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# Queensland Branch Committees 2003-2004

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<td>Julie White</td>
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Our Institute has been able to play a lead role in raising the community awareness of planning challenges – particularly in South East Queensland. We were able to foster a good working relationship with the media, particularly the Courier Mail, through their series of regional planning articles ‘Our Future Your Say’. In March 2004, this culminated in the landmark decision by the State Government to acknowledge the challenge for South East Queensland in forming the new Office of Urban Management. The significance of this decision was the decision to put this new role under the Deputy Premier Terry Mackenroth and to align the plan with Treasury decisions. The timeframes for the completion of the Draft Plan by October this year are a challenge but thus far I am confident that the Unit are rising to the challenge of putting in place a Smart Growth Management Framework for South East Queensland. The decision to form this new Office has had a positive ripple effect across the State with all regions starting to consider their regional planning opportunities.

Since the last Division Annual General Meeting, we have conducted two very successful Division Conferences at both ends of our State – Brisbane and Cairns. Both conferences were an outstanding success in context, attendance, outcomes and financially. Due credit must go out to the organising committee who made these events so successful. In this regard, I would like to acknowledge Liza Valks for the outstanding contribution to our committee at this year’s Cairns Conference.

I would like to acknowledge the Queensland Young Planners for their tireless efforts over the last 12 months particularly Kate Wagner who is now the National YP Convenor, John Bartells, National YP Rep for Qld, Tim Byrne Qld YP Rep, Danielle Thomas and the Young Planners Committee. They have continued to arrange presentations to fellow students, arranged and lead the older members of the Division through social functions and many successful forums. There is no doubt that with the new blood that is coming through, especially evident in our Young Planners, our Institute particularly in Queensland is in very good hands.

Queensland’s Planning Awards have gone from strength to strength both in the number of submissions we receive and the quality of the entries. Queensland’s nominations were also the most successful across all categories at this year’s National Awards held in Hobart. Queensland recently opposed a National position to have a fee for Award nominees and has elected to continue to have no fees for entries. Incoming new Division President, Leo Jensen, has played a lead role in this success.

Our CPD Program has maintained a positive profile and the committee have put together a well thought out program responding to the needs and feedback of our members. It is likely that the program will be extended to include visits by speakers and presenters to all of our divisions over the 2004/2005 period. Thank you to Rosanne Meurling for your great contribution.

Queensland Planner has risen to new heights from the very positive base developed by Phil Day. I have continued to receive positive feedback on the quality of our publication and the contents. Special thanks go out to Louise Charleton and to Associate Editors, John Van As and Dianne Dredge.

This year, we were fortunate to have Julie White come on board to promote the Division’s sponsorship program. This program has been an outstanding success and has provided the positive platform for our Conferences, CPD Program and other membership services. Our Co-ordination Committee sought outcomes from our Sponsorship Committee which have been far exceeded. I would also like to acknowledge the many sponsors whose names appear at our conference venues, CPD event, Queensland Planner and many other forums. Without their support, much of our success over the last two years would not have been achieved.

This is my last report as State President and I would like to thank all those who I have had the opportunity to work with and who have supported me in my term as President over the last 4 years. I had to endure a number of challenges as a professional planner especially at the beginning of my term. In no small part, the successes I think we have achieved over the last two years are a testimony to the many individuals who supported me and our Committee. Our Institute is built on the voluntary spirit and commitment to planning and each other. I have been privileged to experience this.

One often hears the question ‘What has the Institute done for me’. The question must be ‘What can I do for the Institute’. The more the latter is addressed, the greater the capacity to respond to the first question.

I would like to extend my special appreciation to Kaye Mills, our Executive Officer, for her exceptional dedication to our Queensland Division, her support and friendship to me. Also, to David Perkins, John Panaretos, Stafford Hopewell, Leo Jensen, Cliff Willmett, the members of the Co-ordination Committee for their support and the other members of our Division Committee.

Our Institution in Queensland is in fine hands. We have some great young planners coming through and I wish to acknowledge and support the incoming President, Leo Jensen, in his new role.
SECRETARY’S REPORT

STAFFORD HOPEWELL
Secretary

The last 12 months has been a busy time for the Queensland Division and its Branches. The 2003 / 2004 year has seen the consolidation of organisational reforms and consequential improvements in the performance of the Division.

With the Divisional Committee meeting on a quarterly basis, much of the operational business of the Division is managed at the Coordination subcommittee level which meets on at least a monthly basis. This has allowed the Divisional Committee to focus on more strategic issues whilst ensuring the Division responds in a timelier manner to operational matters. The organisational changes have also reinforced the role and importance of the Division’s subcommittees as the ‘engine room’ for service delivery to members. This provides enhanced opportunities for members to participate in the Institute’s business and focus on areas of particular interest.

At the Branch level a significant event for the Division has been the formation of two new branches from the former North Queensland branch. The Tropical North Queensland Branch based in Cairns and North Queensland Branch based in Townsville has been established to improve service delivery to members in North Queensland.

At the 2004 State conference in Cairns, steps were initiated to form a new Wide Bay Branch to better meet the needs of planners in the Wide Bay region. This is a positive initiative that recognises the growing number of planners practicing in this part of the State.

The Branches play a vital role in delivering services to members. This is especially important given Queensland’s regional diversity and the large number of members located outside of Brisbane and the South East of the State.

The past year has also seen significant resources expended at the Divisional level in complying with corporate governance arrangements implemented by National office. The national reforms continue to be implemented at the State level with Divisional operations and business processes being continually reviewed and integrated with those of the National office.

Kaye Mills as Divisional Manager has again been instrumental in managing the Division’s business operations and supporting the Branches. Her ongoing contribution and commitment has been a vital ingredient to the success of the Division over the past year.

PIA QLD BRANCH REPORTS

>GOLD COAST BRANCH Ian Glew
The Gold Coast Branch has not been as active as previous years as everyone on the committee have been very busy with work commitments. The Branch has applied for membership of Gold Coast City Council’s Urban Design Advisory Board – they are waiting to hear the outcome of that application.

>DARLING DOWNS LOCKYER VALLEY BRANCH Matthew Coleman
(report not received)

>SUNSHINE COAST BRANCH Raul Weychardt
Our Branch activities have returned to modest levels over the past year after hosting the State conference late in 2002. Our efforts have focused on working with the Integrated Planning Act over 2 CPD sessions. Our Branch has also made progress in resolving on its Branch Rules but there are still some issues outstanding.

We were pleased to see a resolution of the public liability issue as it had been of concern to our Executive.

Our AGM was held in December 2003 at the Mooloolaba Yacht Club. We followed the AGM with Christmas drinks.

Our Executive is currently –
President - Raul Weychardt
Treasurer – Julie Edwards
Secretary – Sharyn Briggs

>CENTRAL QLD Michael Jewell
The 2003/2004 year has been an interesting and active one in my new role as President of the PIA – Central Branch. The second half of 2003 was personally hectic with work commitments, no doubt like the rest of Branch members, but we managed to put this to one side in December with a Xmas get together at Molloy’s Irish Bar in Mackay.
This social function was generously supported with sponsorship by WS Group and Humphreys Reynolds Perkins Planning Consultants. There had been a healthy turnover of planning staff in the Mackay area and the function was an ideal opportunity to catch up socially with these new members as well as listen to some humorous folk planning law from our resident identity Mr John Winsbury.

More formally, in March 2004, the Branch resolved to provide a written response to an open invitation by Mackay City Council consultants, StratCorp, for input into a proposed aquatic facility for the City. Such a facility had been identified by the community in previous research as a potential major focal recreation and social interaction point for residents and visitors. After reviewing in detail the draft recommendations presented in the report by StratCorp it was considered that they were too heavily favouring an upgrade of facilities at one or other of the existing swimming pools without sufficient community input into this important decision making process. As we all now know, based on similar experiences in Airlie Beach, Townsville and Cairns, a generous aquatic facility can be an important economic and marketing/image driver for a City and community. It is pleasing to note that Council is now seeking further community comment and input into this matter prior to a final decision being made on a preferred site.

In April 2004 Mackay City Council approached PIA – Central Branch with an opportunity to become a secondary sponsor, to the tune of $200, for the inaugural ‘Mackay 2004 Heritage Awards’. It was decided to willingly take up this opportunity as a further initiative to highlight urban design issues in the Year of the Built Environment. My involvement with the Awards extended to inspection of all commercial and residential category entries and being part of a committee to review and recommend 1st and 2nd placings. A formal presentation of cash vouchers to the successful entrants received good local TV coverage, with positive feedback being received from all those involved. The Heritage Awards are now proposed to be held annually and PIA’s continuing involvement, funds permitting, will be considered again next year.

In early June 2004 PIA – Central Branch was also invited by Mackay City Council to comprise part of a committee to oversee and manage the proposed construction of a ‘Smart House’ in the City, again as part of the Year of the Built Environment and ‘Demonstration Houses’ initiative of key partners (i.e. State Government, PIA, RAIA, QMBA, UDIA, AGDF & Bendigo Bank). Council is the major sponsor of this initiative locally and it provides an exciting opportunity to build upon work already done with the ‘Research House’ in Rockhampton, by putting practical examples into a demonstration house that can assist in education of the broader community in the appreciation of these energy saving and smart design outcomes.

Towards the end of June 2004 a number of Branch initiatives came to fruition including:

- my attendance at the launch of the ‘Sustainable Communities Adapting to Climate Change – Issues Papers’ in Brisbane, and
- holding of a CPD seminar in Rockhampton focussing on Urban Design.

Speakers at the Seminar were Jeff Humphreys – ‘Urban Design: An Agenda for Urban Quality in Queensland’ and Caroline Stalker – ‘An Agenda for Urban Quality – A Regional Snapshot’. Unfortunately, organising these types of CPD regional seminars comes at a cost and would not be possible without generous sponsorship (in this case Rockhampton City Council and Humphreys Reynolds Perkins Planning Consultants) and speakers freely giving up their time.

The AGM for the Central Branch was held the morning after the Rockhampton seminar and the following executive confirmed for the next 12 months:

- President – Michael Jewell
- Vice President – Maaret Sinko
- Secretary – Marco Alberti
- Treasurer – Paul Kelly

> FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND - Peter Cardiff

(report not received)

> TROPICAL FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND - Peter Tabulo

The Tropical North Qld Branch was formed early this year, with the decision taken to divide the Cairns-Townsville region in two.

