicole Wiley, Tamara Wiseman, Roberta Moberg, Kellie Parker, Geneva Vanderzeil, Michael Webb and Peter Richards, QLD

The District Development Strategy is an outstanding, well researched and excellently presented planning exposition. The strategy analysed all issues in a competent and user friendly style. The work captured the essence of Brisbane’s inner South East and is a good benchmark for sub-regional planning analysis.
WINNER

- Sustaining the Catchments: The Regional Plan for Drinking Water Catchments of Sydney and Adjacent Regional Centres

The joint winners of this Award are two innovative projects ‘Sustaining the Catchments’ the Regional Plan for drinking water catchments of Sydney and adjacent regional centres, and the Rural Living Handbook 2007 – 2009 A Guide for Rural Residential Landholders.

The Plan

‘Sustaining the Catchments’ Regional Plan is a benchmark project to ensure that the quality of Sydney’s water supply will be maintained into the future. The project provides a clear set of controls and guidelines that can be used in the assessment of land use proposals to determine if actions will have neutral or beneficial effects on the water supply. It is a Regional Plan that has taken on the challenge of water quality and, through difficult but fruitful negotiations with the community and local industry, has demonstrated that planning can be the solution to better outcomes.

The Handbook

The Handbook, developed in support of the Regional Plan provides a comprehensive source of important information about planning policies, land management issues and ways to tackle rural lifestyle challenges for purchasers of rural land holdings. The handbook, developed in a collaboration between state and local government, demonstrates current leading practice in rural planning in a very accessible way that is applicable right across Australia. It has been made widely available to all new residents in the council area through council offices, solicitors and real estate agents.
The project synthesised old and new research, spanning more than a decade, to create an integrated policy framework and development strategy for the whole municipality. Innovative features include the use of Google Earth mapping and a guide to the assessment of the potential for ‘fettering’ of agricultural land by residential development. The strategy provides a sound basis for the preparation of a new planning scheme, implementation of state policies, local settlement policies, extension of urban infrastructure, and responses to climate change.
Affordable Housing in the Kelvin Grove Urban Village
Brisbane Housing Company Ltd, Fairweather Proberts Architects, Arkhefield, Gall and Medek Architects and Mode Design, QLD

The Brisbane Housing Company (BHC) is a not-for-profit organisation jointly funded by the Queensland State Government and Brisbane City Council, which is also able to raise investment elsewhere. The BHC has created over six hundred affordable housing units throughout the inner city since being established in 2003, including these four projects in the Kelvin Grove Urban Village.

A further four hundred units are in varying stages of land acquisition, development and building. This is an outstanding example of how to achieve affordable, well integrated and well designed inner city housing.
Joint Winner

TransLink Network Plan
TransLink, QLD

The TransLink Network Plan demonstrates an exemplar approach to public transport network planning. It links key destinations, identifies specific improvements, requires and integrates land uses and transportation needs. The success of TransLink and its planning has been proven through record growth of public transport patronage and overcoming a range of administrative and bureaucratic hurdles. The project stands as best practice outcome for public transport planning which has demonstrated success. Its impacts will be felt across the region for many years to come.
COMMENDATION

Land Use Plan 2007 and Development Code 2007
Port of Brisbane Corporation, Buckley Vann Town Planning Consultants, PPM Group and Research 2 Strategy, QLD

The Port of Brisbane’s Land Use Plan 2007 and Development Code 2007 are exemplary in that they set clear vision and outcomes that mirror the Port of Brisbane Corporation’s vision, ‘To be Australia’s leading port: here for the future’. The quality and clarity of the documents as well as the innovations in policy clearly show that the Port of Brisbane Corporation is striving for best practice and sustainability. The actual achievements on the ground at the Port of Brisbane clearly show that the plan is achieving high quality and sustainable outcomes.

PLANNING THE EVOLUTION OF BRISBANE

Over one million people are expected to move to South East Queensland in the next 20 years, placing significant demands on Brisbane’s housing and infrastructure. Brisbane City Council is planning for the future by actively working with the community to develop effective citywide planning policies to deal with the growth management challenge. This is enabling Brisbane to continue to thrive in its role as a capital city, and lead the way in the areas of subtropical design and sustainability.

By partnering with the development industry and the community, Brisbane City Council is actively making the vision Living in Brisbane 2026 a reality.

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Lochiel Park Green Village: Urban Design Guidelines
Jensen Planning & Design, Energy Architecture and Oxigen Pty Ltd, SA

The Lochiel Park Urban Design Guidelines present a vision for the development of Lochiel Park as the first model green village in Australia. The guidelines articulate and integrate an array of environmental considerations aimed at reducing energy and water consumption to achieve an accurate energy rating of 7.5 Stars for all houses in the Lochiel Park development, compared to the normal 5 Star rating.

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The Inner South East District Strategy focused on achieving ‘a vibrant and diverse region where visitors and residents alike enjoy high quality of life, triple bottom line sustainability and increased social capital’. The strategy sought to achieve a prosperous community through the integration of knowledge industries, community services and intuitive land use planning. Through the policies, the team actively balances the health of the community and environment with prosperous development. As such, the team applied innovative land use and community policies to ensure a strategy that is both idealistic and practical.

This project, jointly supervised by Associate Professor Phil Heywood and Dr Tan Yigitcanlar, is the sixth successive annual winner by QUT students of a National PIA Award, three of them overall awards for Excellence in Tertiary student work. These Planning Practice projects continue to provide the central focus of QUT’s new Master of Urban Development courses in Urban & Regional Planning.