Friday 2 April marked the inaugural gathering of the Tropical North Queensland Branch of the PIA Qld in Cairns. Forty-four participants from as far south as Cardwell, north to Port Douglas and west to Mareeba came together to network, meet the Minister for Local Government & Planning and attend CPD training.

The Branch assisted in the organisation of the highly successful Northern Exposure Conference in Cairns in July. Future activities are planned for October and December.

President: Peter Tabulo
Secretary: Michael Hartley
Treasurer: Wendy Gleesen
The PIA Queensland Division Coordination Committee has continued to build on the strong foundations put in place over the previous two years by Ernie Harvey and the Division's Coordination Committee. Even more significant has been the able guidance provided by our Division Manager, Kaye Mills. Added strength has been gained in recent months from the efforts of our Business Development Coordinator, Julie White.

It is expected that the current sound business operations will continue to provide a sound base for services to the Queensland PIA members – particularly the enthusiastic Young Planners Group and the growing branches.

The financial results have reflected the growing strength of commitment of the Division members and particularly of the capable Coordination Committee and Division Committee. The Division's gross operating profit for 2003-4 is a little over $150K. From this approximately $64K represents outstanding accounts and unexpended Climate Change funds and Planning Aid funds. The effective cash surplus for the last financial year is a robust $85,000.

The timing of the last two annual PIA State conferences in November 2003 and July 2004 significantly affected the healthy state of the Division's finances. The surplus for the 2004-5 financial year can not be expected to be of the same order but is still likely to be sufficient to enable some discretionary expansion of services to members to be considered.

The voluntary efforts of the members have put the Division in a sound financial position for the coming years. The increased return from the National Office will assist in maintaining this position. The threat of fees being applied (in the name of uniformity across all Divisions) to entries to the Awards of Excellence may be offset if the Division chooses by other measures.

As reported by the Treasurer in 2003 there is an apparent desire by members to build on the strong CPD program in Queensland. Branches have requested that the Division consider providing a “road show” to selected regional centres for some of the CPD events. The Division Committee will be requested to consider the extent of support that can be offered to the branches and the assistance that may be available from employees and the State agencies for regional CPD events.

The prospects for a successful year of activities in the Queensland Division within the available and anticipated funding are excellent for the 2004-5 year. Looking further ahead it is prudent for the Queensland Division to take into account the possible “lean year” in 2005-6 when the State will share the returns (+ or -) for the Australia/New Zealand Planning Conference.
### Profit & Loss [Cash]

**1/7/2003 through 30/6/2004**

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**MARKETING & COMMUNICATION | PORTFOLIO**

**LEO JENSEN**
Vice President, President Elect for 2004-6
2003 & 2004 Awards Convenor,
2003 Conference Convenor

The Marketing & Communications portfolio is responsible for the following operational areas of the Queensland Division.

- Awards
- Queensland Planner
- Conference
- E-Broadcast

**Representations**
SEQ Regional Scenic Amenity Study

**AWARDS | REPORT  Leo Jensen**

> AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN PLANNING PROGRAM
| 17th Annual PIA (Qld) Awards for Excellence in Planning |

On behalf of PIA (Qld Division) & the 2003 Awards Committee, I wish to thank all entrants to this year’s Awards for Excellence in Planning. Over 70 entries were received across the 11 categories, a very pleasing result.

2003 saw the introduction of a new State based category for International Planning projects, where Queensland based planners are involved in a range of planning projects in overseas locations. I am confident that we will see a similar category introduced at the national level, given the number of high quality submissions received this year, and the range and quality of work being undertaken by Australian planners overseas.

Awards for Excellence were awarded in all, but two categories, and Certificates of Merit were also awarded to a number of projects in each category. Congratulations to our 2003 award recipients and to all entrants – planning is alive and well and there are some excellent projects being undertaken in both the private and public sectors, and by students at school and tertiary level.

This year’s awards would not have been possible without the ongoing support of our major sponsor – [Powerlink Queensland](#), our valued category sponsors and our supporters. The awards committee has enjoyed working with our sponsors in 2003. Apart from the financial support provided to our Institute for the awards program, a lot of “in kind” support goes into such a program as well – the organisation, the judging panelists who give up their time to independently judge the submissions, and so on – thank you.

All Queensland projects that received an Award for Excellence were nominated for the 2004 National Awards for Planning Excellence. In February 2004, Queensland entries “scooped the pool” with 5 individual Awards for Planning Excellence, and 5 individual Certificates of Merit. A fantastic result for Queensland planners!

Congratulations to the Courier Mail team for their OUR FUTURE Your Say: Greenspace Series which won the media and overall Queensland Award for Excellence in Planning Award this year. By the feedback received within and external to our profession, a well deserved Award in all respects.

I encourage PIA members to consider worthy nominations of Planning Excellence for the 2004 awards, and to encourage your local schools and tertiary institutions throughout the State to nominate and encourage proactive community groups involved with planning, to enter worthy projects in the respective categories for 2004.
>2004 | LAUNCH

The 18th Annual Awards program was launched on the 22nd June by our Awards Patron, the Hon. Desley Boyle MP. It is pleasing to report on Powerlink Queensland’s ongoing support as our major sponsor, and the continuation of most of our category sponsors and supporters from 2003.

This year being the Year of the Built Environment, the Awards Committee is anticipating a number of innovative entries in those relevant categories this year.

In providing this report, it is important to point out a couple of issues that members should be aware of.

It is a little disappointing to report on the direction National Office appears to be taking, seeking to impose on Divisions the charging for entries for the Awards program. The charging for entries takes away from the spirit of why the awards were established in the first place, and whilst there may be no charge for students, etcetera, most organisations would find it difficult to justify such amounts per entry (i.e. $200 per entry and the like).

In assessing this issue, the Qld Division Co-ordination Committee unanimously voted that there would be no charge for entries into the awards program. As a result of strong sponsorship and support to our program, the Committee believes the charging for entries will no doubt deter individuals, organisations and the like, to enter our Awards program.

No doubt the issue will be raised again in 2005, however the Committee will stand firm on its decision.

There was also discussion about the judging processes and the National office proposing the States have one judging panel for all of the entry categories. Again given the diversity of entries and range of different areas covered, our existing arrangement of judging is robust and engages with professionals within and external to PIA who are well qualified to judge the relevant categories. The Queensland program receives the most number of very high quality entries every year.

Notwithstanding these couple of issues, keep an eye out for the 2004 Awards brochure due for release in mid to late August. As a result of some unforeseen delays in releasing the updated 2004 Awards brochure and reviewed entry criteria, the closing date has been extended to last mail Thursday 23rd September, 2004.

We look forward to another successful year in 2004.

CONFERENCE | WRAP UPS Leo Jensen & Liza Valks

This past year has witnessed two hugely successful State conferences being held within 12 months of each other. The first in Brisbane in November 2003, and the most recent last month in Cairns.

These two events have engaged the profession and provided a range of educational and stimulating topics of discussion and review, as well providing an opportunity for colleagues to catch up with each other in less formal settings providing a recipe for – one helluva good time!

>2003 CONFERENCE | REPORT Leo Jensen

Wow - what a few days it was! Reflect, Review, Refocus – the theme of the 2003 Queensland State Planning Conference held in Brisbane, 29-31 October.

To begin - a huge thank you to - the members, the conference delegates and speakers who made this event one of the best State conferences in terms of presentations, content, and general relevance to planning in Queensland today and into the future. Well done.

With over 300 delegates, the Moretonia hypothetical, 6 keynote delegates, site visits to the Port of Brisbane, City West and Kelvin Grove, the President’s Shout, a Karaoke Cruise, National Bandanna Day, the Awards for Excellence in Planning ceremony, a small fundraising auction for CanTeen, and a packed State Conference Dinner with band Midnight Groove, - what a jam packed, informative and entertaining couple of days.

Just a few of the Highlights

- Hypothetical on the Wednesday afternoon facilitated by Peter Couchman, including panel members Philip Adams, Joanne Shoebridge, Gary White, Wendy Sarkissian, Marcus Spiller, Allan Dale, Peter Spearitt, and of course (Sir) Guy Gibson – discussing the plight of Moretonia 2050.
- Philip Adams keynote presentation on Thursday morning
- Lloyd Hancock’s presentation Reconciliation – the future for Australia
- The many plenary sessions, in particular, the development assessment, urban snapshots and young planners sessions
• The City West and Port of Brisbane Site Visits
• An entertaining Karaoke night time cruise on the Brisbane River – look out Australian Idol!
• And Midnight Groove at the conference dinner!

I would like to publicly thank the organising committee for their ongoing support and organisation of this year’s event – Liza Valks, Jason Sprott, Kaye Mills, Chris Buckley, Greg Ovenden, Kate Wagner, Roger Brewster, David Perkins, and Organisers Australia - Renee, Rob, Krys, Alison and the team and numerous others who assisted us during the event. I would also like to acknowledge the employers of the team members for their support leading up to, and during the, event.

Of course our event would not have been possible without the valued support of our sponsors and supporters this year. The Institute gratefully acknowledges:

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Queensland Government – Main Roads & Queensland Transport, Lewis Land

**Silver Sponsors**
Queensland Government – Dept of Local Government & Planning, Department of Housing

**Bronze Sponsors**
Port of Brisbane Corporation, Buckley Vann Town Planning Consultants, Brisbane City Council, King and Company Solicitors, The Courier Mail, Pike Mirls McKnoulty (PMM), Delfin Lend Lease

**Supporters**
Gold Coast City Council, Redland Shire Council, SMEC Australia, Connor O’Meara Solicitors, and our many trade booth participants.

**National Bandanna Day – CanTeen - $10,000 raised!**
The last day of our conference was National Bandanna Day, and it was decided that PIA Queensland should do its bit for charity. With the purchase of bandannas, donations and the last minute charity auction at the dinner, we managed to raise $10,000 for CanTeen. An amazing effort!

CanTeen is a member organisation with a focus on the needs and wishes of its members. The organisation’s mission is “supporting, developing and empowering Young People Living with Cancer”.

A big thank you to everyone who participated in, and supported this event. At the 11th hour a number of people and organisation’s came to the fore with donations for the auction:

• ACP Publishing P/L for various magazine subscriptions
• Coca Cola Amatil P/L for the Rugby world Cup doubles
• Corporate Traveller for the weekend away
• Australia Zoo – for their numerous family passes
• Gerry and Renata Gerard - signed Olympic training shorts, and 1956 signed Melbourne Olympics Flag
• Poet Rupert McCall for his latest CD
• Caboolture Shire Council for the signed David Suzuki and signed “FISH” books
• CantTeen for the Sir Donald Bradman Framed Cricket Bat
• And of course to our outstanding auctioneer on the night - Darrell Brady who was only too pleased to donate his time for this event!

All for charity, all for CanTeen Queensland – showing that Queensland Planners Care!

Over to Liza for the 2004 Cairns Wrap Up
The 2004 Qld PIA Annual State Conference was held in Cairns from 14-16 July 2004. The conference attracted over 260 delegates from around the State and featured a social and technical program show-casing our ‘northern region’ and the achievements and innovations of our profession.

The conference organisers were pleased to present an impressive line up of keynote speakers including:

- Bernard Salt
- Professor Tony Vinson
- Maria Atkinson
- Hon Desley Boyle MP
- Tim Costello
- Professor Geoff McDonald
- Cr Mike Berwick
- Bruce Wilson
- Sue Holliday
- Michael Groom

as well as a diverse mix of speakers from the planning and related professions during our concurrent sessions. Site tours on the Thursday afternoon also provided a welcome opportunity to investigate some of the local achievements.

A discussion on the planning issues surrounding the cane lands of the coastal belt of Queensland, and their future use in a context of increasing economic pressure on the sugar industry, and increasing demands for land for competing purposes was also held during the conference.

The following was agreed to by the participants of the Cane lands discussion and findings were presented at Friday’s opening session.

The future use of the cane lands is an important planning issue, and the Planning Institute should develop a policy position on their future use, and participate wherever appropriate in debate about their future.

The future use of sugar cane lands should be driven by good planning process.

There is an issue of planning governance, and decisions need to be made by methodical, consultative forward planning processes, not in response to ad hoc demands for land use change.

The issues involved are complex, and do not relate only to the economics of agriculture and management of good quality agricultural land. They also include considerations of landscape management, good urban form, and social issues, relating the future of sugar farming communities and sugar mill towns.

Finally, the issues are different in different parts of the State, the policy response needs to account for this, and should be developed with participation of the branches of PIA.

A working committee is to be formed to progress this matter.

As usual the conference also provided an opportunity for delegates to catch up with old friends and make new ones and to kick up their heels at the numerous social activities. The Queensland Young Planners also coordinated and sponsored the “Great Race” challenge with prizes going to the winning team and ‘wooden spooners’.

The conference was also Gary White’s last conference as PIA (Qld) President and served as an opportunity to introduce President elect Leo Jensen.

The success of the conference is due in part our valued sponsors:

Queensland Transport & Department of Main Roads
Department of Local Government, Planning, Sport & Recreation
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Connor O’Meara Solicitors
Norris, Clarke & O’Brien

and our trade exhibitors Queensland Transport, Main Road, Department of Housing (Affordable Housing), Tract Consultants and Durostyle.

The efforts of the Organising Committee members (in both Brisbane and Cairns), also have to be acknowledged and commended:

Peter Tabulo
Chris Buckley
Picha Djohan
Julie White
Kaye Mills
Neil Sipe
Kate Wagner
Kerry Doss
Jason Sprott
Dianne Dredge

Sincerest thanks for their contribution and support
As the editorial team for Queensland Planner, our aim is to produce a professional journal that provides informative articles on topics that are of interest to practicing planners in Queensland. We also aim to provide information about the activities of PIA (both professionally and socially) to the membership.

Focus (themes)
Since our appointment, we have produced 6 journals. Five of these journals have focused on a theme, these being: Placemaking; Regional Planning; Planners and Planning; The Year of the Built Environment; and Community Wellbeing. The remaining two journals for this year will focus on Regional Planning and International Planning.

After consultation with the PIA Policy Committee, it was agreed to prepare another Regional Planning journal given the anticipated launch of the regional plan for SEQ by the Office of Urban Management. We intend to communicate with the Policy Committee in the future to ensure that PIA activities are reported.

We are keen to continue the use of themes for 2005. No decisions have been made at this stage, however we are considering the following: Managing Fragile Environments; Water Sensitive Urban Design; and a review of PIA Awards (projects and people) for the 20th Anniversary of the Awards for Excellence in Planning program. In each edition, we would like to include an article on ‘best practices/new tools’ for each of the themes.

Communications
We have been using the second half of the journal to provide information about PIA branches and activities; both socially and professionally. We have found it very difficult to obtain reports from the branches, and encourage greater input from the regions to assist us in reporting on the regions.

In the last edition, we introduced a “Back Page” where short articles may be included.

Articles
We have been extremely fortunate that many people from a variety of backgrounds have provided articles for the journal. The themes have made it easier to obtain articles for publishing. We trust the membership have enjoyed the articles published to date. For each edition, there have been articles that have not been published.

Dianne Dredge has been very successful in obtaining quality feature articles that provide information and insight.

Advertising
Limited advertising has been secured and we are conscious of the need for more advertising to offset the costs associated with the running and publishing of our journal. This is a matter that will require further consideration during the next term to ensure the viability of producing an informative, and professional journal is maintained into the future.

Appointment
We are keen to continue as the editorial committee through to the end of 2005. (Note: this was ratified at the Co-ordination Committee recently). Discussions should be held with the Co-ordination Committee this time next year in order to plan for 2006 and beyond.

Feedback
We would like to receive feedback from the membership on the journal. In particular, comments on the use of themes, the structure of the journal, content, style and editorial would be gladly received.

Deadlines
We request that all PIA submissions, announcements and sponsor’s advertising are received by the 14th of the month.

In the past, late submissions have resulted in the resetting of the journal – this is particularly time consuming.

We look forward to your continued support, articles and feedback on Queensland Planner.

Louise Charlton, Dianne Dredge & John van As
Editors - Queensland Planner
POLICY & RESEARCH | PORTFOLIO

David Perkins
Vice President,
Policy Convenor,
Chair – 2003 State Conference
The Policy and Research portfolio is responsible for the following operational areas of the Queensland Division.

- Policy
- Research
- Environment
- Housing
- Planning System
- Transport/Infrastructure
- Regional Planning
- CAP secretariat
- REPRESENTATIONS
  - Affordable Housing
  - SEQ2021
  - Australian Green Forum
  - BDP
  - Heritage Council
  - Urban Design/BCC
  - UDAL

POLICY COMMITTEE | ANNUAL REPORT  David Perkins

>CLIMATE CHANGE
Our initial project partners Environmental Protection Agency and the Australian Greenhouse Office from the first stage of the climate change project have been joined by Department of Emergency Services, Insurance Australia Group, Brisbane and Gold Coast City Councils. The multi-agency partnership has enabled our climate change project “Sustainable Regional and Urban Communities Adapting to Climate Change” to proceed through its second stage. The Issues paper was launched at Brisbane City Hall on 24 June and is available on the PIA website.

This has been supported by the Policy Coordinator’s presentations at the National Conference in Hobart, as well as local seminars with Queensland Environmental Law Association, Queensland Transport and Environment Institute.

The PIA Queensland Awards for Planning Excellence provided recognition for the project in Research and Scholarship and Disaster Planning and Mitigation categories, while a commendation was received at the National Awards.

A few of the major points from the Issues Paper
The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC 2001) indicates that throughout the 20th century, global average surface temperature increased by approximately 0.6°C, global average sea level increased between 0.1 and 0.2 metres.

By 2030, projected annual mean temperature increases over Queensland, relative to 1990, will range from 0.3-2.0°C. Greater ranges of 0.8-6.0°C are projected for 2070 (CSIRO 2001). There is a better than 9 out of 10 probability that there will be effects of sea-level rise on coastal infrastructure and that higher temperatures will lead to higher energy costs for buildings (CSIRO 2001). More extreme weather events and sea level rise are expected.

In the natural environment, this could result in increased flooding, erosion, saltwater intrusion, and loss of wetlands and mangroves. A key issue is the extent to which species and ecosystems can adapt to the rate of climate change and the extent to which human intervention could contribute to the adaptation process.

Some of the likely impacts on the built environment include:
- increased susceptibility of buildings, structures and services to storm damage;
- increased risk to coastal populations from flooding, extreme weather events and sea level rise;
- changes in rainfall affecting water storage capacity, water supply and demand; and
- increased energy demand, particularly for heating and cooling homes and buildings.

There are consequential impacts on communities related to human health and wellbeing, community vulnerability, tourism and economic development, public infrastructure, property values, insurability and affordability of adaptive measures.

The consequences of climate change for the environment and communities are severe and the likelihood of the projected impacts occurring is sufficient to warrant changes in the planning and management of our cities and regions, and the allocation of land and water resources.
Planning can play a key role in responding to climate change and developing adaptation strategies to manage the impacts of climate change. For planners and decision-makers, doing nothing is no longer a responsible option. Positive, transparent and accountable decision-making will be required and the Issues Paper highlights the need for:

- Sound and defensible information on which to base decisions – the science;
- A clear adaptive management framework to initiate and guide decision-making – the policy;
- A set of planning tools to assist planners and decision-makers in transparent, rigorous and balanced decisions – planning and risk assessment tools to assist including advice on decision-making criteria, communication, policy and guidelines.

Climate change adaptation options need to be built into decision-making at all levels of planning. A challenge for planning is to ensure that there is an integrated approach between statutory land use planning, environmental/natural resource planning and infrastructure planning.

The regulatory drivers to plan for climate change already exist and there are many existing decision-making frameworks that can be used to facilitate and implement adaptation options.

Adaptation to climate change requires planners, their agencies and eventually communities to consider timeframes beyond statutory requirements and even beyond the lifetime of most individuals. Planning is a future oriented profession (and process) and adaptation to climate change is a challenge the profession must accept and act upon, as it has already been identified as one of the core problems for planning in the 21st century.

Preparation is well underway for the next stage, Development of Planning Tools and our project partners have all demonstrated continuing interest in the project.

Two papers have recently been produced by Sharon Boyle and ERM respectively:
- Planning Tools for Adaptation to Climate Change July 2004
- Interim Integrated Framework Report July 2004

The first of these two papers will provide the basis to obtain funding for the next stage of this project.

>GENERAL OPERATIONS

The Policy Committee meet infrequently during the year and it is hoped that a more systematic approach to scheduling and holding meetings can be achieved in the coming year. Success is dependent on having an energetic committee and it is hoped that we can inject some young blood into the committee for the coming year.

During the year we made some progress towards achieving an integrated approach to the production of PIA “policy” with:

- John Van As (one of QLD Planners sub editors) joining the Policy Committee;
- me attending a number of CPD Committee meetings; and
- my participation in the Coordination Committee and regular liaison with Gary White (PIA’s primary spokesperson).