ENQUIRERS ABOUT ENROLMENT in this one year, full time or equivalent part time program (3 full time semesters or equivalent for students without previous planning background) are welcome to contact the new Course Coordinator, Dr. Tan Yigitcanlar for further details <tan.yigitcanlar@qut.edu.au> or phone 07 3138 2418.
WINNER

Wind Farms and Landscape Values: National Assessment Framework
Mike Scott, Lisa Riddle, Planisphere, in partnership with Context, Collaborations and Auswind and ACNT, VIC

With the rise in public awareness of the need for renewable energy comes the need to protect key landscapes. This framework comprehensively assesses the varied issues facing the extremely subjective issue of landscape and wind farms and provides a new tool for all parties to logically assess landscapes wherever the project may be proposed. Whilst aimed at assessing landscape and wind farms the key benefit of the framework was seen as its ability to translate to any similar large scale project anywhere in Australia.
The Northern Territory Parks and Conservation Masterplan combines the elements of innovation, community benefit, environmental quality, technical competence and collaborative process, including proposals for sharing control with indigenous landholders. The three issues of conservation, ecosystem maintenance and Aboriginal culture are stitched together to provide balancing themes throughout the report, which also includes the successful integration of proposals for indigenous, cultural and tourism promotion.
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Inner city Perth is enjoying a resurgence as people from all walks of life reassess their lifestyles and recognise the advantages of living close to where the action is. In fact, it is estimated that in the next 10 years, thousands more will choose to live close to the city. Meeting the challenges of these changes is the role of the East Perth Redevelopment Authority. Since its establishment in 1991, the East Perth Redevelopment Authority has been responsible for the revitalisation of more than 300 hectares of inner city land into vibrant, sustainable communities for people to live, work and visit. Perth is being transformed into a vibrant, world-class city through exciting urban renewal projects including Claisebrook Cove, New Northbridge, Riverside, East Perth Power Station, Northbridge Link and planning for the Perth Cultural Centre.

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**South East Queensland Regional Plan Implementation Guideline Number Five: Social Infrastructure Planning**

Department of Infrastructure & Planning, SGS Economics and Planning Pty Ltd, Briggs & Mortar Pty Ltd, Andrea Young Planning Consultants and Elliott Whiteing Pty Ltd, QLD

The award for Excellence in Social and Community Based Planning is awarded to South East Queensland Regional Plan 2005-2026 Implementation Guideline Number Five: Social Infrastructure Planning. For the first time in Queensland, a wide range of social and community agencies have collaborated in a trusted process to articulate comparative rates of service provision.

The guideline positions social infrastructure and community services for a credible and sustained future in land development in the south east region. It also provides a model for other growing areas of the state.
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The award winning South East Queensland Regional Plan Implementation Guideline No.5: Social infrastructure planning was published to assist government agencies, community groups and private developers plan and deliver social infrastructure.

The guideline provides a practical step-by-step process for the early identification and acquisition of appropriate sites for social infrastructure and detailed site requirements. It is the first significant attempt to provide comprehensive social infrastructure planning advice and support in Australia.

For more information about the work of the Department of Infrastructure and Planning visit our new website www.dip.qld.gov.au

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**COMMENDATION**

**Kaurna (pronounced Gar-na) Cultural Heritage Survey**  
GHD Pty Ltd, Vivienne Wood, Hemisphere Design and City of Port Adelaide Enfield, SA

The strength of this project stems from the refreshing way in which complex cultural, social, and sensory concepts have been assessed and then so excellently spatially interpreted and represented. An original approach was taken to integrate Kaurna cultural heritage significance with future land use planning, giving Kaurna heritage renewed significance within a highly urbanised European environment. The combination of consultation skills, anthropological expertise, and design creativity has resulted in an outcome which is sensitive to both the local indigenous community and the City of Port Adelaide Enfield.
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WINNER

Wind Farms and Landscape Values: National Assessment Framework
Mike Scott, Lisa Riddle, Planisphere, in partnership with Context, Collaborations and Auswind and ACNT, VIC

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The award goes to Planisphere in conjunction with Context, Collaborations and Auswind [Australian Wind Energy Association] and ACNT [Australian Council of National Trusts] for Wind Farms and Landscape Values: National Assessment Framework. The panel recognised this assessment framework as being applicable across Australia as climate change emerges as a national priority.
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They have undertaken research, community consultation, the preparation of planning policies and reports and urban design guidelines in collaboration with the local planners as well as contributing to training and capacity building. The model developed has proven to be very successful, and is strongly supported by the Institute of Town Planners Sri Lanka and by PIA. All our volunteers are to be congratulated for their efforts, skills and adaptability.

The award will be received on behalf of the project and the volunteers by the two coordinators, Stephanie Knox and Hemantha Jayasundera.
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WINNER

Trevor Budge

Trevor is a geographer-planner who has worked in urban, rural, regional, statutory and strategic planning since 1975 in Bendigo, Melbourne and Tasmania. He is widely acknowledged for his work in integrating land use planning with natural resource management plans and strategies and for his work in the planning and development of country towns where he has conducted over 300 workshops and community consultation programs.

Trevor is a long serving PIA volunteer and is currently the Chair of the Planning for Health and Wellbeing Committee, the National Education Committee and the PIA Post-Tsunami reconstruction project in Sri Lanka which he was instrumental in establishing. Trevor is a widely respected and highly regarded member of the planning and environmental industry.
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