>REGIONAL PLANNING

During the year Gary White continued his great work in relation to the SEQ regional planning process including coverage in the Courier Mail and meetings with key government players.

>INTEGRATED WATER MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING

A draft project proposal has been drawn up by the Policy Coordinator for consideration by the Policy Committee. This project is seen as an extension (and response) to the Climate Change Project. Discussions have taken place with Dr Dianne Dredge from Griffith University about using this topic as a research focus for a student subject this year.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

>EIS FOR NORTH SOUTH BYPASS TUNNEL PROJECT

Stafford Hopewell made a submission on terms of reference for the proposed Brisbane River tunnel EIS.

>CANE LANDS

Jeff Humphreys and Liza Valks coordinated a workshop at the 2004 PIA (Queensland Division) Conference on the appropriate approach to planning for the future use of cane lands. This resulted in the production of a communiqué (available by e-mail from Jeff Humphreys).

>AFFORDABLE HOUSING

An acquittal report to Queensland Housing was prepared for the affordable housing project. This project is now complete.
>SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT
I recently attended a conference on Sustainable Urban Development and presented a paper on PIA’s current and planned activities relevant to this topic.

>POLICY CO-ORDINATOR – Sharon Boyle
The Policy Co-ordinator has recently advised that she has secured a six month contract (3 days per week) with Queensland Housing to further her work on affordable housing issues. This will create a resourcing issue such that Sharon's only capacity during this period will be 1 day per week to continue to project manage the Climate Change project. Sharon has indicated a desire to continue this role and I fully support her continued involvement.

This will however necessitate a greater load on volunteer members of the new committee.

CAP | REPRESENTATIVE Roger Brewster
The PIA Queensland Division became an Affiliate Member of the Commonwealth Association of Planners (CAP) with full voting rights in February 2003. Mr Roger Brewster was appointed by the Division Coordinating Committee at its meeting on 10 February 2003 as the inaugural CAP representative.

A Statement of Objectives of CAP Membership was adopted in May 2003 to provide guidance to the CAP Secretariat; and other supporters from the PIA and other organizations. The initial objectives are to:

- Develop contacts with Commonwealth planners in the Asia/Pacific region and other areas, to identify planning assistance needs and opportunities.
- Conduct a CAP Regional Forum in conjunction with the Queensland Division Conference.
- Encourage the establishment of professional planning societies in countries where none exist and support planners of those professional societies, or assist planners to join the PIA, NZPI or other professional appropriate bodies.
- Establish a Directorate of International Planning Aid, possibly in co-operation with New Zealand Planning Institute to:
  - continue support of East Timor, PNG and the Solomon Islands;
  - extend assistance to the other Pacific Island nations and elsewhere.
- Liaise with the CAP Administrator and Executive Committee on joint initiatives, such as the Women in Planning project.
- Establish an Internet based planning information service similar to the UK based Planning Exchange Information Service as a resource for planners in the region.
- Facilitate planners and graduates to work and/or provide voluntary assistance in short and longer term overseas projects, on invitation from the recipient nations.

The main tasks started in the 2003-04 year to meet these objectives have been to establish a business plan; and to conduct the first CAP Pacific Regional Forum in conjunction with the Queensland Division Conference in November 2003.

The Forum was attended by Pacific Island representatives from Fiji, Kiribati, PNG, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu. The CAP President Prof Cliff Hague, Prof Jon Talbot from UK and Mr Patrick Déoux the Past President of the Canadian Institute of Planners also attended the Forum. Several Australian consultants and academics provide invaluable insights into the Pacific situation. AusAID and corporate sponsors generously donated $50,000 towards the delegate and Forum expenses.

The Pacific delegates each provided a snapshot of the planning situation in their countries, which provided a solid foundation for the initial review. A key element was a Pacific visioning workshop. We were greatly assisted by Prof Jon Talbot, Prof John Lea from Sydney University, Pacific Consultant Dr Paul Jones and Mr Patrick Déoux. Their experience in the Pacific area was an enlightening reflection on recent planning aid and the CIP International mentoring of the Caribbean island nations was valuable to facilitate the visioning workshop. The Forum adopted a vision for the South Pacific, which is set out in the Forum Planning Declaration.

The immediate outcome of the Forum was the establishment of a Pacific Network of Planners to facilitate professional and technical information exchange. The first PNOP newsletter was published in June 2004. However, the Pacific planning delegates have not been actively involved in the network to date and a questionnaire was included in the newsletter to re-determine any planning assistance needs. We hope the newsletter will stimulate interaction and contributions from the Pacific planners.

The CAP secretariat and PNOP, through Mr Bob Naiker, was represented at the Pacific Regional Workshop on Urban Development in Fiji in 1-4 December 2003, to develop a Pacific Urban Agenda. He presented the Declaration prepared by the CAP Forum, which was well received. A number of participants spoke in support of the formation of PNOP and looked forward to co-operation amongst planners, especially in information exchange and training to improve professional skills in rapidly changing situations.

The Pacific Urban Agenda has since been endorsed by the United Nation’s Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and its Special Body on Pacific Island Developing Countries at the Commission’s 60th session held in Shanghai, China in April 2004. It is hoped that with endorsement of the Pacific Special Body by the ESCAP Commission, there will be more concerted and coordinated effort to address urban management concerns in the Pacific, not just on the part of ESCAP but for other aid donors in the region. This is an important foundation, on which the CAP can become involved as a partner with the South Pacific Regional Environment Program, based in Samoa, to realise the vision of the 2003 CAP Forum. The timing of these events is remarkable, just as the CAP through the PIA is becoming involved in the Pacific.
The CAP representative gained agreement in principle from the PIA National President for PIA to seek AusAID NGO accreditation, to obtain planning aid funding for international planning aid, including the corporate sector, government sources and international funding agencies. The first PIA approach in mid 2003 to seek NGO accreditation failed, because the new Constitution did not include specific reference to international planning aid. The PIA national strategy was amended in early 2004 to include this role under the auspices of the International Division.

The Queensland Division is actively coordinating with Mr Gary Shiels the President of the International Division to present a submission to the National Council in the second half of 2004 on the desirability of the PIA national body rejoining CAP. Prof Hague discussed this matter with Mr Shiels at the 2003 Forum and along with Roger Brewster, published a statement in the December issue of the Australian Planner Journal.

In summary, we have established a solid foundation for the CAP and PIA in the Pacific region for future planning assistance to PNG and the Small Island States. We have not yet had the active support of NZPI in this venture and the Pacific planners themselves have been slow to become involved in the Pacific Network of Planners. The first newsletter has been published and we have a UN supported urban agenda to facilitate planners and graduates to work and/or provide voluntary assistance in short and longer term overseas projects, on invitation from the recipient nations.

Cap Secretariat 2003-04

Roger Brewster  Bob Naiker  Sandy Vigar
Chris Buckley  Megan Praeger  Cliff Willmett
Greg Forbes  Lisa Turner  Alicia Yon
Hansa Kerr  Kaye Mills

BUILDING DESIGN PROFESSIONS | (QLD) REGION  Basil Veal

I have represented PIA on the Council of Building Design Professions Qld in 2003/2004.

The Queensland committee has met approximately every two months at the RAIA headquarters at South Brisbane. The meeting has been chaired by Wayne Petrie immediate past-president of the RAIA.

BDP Qld has a representative sitting on the Constructions Qld board which represents all construction bodies in Queensland.

BDP Qld has been closely involved in the registration of consultants for state government building work and the reorganisation of the PQC system which has now been launched as PCQ2.

Town Planners are not part of this registration process for the commission of state government work which gives a fairer distribution of work to registered consultants. I believe that we should be registered under PQC2 individually and that the institute should be investigating this matter further during 2004/2005.

BDP Qld has also played a major role in the planning of the Year of the Built Environment and this is continuing.

Public liability insurance has also been discussed and we have now joined with other states in the capping of this insurance.

It was suggested that BDP Qld take up membership of the Professions Australia and this is still being debated.

BDP Qld continues to have a close relationship with the BDP National body.

To conclude, I believe that BDP Qld should be the controlling body for all the building design professions in Queensland and Australia and that we should continue our membership at both state and national levels.

QUEENSLAND | HERITAGE COUNCIL QLD  John Adams

In January 2002 I was appointed by the then Minister for Environment and Heritage to serve on the Queensland Heritage Council (QHC) for a twelve month period as PIA’s representative.

In January 2003 I was reappointed for a further three years to serve on the Queensland Heritage Council as PIA’s representative.

I have also been elected as the Chairperson of the Heritage Register Advisory Committee (HRAC) and a member of the QHC Review Committee.

My involvement with the QHC, essentially involves attendance at monthly full Council meetings plus monthly HRAC meetings and a number of additional ‘ad hoc’ and Review Committee meetings.

I would describe my involvement with the Queensland Heritage Council as mostly highly enjoyable, stimulating and rewarding.
The highlights for me in the past twelve months have included the QHC’s involvement in a number of significant projects, including the following:

- finalisation of “Guidelines for Entering Houses in the Queensland Heritage Register”;
- completing a Religious Places Context Study;
- ongoing development of a strategy to assist with the protection of threatened and vulnerable rural homesteads;
- greater use of ‘exemption certificates’ as a means of reducing ‘red tape’ within the development assessment process associated with the listing of places on the Queensland Heritage Register;
- further development of precinct listing and place management protocols; and
- negotiation of a Memorandum of Understanding with Queensland Rail regarding the listing and conservation of places of cultural heritage significance within the Queensland Rail property portfolio.

In the past 12 months, 65 places have been added to the Queensland Heritage Register. These places include:

- 4 industrial sites;
- 9 mining places;
- 6 open space areas/parks;
- 3 trees;
- 11 commercial buildings;
- 4 churches;
- 2 cemeteries;
- 2 infrastructure items;
- 14 dwelling houses/homesteads;
- 2 monuments and memorials;
- 6 educational facilities;
- 1 aboriginal mission; and
- 1 island resort.

A further 24 places were determined as not meeting the criteria for inclusion in the Queensland Heritage Register.

Matters of concern which have emerged in the past twelve months include the following:

- Ongoing concerns about the lack of “face to face” contacts as part of the computerised Eco Access development assessment system as well as some lack of resourcing of the regions as part of the devolution of heritage matters from the central office of the Cultural Heritage Branch.
- A continued lack of ‘enforcement’ by the state government of the need to include robust cultural heritage strategies within the new generation IPA planning schemes, despite the fact that places of cultural heritage significance are specifically listed as one of the ‘core matters’ that an IPA planning scheme ‘must address’.
- Lack of State Government funding for local heritage grants, including provision of local Heritage Advisers.
- Another review of the operations of the EPA’s Cultural Heritage Branch and associated proposals to significantly reduce the independence of the Queensland Heritage Council.

If members of PIA would like further information about any of the matters mentioned above, or indeed other aspects of my involvement with the Queensland Heritage Council, please contact me direct.

**URBAN DESIGN ADVISORY PANEL | OF THE BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL | John Byrne**

The Urban Design Advisory Panel, established by the Brisbane City Council under the provisions of the City Plan, consists of five members: a chairperson and one other nominated by Council, and three others nominated by the Queensland groups of the Planning Institute of Australia, the Royal Australian Institute of Architects and the Property Council of Australia. Professor John Hockings, now Head of the School of Design and Built Environment at QUT, has been the chair since its inception and Ms Libby Watson-Brown is the other Council appointment.

At the request of Council, the Panel meets to consider matters referred to it. In practice this has continued typically to mean a two hour or so meeting every one or two months (plus preparation time). There have been seven meetings in the 2003-2004 year, during which 17 projects at varying stages of evolution or the Approvals process (plus some policy issues) have been reviewed. As discussed later, the projects are almost always big city centre or inner urban building projects, calling particularly for interpretation of architectural drawings.

In my report to the Institute at its 2003 AGM, I made a number of general points for the benefit of Members to help them better understand the role and operation of the Panel. Before making some observations about the last year, let me repeat those general points.

Firstly, the Council is a large and sophisticated professional organisation and the Panel operates only as an advisor to the extensive and wide-ranging resources the Council can bring to bear upon the negotiation and assessment of any project or the evolution of any policy initiative.

Secondly, the Panel exists to advise Council on matters specifically referred to it. It is not a parallel or independent statutory system, nor an unavoidable part of the formal assessment chain.

Thirdly, it is therefore understandable that the sorts of projects which Council will refer to the Panel are those which its staff see as controversial or as challenging of existing policies or the principles of good urban design, rather than projects which appear much more
clearly to be well on one side or other of some dividing point between good and bad urban design. This is after all a Panel whose views are being sought.

Fourthly, it would not be surprising therefore if the majority of the projects discussed were to be in the central city area or in active inner city areas experiencing significant change.

Fifthly, it would equally not be surprising if, given the variety of professional backgrounds and interests represented in this multi-disciplinary panel, the ensuing discussions were robust about both philosophy and detail, no matter how much might be shared the view that an urban design panel should not be a “taste or aesthetics policeman” but a group concerned about how, by design, the city “works”.

Sixthly, since it deals with matters referred to it by the Council, it seems likely that it will rarely if ever be in a position to consider major urban projects under the auspices of the Commonwealth or State Governments, no matter how significant an urban design impact they might have.

Seventhly, given that three of the panel of five are actively in the development sector, from time to time one will withdraw from the room to avoid any conflict of interest.

Eighthly, its advice is confidential and members are not at liberty to discuss the dealings of the Panel’s deliberations outside it, unless specifically permitted. In return, they are “protected” by the shield of the Council.

And ninthly, it does not, therefore, have a public role to promote professional or community dialogue on urban design issues. No matter how much such dialogue might be useful, or how much its individual members might contribute independently to the dialogue (wearing other hats), or how much other “panels” or “commissions” play such a role elsewhere, this is not the role for which this Advisory Panel has been established by this Council.

In last year’s report, I went on to make a number of general observations about urban design and Brisbane. I said:

“Any planner watching what is happening in our city, whether proposed or refused or constructed, might already have deduced that the urban design questions we confront include:

(a) how are we to maintain and increase the degree of active and lively street frontage to our city streets, especially in relation to high rise residential towers on small city centre lots?
(b) should we accept, in central city projects, above ground podium car parking which is not “sleeved” behind active frontages which provide surveillance of or interaction with the public realm?
(c) should development be able to assume it will always be able to “borrow” amenity from adjoining sites?
(d) should there be height limits for all development and, if so, should they be precinct or zone or site specific?
(e) indeed, do we have a clear idea of how we want our city centre to be “massed” or are there competing equally arguable notions? pyramidal? strong river-edged? multi-nodal? topographically-reinforcing? random and incremental?
(f) should individual buildings be designed to be climatically-appropriate and energy-efficient...and should their design response to our sub-tropical climate be overtly expressed, giving the city a special evolving character?”

In many ways, these have remained relevant issues for Brisbane and therefore for the Panel.

One could be forgiven for concluding that, inter alia:

- getting active frontages remains a struggle,
- above ground car parking podiums are still possible, and
- few, if any, buildings set out to deliver and, in addition, to demonstrate climatically appropriate design.

These are some of the issues, along with broader issues of city form and height, which were of course canvassed in draft revisions to the City Centre part of the City Plan.

PIA’s interest in urban design is clear, given:

- the evolving national move towards an Urban Design Chapter of the Institute (UDC),
- the successful activities locally of the Urban Design Alliance (UDAL), and
- the leadership shown by PIA in Queensland in pursuing the UDC through the UDAL.

I suggest therefore its support for Brisbane City’s Urban Design Advisory Panel mechanism is appropriate.

Given also other phenomena such as the:

- increasing recognition in other professions and the community of the importance of urban design issues;
- increasing complementary interest in sustainable design;
- work of the City West Task Force;
- moves made by the Queensland Government towards regional planning in SEQ;
- emerging public campaign about transport or, more particularly, road planning issues;
- early stages of the Rochedale masterplanning process by Council;

more widespread move in some other states to advisory or decision-making professional panels;

let me make a further brief point. It may prove to be a matter on which the Institute may care in time to form a view.

This Urban Design Advisory Panel is created by Council to give it advice. What it chooses to put before the Panel and how it uses the Panel’s advice is properly its own call.

So far all the projects put before the panel have been large architectural projects in the city centre or nearby....with one exception during this last year: a smallish new low density “micro neighbourhood” proposal. The question of the availability of this or another advisory
design panel for controversial, interesting or challenging projects of a lesser density, of a more suburban nature or of a more
neighbourhood design nature therefore arises. At the same time, there has been no direct relationship between the Panel and major
projects in the Urban Renewal Task Force’s apparent area of interest while the South Bank project of course has its own design
advisory panel. So how far should this or another Council go to access “external” advice?

At the same time, as noted above, this Panel, by its very nature and context, does not expect to be asked to comment on projects of the
Commonwealth or Queensland Governments. That therefore raises the parallel and obvious question of whether the State, for
example, would be helped by accessing independent urban design advice. Would eminent and independent advice have been, or yet
be, useful to Government in the pursuit of such major urban interventions as North Bank, the Royal Brisbane or Princess Alexandra
Hospitals, the Stadium, Queensland Place, the Millennium Arts project or the implementation of regional planning strategies?

Our state and our city are in an exciting state of change. High quality urban design is important to their future sustainability.

The Urban Design Advisory Panel is but one small part of the Brisbane City Council process...although arguably a significant one. I am
glad that PIA has the opportunity to contribute to this important urban design initiative.

**URBAN DESIGN ALLIANCE | UDAL**

**Jeff Humphreys**

PIA (Qld) has in the last year, as in the previous four years, conducted its urban design activities through the Urban Design Alliance of
Queensland [UDAL(Qld)]. This is an alliance formed by RAPI (now PIA), RAIA, AIUS, AILA and UQ and QUT, to discuss and address
urban design issues that emerge in the community.

The formal structure of UDAL(Qld) requires two representatives of each of the member organisations. John Byme and Jeff Humphreys
have been the representatives for 2003/2004. Monthly meetings are held for one and one-half hours at 12:30pm on the first Thursday of
every month, at the RAIA rooms in Merivale Street South Brisbane, and PIA members with an interest in Urban Design are invited to
attend and participate in the discussions and work of the Alliance.

Originally, the role of UDAL(Qld) was conceived to serve as a forum for discussion of urban design issues, with public communication
intended to occur mostly through the member organisations. However, more recently, UDAL has assumed more of a public profile in its
own right. Also, the original intention was for UDAL (Qld) not to set up significant administrative structures to support its activities, but
rather for UDAL(Qld) to operate through the administrative resources of its members, and other organisations interested in promoting
discussion of urban design issues. However, a working committee has now been set up to establish UDAL as a separate organisation,
primarily to overcome some administrative difficulties. The intention is at the same time to maintain formal links with the originating
institutions, and John Panaretos has been participating in the workings of the sub-committee investigating those issues. One of the
principles that the sub-committee is following is:

“UDAL should place significant importance on our constituent organisations being ‘involved’ in a way that there is a sense of ownership.
Our suggestion would be that the constituent member organisations have a default place on the management committee”.

Major initiatives of UDAL(Qld) this year included the following.

1. Preparation of a 16 page booklet entitled “An Agenda for Urban Quality in Queensland”, intended as a policy document setting
out urban design principles for application in Queensland. The project was funded by sponsorship, and copies have been
circulated throughout Queensland, including to all local governments. The Agenda was launched at a major function at the

2. UDAL(Qld) ran a seminar to present the “Agenda” as part of the RAPI CBD programme, in Brisbane in April, attended by
about fifty delegates, and in Rockhampton in May, attended by about thirty.

3. UDAL(Qld) made a substantial submission to Brisbane City Council in relation to its proposals for the City Centre Local Plan.

4. Participation in Year of the Built Environment events and committees, and in SEQ 2021 deliberations. Submissions and
representations on various urban design issues.

A number of workshops, submissions and other initiatives are currently in progress.

As mentioned above, UDAL is investigating its future administrative structure. There are three dimensions of interest to PIA members,
regarding the administrative arrangements of UDAL. First, UDAL(Q) has been identified as the vehicle through which PIA (Q) intends to
conduct its activities in the field of urban design, as part of PIA’s policy agenda. In other words, PIA (Q) has resolved to collaborate with
other professionals, in participating in urban design debate, education and profile-raising, through UDAL (Q). Budgetary support
accordingly is to be provided to UDAL(Q) by PIA (Q) during the 2004/5 financial year. Secondly, UDAL (Q) needs to establish its
administrative arrangements so as to function successfully as an organisation, but must / should do so in such a way that it does not
weaken its ties with PIA (Q) and other institutions, including RAIA and AILA, and this is creating some issues with RAIA, at least, which
are currently being worked through. Thirdly, PIA has nationally set up an Urban Design Chapter, and it is necessary to establish a way
of operating the Chapter in Queensland that will achieve PIA’s national objectives, while supporting the urban design activities of PIA
(Qld), currently well established, conducted through UDAL(Q).

In conclusion, there is a lot of activity in the policy area of urban design, in Queensland, and it is happening through UDAL(Q). Everyone
active in the area seems to think that this is the right way to go about it. However, there are issues of integration which need to be
continually addressed, to ensure that the current initiatives are effectively sustained.
MEMBER SERVICES & EDUCATION | PORTFOLIO

John Panaretos
Policy Convenor
The Member Services and Education portfolio is responsible for the following operational areas of the Queensland Division.

- CPD
- Membership
- Planning in Schools
- Social
- Young Planners
- Local Government
- Planning Aid
- Uni Boards/Education/Schools
  - Griffith
  - QUT
  - UQ

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT | REPORT

Rosanne Meurling

Many thanks to our active CPD sub-committee members comprising Stephen Craven, Phil Heywood, John Minnery, Stafford Hopewell, Wendy Chadwick, John Cotter, Nicole Sommerville, David Perkins, Danielle Thomas and Todd Rohl, who have been most ably assisted by Kaye Mills, Julie White and Sharon Boyle.

Many thanks also to those PIA members who have suggested topics and participated in CPD events during the year and provided us with valuable feedback.

The CPD subcommittee has been very active in the past 12 months - meeting on a monthly basis (except for December and January) and organising a multitude of seminars.

The CPD seminars have covered varied topics - from the ever popular IPA related issues (IPOLAA, Roll Ins, IPA’s Legacy, Temporary Local Planning Instruments), to Native Title, community planning, urban design, dispute resolution and regional planning.

Joint seminars have been held with the Bar Association of Queensland, the Social Planning Chapter of PIA and UDAL. PIA (Qld) has also agreed to accredit QELA seminars (on a case by case basis) and the QELA annual conference in recognition of the valuable contribution that these events make to the education of PIA members.

The Delfin Debate “Mission imPossible - Can Planning Create Community” was a popular seminar, chaired by Marcus Spillar and drawing together speakers and panellists from various disciplines including town planning, sociology, architecture and the development sector. Special thanks to all involved in the seminar for their enthusiasm, commitment and time.

Although more can always be done, the CPD subcommittee has attempted to address the needs of our branches, by publishing papers (if available) on the PIA website and video taping seminars of general interest. We are now looking into taking some topics “on the road” to better service the needs of those outside south east Qld.

Jim Soorley has kindly agreed to deliver the Keeble Lecture, to be held at Customs House on 8 November 2004 (from 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm). Everyone is welcome to attend this lecture free of charge. Our thanks go to the University of Queensland for providing this wonderful venue and catering.

Kate Wagner initiated and Danielle Thomas has been instrumental in organising CPD sessions for Young Planners (with assistance from those on the sub-committee). These seminars will become a regular feature of the CPD program in the next year.

Sponsorship continues to be an issue with CPD. While the primary focus of the CPD subcommittee is to educate and inform, it is also necessary for the CPD program to pay its way. Sponsorship is vital in this respect. Julie White has prepared some very attractive sponsorship packages and members are encouraged to support the CPD program by providing sponsorship.

Thank you to our sponsors during the past year - the Brisbane City Council, the Department of Local Government and Planning and Delfin Lend Lease. We also thank those institutions and law firms who have kindly allowed us to use their premises to hold seminars, including QUT, Allens Arthur Robinson, McCullough Robertson and Minter Ellison.

The subcommittee has compiled an impressive array of seminars for the balance of this year and into next year covering such issues as affordable housing, sustainability, the use of land title mechanisms in planning, heritage, infrastructure, the role of the federal government in planning, conditions drafting, transport planning etc. However, to make these seminars a success, we need the support and involvement of PIA members. Your suggestions, participation and feedback are particularly important to the CPD subcommittee.

Once again, thank you to all who have made the CPD program a success during this year.
Kaye Mills

During 2003-2004, membership activities have involved ongoing assessment of applications for all categories of membership. A snapshot of total membership in the Division and the number of new members joining in the past year is provided below.

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We lost 67 people who were members in 2002-3, and this was through a combination of lapsing (non-payment of fees), transferring out of the State or resignation.

The Institute will present an Honorary Fellowship to Jim Soorley at the Keeble lecture in November 2004. PIA Queensland did not have any elevations to Fellow or Life Fellow of the Institute during 2003/2004.
This year the Proplass Sub-Committee has been involved in investigating new ways to promote planning to secondary school students, and have refocused on the primary aims of the Sub-Committee. Generally, the activities of the Sub-Committee have been constrained by inadequate funding. However the Sub-Committee has continued to promote planning to secondary school students and distribute “The Planner” promotional material.

Thanks are due to all those who have assisted this year. Thanks are always due to Kaye Mills for her support, and administration and organisational skills.

Aims and Objectives
The aim of the sub-committee is to promote planning as a career to secondary school students. The purpose of the activities of the sub-committee is to:

- raise the awareness of a career in planning;
- attract motivated and interested students to planning courses;
- support the viability of accredited Queensland planning courses; and
- raise the awareness of planning in general.

The objectives for this past year were to:

- distribute the new promotional material to Career’s Advisors and at careers events;
- ensure PIA representation at career events and other promotional activities;
- enlist the support of Regional Co-ordinators in each of the Divisional Branches, and four Regional Co-ordinators for the Brisbane metropolitan region, to promote planning at school careers nights and other promotional activities;
- encourage a high academic standard of secondary students to consider planning as a career by awarding a $1,000 bursary to the first year university student enrolled in one of the three accredited undergraduate planning courses who achieved the highest results in the previous year at school in Year 12.

Structure
Sarah Norman and Cathy Zerk, as the State Coordinators of the sub-committee, have organized and facilitated the activities of the sub-committee this year, assisted by Kaye Mills as the Administrator. The sub-committee has also been supported by the Divisional Branch Regional Co-ordinators, who are:

- Central Queensland: Interim contact - Bill Gannon
- Far North Queensland: Sarah Norman
- Darling Downs/Lockyer Valley: Matthew Coleman
- Gold Coast: Nathan Bright
- Sunshine Coast: Raul Weychardt
- Brisbane Metro North: Kate Wagner
- Brisbane Metro South: Megan Praeger
- Brisbane Metro East: Cathy Zerk
- Brisbane Metro West: John Cotter

The role of the Regional Co-ordinators is to promote planning at school careers nights and ensure PIA member attendance at career events and other promotional activities (which may include attending other secondary school activities).

Branch Representatives
The thrust of the sub-committee’s activities over the next year will be to get the activities of the sub-committee better organised at Divisional Branch level, including the metropolitan regions of South East Queensland, to promote planning at careers nights, and otherwise, in schools. Our previous strategy of developing participation from Divisional Branch Level was successful and began to show some results, but some of the planned activities were restricted or called off due to lack of resources and funding. Additionally, PIA does not have indemnity insurance for activities such as career expos, further restricting PIA’s ability to attend.

Brochures and Posters
Last year, new “The Planner” posters and brochures were designed, and the brochures produced. The brochures aim to promote a better understanding of planning as a career to secondary school students, and advertise the $1,000 student bursary that is awarded each year. 5,000 copies of the brochures were made available to the careers officers in every secondary school in Queensland, and to all Divisional Branch Regional Co-ordinators outside the Brisbane metropolitan area.

Careers Events/School Career events
The schedule of Education Queensland career events was released earlier this year, and representatives were organized to go to these events and planners have continued to support us by attending the School Career events. The enthusiasm of the Regional Coordinators and other planners to attend careers events when required remains high.

Student Bursary
Each year a bursary of $1,000 is awarded to the 1st year university student enrolled on one of the accredited undergraduate planning degrees in Queensland that achieved the highest results in the previous year in Year 12 at secondary school. This year, the $1,000 student bursary was awarded at the Launch of the Queensland Awards for Excellence in Planning to Jeffrey Holt who is currently enrolled in a planning degree at the University of Queensland.
Website and Geography Teaching Module

Over the next year the Propclass Sub-Committee will be involved in a collaborative initiative between the Planning Institute of Australia (PIA) (Queensland Division) and Griffith University's School of Environmental Planning to promote planning to high school students, funded through Griffith University. The project involves three outputs, a survey of planning students, a website profiling planning as a profession, and a geography teaching module. The aim of the project is to:

- understand how school leavers perceive planning and to identify the motivations and interests of those who choose planning as a career choice;
- profile the diversity and richness of the planning profession in a manner that can be used to target and promote planning to school leavers; and
- prepare a geography teaching module for use in the senior high school syllabus that can be used illustrate what planning is and what planners do.

A major on-going outcome of the project will be a collaborative partnership between Griffith University and PIA to promote planning as a career choice.

2004/05 Activities

The thrust of activities this next financial year will be to increase the sub-committees attendance at careers events across the state. The actions for the next year are to:

- produce the posters for use at careers events, by Regional Co-ordinators and as a general resource tool;
- ensure PIA representation at career events and other promotional activities;
- reprint the brochures for use at careers events, by Regional Co-ordinators and as a general resource tool;
- distribute the promotional material to the relevant parties;
- continue to encourage the support of Regional Co-ordinators in promoting planning at school careers nights and other events;
- award the $1,000 bursary to assist in encouraging a high standard of secondary students to consider planning as a career;
- work collaboratively with Griffith University on analysing the student survey, creating the website and producing the geography teaching module;
- make a submission to the National Inquiry into Planning Education and Employment, outlining the Sub-Committee's activities and views on the importance of promoting planning to secondary school students; and
- continue to research, monitor and plan for future events and activities that will efficiently and effectively promote planning as a career to secondary school students, and generally raise the profile of planning as a career in Queensland.

PIA's Planning Aid service has been suspended for the bulk of the past year due to National Office's inability to secure professional indemnity insurance for the service. There has been an active effort by Queensland Division to resolve the hiatus since October 2003 when we were informed by National Office that we no longer had insurance cover and those who had lodged expressions of interest in delivering the service were informed of the suspension.

In the meantime, the following steps have been taken:

a) Brian Feeney has arranged for temporary delivery of the service under the banner of CPAC and under the insurance cover of the Environmental Defender's Office. This became possible after John Panaretos met officers of the EDO to discuss PIA's future direction and the need for and scope of the service provided;
b) We have drafted a new model for decentralised delivery of the service once we are in a position to restart. Features of the model are listed below:

Planning Aid Model

In reviewing Planning Aid, the Queensland Division has been considering a new model which might provide for this service to be extended beyond the Brisbane area to which, to date, it has been confined.

The Division envisages a “franchise” or “license” to operate such a service being let by PIA. Presumably, this business model would be protected and legally “owned” by PIA. The franchise model would have the following characteristics:

- Organisations or individuals with appropriate expertise would apply to PIA for a franchise/license
- The franchise would provide that the individual or organisation is available to provide initial planning advice, free of charge to members of the community seeking assistance with development assessment or other planning approvals and processes within the local government area or within the state
- Franchisees would need to meet clearly defined eligibility criteria set by PIA before being granted a franchise (such as planning knowledge and experience and possibly PIA membership)
- PIA may charge a fee for franchisee assessment to cover its costs including assessing suitability, drafting and execution of a contract, and other administrative overheads
- PIA would not seek to make a profit from this activity, but sees this as an appropriate community service
- PIA would seek to shift as much risk as legally possible from PIA to the franchisee for the professional advice provided in order to limit its own liability. PIA would also need to be satisfied that the franchisee holds adequate professional indemnity insurance
- Following advice provided by the franchisee, should the user of the service need additional advice or assistance with an appeal for example, they would be referred to a consultant planner to assist
• PIA would make available to franchisees a list of consultant planners (PIA members) to choose from and this list would identify those who would be prepared to undertake pro-bono or work at a discounted rate for particular clients or referrals from the franchisee (this would need to be checked for trade practices compliance, but would not be third line forcing as the client would be free to choose one of the listed consultants or any other in the market place and this would, of course be made clear to the client).

• PIA and the franchisee would in partnership seek sponsorships and grants from local governments, state governments and community organizations to assist in covering the costs of the franchisee providing such a service. PIA would not guarantee to the franchisee that such funds could be obtained and the contract would articulate the limits of how and the extent to which PIA would provide assistance in obtaining such funding. The costs of doing so might be covered in the initial franchisee application fee.

• The franchise would be “co-branded” PIA and the name of the firm, community organisation or individual providing the service.

• PIA would advertise these service providers on its website and in its publications free of charge to the franchisees as a community service.

• PIA would enter into these arrangements as a community service and for no other reason as a not for profit registered association in the public interest.

YOUNG PLANNERS | REPORT  
Tim Byrne and John Bartells

These years has seen the continued strengthening and further development of the Queensland Young Planner Group (QYPG).

2003 witnessed the formation of a Queensland Young Planners Committee (QYPC), charged with representing the QYPG and its interests on the Institute’s sub-committees, facilitating communication to young planners and organising young planner events and involvement. This is done with the express intention of facilitating the QYPG’s primary role of the dissemination of information and opportunity for Young Planners to reach employment, social and professional development avenues. The QYPG and its guiding committee has allowed for the particular needs of young planners in Queensland to be effectively conveyed to the Queensland Division of the Institute, kept young planners informed and provided invaluable events for young planners to socialise and to network with other young planners and Divisional Institute members.

The Committee has been instrumental in organising and running various events for members of the QYPG, such as:
- QYPG consultation on the National Inquiry into Planning Education and Employment;
- CPD events focusing on relevant knowledge for young planners;
- University welcome functions;
- Socialising and networking events

As well as providing regular communications to young planners through the YP Post.

The committed work by members of the QYPC has allowed a greater number of events to take place. In addition to this increase in events, there has been an ever rising level of involvement and attendance at these events by young planners, providing the best indication of the positive effect these initiatives have provided to members of the QYPG and the level of interest in the Institute.

UNIVERSITY | REPRESENTATIONS

>UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND  
Jeff Humphreys

This year there were three meetings of the University of Queensland, Board of the Faculty of Engineering, Physical Sciences and Architecture, all of which I attended as the PIA representative. Professor Michael Keniger is Executive Dean and Dr Martin Bell is Acting Head of the School of Geography, Planning and Architecture.

During the year, the review of the accreditation of the planning courses at U of Q took place. The visiting Board has recommended continuing accreditation of the BRTP and MURP, although with a suggestion that the structure and objectives of the MURP would benefit from review.

Associate Professor John Minnery has been appointed Head of the Planning and Property programme, a welcome addition to the staff, and to the leadership of planning teaching at UQ. PIA has congratulated John, a long-standing member of the Divisional Committee and editor of Australian Planner, on his appointment.

This year’s intake to the BRTP is 27, with an OP cut-off of 7, much lower than in recent years (11 to 12). Competition for additional quota places is strong, and it is intended to make a further case for a quota increase, when the National Planning Inquiry report has been released. Achieving adequate planning teaching staff levels has been a matter of ongoing concern. Michael Gillen from UTS has taken up an appointment, in July. It is unlikely that further planning teaching appointments will be made in the near future.
Discussions from the meetings this year have included:

Environment Advisory Committee; and as a member of the Community Practice Unit Steering Committee.

The PIA Queensland Division is represented at the university in two capacities: as a member of the School of Design and Built Environment Advisory Committee; and as a member of the Community Practice Unit Steering Committee.

Annual report for all courses:

- Bachelor of Environmental Planning curriculum;
- Community service initiatives through the CPU continue to be successful.
- Internal course evaluation and student feedback on the courses remains high, with the only concern being student workload (sic).
- The course work continues at a high standard, with success with the Tertiary Students Award and the International Award at the recent Qld Div Awards Ceremony, and high potential at the PIA National Awards.
- The Community Practice Unit has completed successful community based projects: Darwin, Palmerston City; Dili, East Timor; Cairns City; and Warwick.
- A successful 2003 Annual Business Plan completed and a 2004 Goals and Objectives, Tasks and Responsibilities prepared.

Major review of the Faculty

A major review commissioned by relatively new dean of faculty, Martin Betts, recommended a major restructure of the faculty, significantly resulting in a separation into separate schools of urban and regional planning (School of Urban Development and Infrastructure, later shortened to Urban Development) and urban design (School of Design), as well as the shortening of the name of the former discipline to “planning”.

The proposal is to split the faculty into three (3) schools. Planning is to be divorced from the design disciplines and is proposed to be allocated to the school of Urban Development. The only apparent rationale for this division is a balancing of student numbers between the schools. QUT’s planning course has for some time been differentiated from other planning courses in Brisbane by its emphasis on design and physical planning. A departure from this emphasis will have consequences not only for the QUT course but may raise questions about the complementarity of the three (3) accredited planning courses in Brisbane, including the relevance of all three (3) courses.

The School Advisory Committee sat on 15 April and 31 May during which time it considered two Green (consultation) Papers on the future structure of the faculty. Members of the committee with an interest in the urban and regional planning courses strongly opposed the above changes on the basis that the distinctive, physical, design oriented focus of planning courses at QUT would be diluted, but to no avail. In June this year, the final White Paper was issued confirming the fundamental changes to faculty structure.

Professor Betts has argued that new institutional structures and arrangements embedded in the report outcomes will overcome any perceived disadvantages of the separation. These include CRC’s such as the Centre for Sub-tropical Design. The timing of the consultation process was such that full consideration of the issues was not possible. However, dialogue is continuing with Professor Betts, most recently in a forum of UDAL professionals which was attended by John, on 4 August. Professor Betts has indicated his willingness to consider argument and ideas to ensure the quality of QUT’s urban design and design oriented urban and regional planning courses in the long term. The issues are not yet resolved and the PIA should and will continue to use its influence in the formulation of the courses which it accredits.

QUT Visiting Board Review

The board was constituted and conducted its enquiry in April of 2003, but its report was not delivered to National Council for final ratification until October 2003. The visiting board consisted of Jenny Dixon (Chair), Peter Syson and John Panaretos. Its work was significantly increased from the normal review because of QUT’s anticipated introduction of a proposed suit of restructured courses in response to the funding and fee charging changes resulting from the Nelson Higher Education Reforms. Both, existing courses and proposed courses were accredited. Due to QUT’s own internal review, the restructured courses have not been introduced. Existing courses accredited for a period of 5 years (up to 2008) are:

(a) Bachelor of Built Environment (Urban and Regional Planning with the Graduate Diploma in Urban and Regional Planning)
(b) The Graduate Diploma in Urban and Regional Planning with external entry; and
(c) The Master of Urban and Regional Planning, where it includes the full Graduate Diploma
The following restructured (proposed) courses were also accredited for 5 years:

(a) The 4 year Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning
(b) The Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning (External Entry) which will involve a minimum of 4 years of Tertiary Study or its equivalent of which a minimum of 1.5 years will consist of approved studies in Urban and Regional Planning
(c) The Master of Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning which will consist of two years of postgraduate study

>James Cook University | Accreditation John Panaretos

A PIA Visiting Board was invited to the Townsville campus of James Cook University (JCU) to consider accreditation for the following programs in tropical urban and regional planning:

- Bachelor of Applied Science (Environmental and Urban Planning)
- Graduate Diploma of Science (Tropical Urban and Regional Planning)
- Master of Applied Science (Tropical Urban and Regional Planning)

None of the above programs had previously been recognised by the Institute. The board visited the university at its Townsville campus in March this year. Members of the Board were:

- Mr Martin Auster, MPIA (Chair), University of New England
- Mr Barry Menzies, MPIA, Bowen Shire Council
- Mr John Panaretos, MPIA, Urban Strategies.

Dr Arnis Siksna, FPIA, the PIA National Honorary Education Convenor, also attended, as an observer.

The visiting board recommended the accreditation of all courses, with recommendations for the future direction and strengthening of the courses and staff expertise.

>Education Committee | Report John Panaretos

This year saw the formal re-institution of an Education Committee as a forum for discussion between the disparate groups and individuals within and outside PIA involved in planning education: academics attached to the various tertiary institutions, Proplass, CPD, young planners and for the first time, the Geography Teachers Assoc. In addition to deliberating on issues ranging from the National Inquiry into Planning Education and Employment, to secondary school education and promotion of the profession to a paraprofessional (certificate level) course for planning support staff, the meeting proposed to meet 3-4 times per year to continue the dialogue started.

Paraprofessional (certificate level) course

PIA has now formed a working partnership with LGAQ to implement the accreditation of programming of an appropriate curriculum and delivery of the paraprofessional course. LGAQ, as an accredited training organization, is the lead agency for this project. It is aimed to have a course offered in Queensland next year.

National Inquiry into Planning Education and Employment

A significant focus for the committee this year has been the National Inquiry into Planning Education and Employment (NIPEE). An initial small conference was convened by Griffith University on 10 September 2003 to formulate input into the Inquiry process. This was followed up by an open PIA workshop on 28 November 2003 with about 35 attendees which made a formulated series of recommendations for the Inquiry's consideration. Queensland Division's recommendations are listed below. Many were taken up in the final recommendations of the Inquiry. A subsequent submission was made to the draft Inquiry recommendations in April 2004.
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PIA QUEENSLAND BUSINESS PLAN | 2004-2006

1. Introduction
1.1 The Planning Institute of Australia (PIA) is the professional body for all facets of urban and regional planning in Australia. It has more than 3500 members in Divisions in every state and territory, and over 800 members in the Queensland Division. The Business Plan of the Queensland Division is intended to ensure that the Institute remains relevant and effective within Queensland and that its activities co-ordinate with the work of both the National Council of the Institute and allied professional and non-professional groups.

The Queensland Division of PIA is dedicated to ensuring that planning leadership is provided in Queensland. Planning professionals are in a unique position to ensure that leadership is provided as society grapples with the issues related to change. For the profession to be recognised as an authoritative voice on planning issues, its image and status in the community needs to be promoted.

The public perception of the role of the Institute will be helped by informed views expressed by the Institute and individual members in their own communities. To this end the Institute aims to help graduate planners prepare for their future careers and take positive steps for members to maintain a high standard of professional skills.

The Business Plan is one vehicle which the Divisional Committee uses to provide leadership, promote excellence in the practice of urban and regional planning and represent the interests of the planning profession within Queensland.

2. Purposes of the Business Plan
2.1 This Business Plan;
- states the mission of Planning Institute of Australia (QLD) Division
- states the objectives, key functional areas, priority actions, timeframes (where appropriate) and responsibilities;
- establishes operational management particularly in terms of frequency of Division Committee Meetings, and delegations to the Coordination Sub-Committee

3. Principles
3.1 The following principles have guided the preparation and formed the foundations of the Business Plan:
- the consideration of strategic goals as well as priority actions and ongoing management issues
- realistic ambitions that are achievable and result from a consensus from the Divisional Committee
- the embodiment and derivation of actions from the Draft National PIA agreed outcomes in the Draft Strategic 2002-2005 and Business Plan 2002-2003;
- a more even spread of workload with clear responsibilities and increased co-ordination of management and realistic objectives and priorities
- an organisational structure that will be efficient, effective and provide a platform for much wider networking and inclusiveness of members in achievement of tasks and outcomes

4. PIA / QLD Mission Statement
The Mission Statement is:
4.1 To take and maintain the leading role in promoting both good planning and the planning profession in Queensland for the benefit of the community and PIA members
4.2 More specifically our mission is to;
- to enshrine the PIA QLD Division as a facilitator for its membership with a "stronger presence" in professional development – keeping up to date with the developments in the field
- demonstrate to the wider community and more specifically to government and to the media and PIA own membership the real value of planning, providing leadership and promoting a positive profile
- broaden the membership to establish PIA as an influential association on key national, state and regional planning and environmental issues – encouraging debate and improving relations with related professional groups
- provide an effective range of services to a progressively increasing membership
- improve networking of members and potential members to increase input and mutual support with special attention to regional groupings

5. Key Functional Areas
5.1 We believe that our core business falls within 4 key functional areas;
- information gathering co-ordination and dissemination
- fostering strong internal and external relations
- promoting the interests of planning, planners and the PIA
- advocating member interests
5.2 These key functional areas will form the structure for objectives and priority actions for 2004-2006.

6.1 The agreed outcomes in the draft National PIA Strategic and Business Plans form a foundation for objectives and priority actions for the QLD Division.

6.2 The agreed National outcomes are:
- uniting PIA into one cohesive structure
- commence PIA operations successfully
- increase relevance and recognition of PIA planning and planners in the community both increasing and adding value to members
- promotion and support for young planners
- promote and encourage membership of local government planners
- increase revenue through sponsorship
- function and resources review

7. PIA / QLD Division objectives 2004-2006

7.1 On the basis of the 4 key functional areas for PIA QLD and the National agreed outcomes, the following are the operational objectives for 2004-2006
- Gather and distribute co-ordinated relevant and up to date information pertinent to members
- Foster strong internal relations within PIA
- Foster strong external relations and to promote the interests of planning/planners and the PIA
- Improve professional practice and maintain and enhance high standards
- Respond effectively to emerging planning issues
- Proactively represent planners interests
- Recognise the strength of local government involvement and enhance the status and membership of local government planners
- Achieve significant improvement in the general services to members and promotion to potential members
- Increase representation and events organisation for regional groups
- Implement the PIA national policy “liveable communities”

8.0 Operational Management and Organisational Structure

8.1 There are 2 broad groupings of functions and priority outcomes:

1. Corporate Services – member services, accreditation, budget/financial management, revenue and sponsorship, secretary and management of the Division, regional groups liaison, events (annual conference, seminars and awards) and National affairs.

2. Policy and Representation – Policy development and advocacy, media liaison, relationships and linkages with Ministers, State Government agencies and other related Institutes/Associations, co-ordination of representatives and their active involvement on planning issues eg. Queensland Heritage Council, Coastal Council, etc and linkages and course accreditations for Universities.

8.2 The following should be the principles for Organisational Structure at the Division:
- Spreading workload;
- Consistency with the implementation of the National Strategic and Business Plans and PIA National Structures;
- Providing a platform for much wider networking and inclusiveness of members generally in achievement of tasks/outcomes;

8.3 Hence adjustments to organisational structure and management start from 30 January 2003 as follows:

- Coordination Sub-Committee: - Meeting Monthly
  President
  Vice President: Marketing and Communication
  - Awards, E-Broadcast, Conference, Qld Planner, Marketing/Communication
  Vice President: Policy, Research and Representation
  - Policy, Research, CAP Secretariat, Representation
  Chair of Education and coordinator for Member Service
  - CPD, Membership, Planning in Schools, Social, Young Planners, Uni Boards/Education/Schools, Local Government, Planning Aid
  Treasurer
  Secretary
  National Council Representative 7 MEMBERS

8.4 This is strongly reflective of office bearers and PIA main Constituencies.

8.5 Up until 30th June 2004 the Divisional Committee composition will remain the same and plans to meet quarterly.

8.6 From 1 July 2004, the Divisional Committee is proposed to comprise the Coordination Sub Committee members above plus;
   a) one Young Planner representative
   b) additional and chapter representatives of then established chapters plus
   c) the number of members to make up a Committee to a maximum of 21 – of these Committee Members at least 66% must be elected from Corporate Members

8.7 The Coordination Sub-Committee will meet monthly and the Divisional Committee meets quarterly. Agendas and management would be organised so that major policy and organisational issues are part of the Divisional Committee agendas and the Divisional Committee plans to meet in August, November, February and May of each year.
8.9 The Division Manager will prepare pre-organised agendas and written reports which must be distributed one week prior to each Divisional Committee meeting. All Coordination Committee meeting minutes will be communicated to all Divisional Committee members.

8.10 The structure allows for separate Committees and networking for the Policy Committee, Local Government Planning Network etc and for the approach to become more management and task orientated.

8.11 Success of this structure greatly depends on the commitment of the Coordination Committee members to the Business.

9.0 Priority Tasks and Responsibilities

9.1 Following the above organizational structure and operational management approach, the section lets out the priority tasks and task management responsibilities to achieve the Divisional objectives and fulfill the functions.

9.2 There is significant onus upon the Portfolio coordinators (Administration/Finance, Marketing/Communication, Policy/Research, Member Service/Education and Branch Liaison) to co-ordinate and deliver the timely completion of the tasks. Each Divisional Committee Member has one or more direct task responsibility.

9.3 The Policy task are tailored to:
   a) respond to the adopted National Livable Communities policies
   b) key QLD issues

Table 9.1
Priority Tasks and Responsibilities – Marketing & Communication
Vice President: Marketing and Communication – Leo Jensen

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<td>Maintain and continue to improve quality of the Queensland Planner</td>
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<td>Establish quality website</td>
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<td>a) Compatible with National Site</td>
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<td>b) Responding properly to QLD members</td>
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<td>c) Establish committed mechanisms for effective ongoing maintenance</td>
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<td>Hold well organised and highly successful QLD Conference</td>
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<td>Hold well organised and highly successful Awards launch and Awards presentation events</td>
<td>Launch 22/6/04 Presentation Nov 04</td>
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<td>Establish Marketing and Communication Protocol to:</td>
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<td>a) Increase public knowledge of Planning</td>
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<td>b) Increase public and stakeholder’s knowledge of PIA</td>
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<td>Increase media submissions and exposure</td>
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<td>Reactivate fellowships and life members processes to recognise achievement</td>
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Table 9.2
Priority Tasks and Responsibilities – Policy and Research
Vice President: Policy and Research – David Perkins

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<td>Co-ordination of increased Local Government policy issues and representation</td>
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<td>Organise increased involvement of experts in developing policies</td>
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<td>Increase liaison of policy representation to the Minister and DG of DLGP</td>
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<td>Produce policies on:</td>
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<td>• National Policy: Liveable Communities</td>
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<td>Ensure the effective running of the CAP Qld Secretariat to guarantee successful representation</td>
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<td>Representation Liaison</td>
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<td>a) Establish protocol for those representing PIA on committees outside of PIA</td>
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<td>b) Coordination of representatives:</td>
<td>ongoing</td>
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<td>Affordable Housing, SEQ2021, Australian Green Forum, BDP, Heritage Council, Urban Design/BCC, UDAL (and others as agreed by the Division Committee)</td>
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<td>c) Ensure reports are presented to:</td>
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<td>- AGM</td>
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<td>d) Ensure reports are written for Annual Report</td>
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Treasurer, Administration and Finance – Cliff Willmett  

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<td>Sound financial management and auditing - restructure budget relative to business plan</td>
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Chair of Education and coordinator for Member Service – John Panaretos  

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<td>Hold well organised and highly successful CPD events</td>
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<td>a Membership promotion</td>
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<td>b Representation on committees</td>
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<td>a Establish protocols on increasing members</td>
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<td>b Set membership fees to reflect National Policy and ensure these feed into the annual budget</td>
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<td>Establish strong and effective co-ordination between Divisional and Regional levels</td>
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<td>Co-ordinate strong and effective communication between Divisional and Regional levels</td>
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CHAPTERS  
Social Planning Chapter  
Urban Design Chapter  
To continue to work through the UDAL to promote the importance of urban design in all relevant areas and forums  

10. Monitoring and Review  
10.1 The Business Plan will be formally reviewed by the Divisional Committee each quarter (November, major annual review – February, May and August).
THE YEAR THAT WAS | 2003-2004