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The PLANET program is administered by the Planning Institute Australia (PIA). PLANET provides popular core learning programs and keeps you up to date with legislative, regulatory and policy changes in planning. Any programs added through the year and updates will be available at www.planning.org.au/vic.

TAILORING YOUR LEARNING NEEDS

Planners play an integral role in shaping the future of our cities, towns and surrounds. Successful development outcomes require planners to have new competencies to enable the advancement of their skills in practice. PLANET provides a comprehensive range of programs which are based on adult learning principles and competency based skills delivered by subject matter experts. Our team of consultants and industry providers are skilled in facilitating training and providing a positive learning experience to improve your knowledge.

PLANET PROMOTES BEST PRACTICE IN URBAN PLANNING

One of the best ways to improve your skills is to become informed of best practice models used by others. Our programs are developed to ensure improved practitioner skills through tailoring practical workshop sessions. The learning model also provides training opportunities to address a range of personal skills gaps for career development.

NEW TO PLANET IN 2016

This year we are proud to introduce 17 new courses to the PLANET program, including a four-part series on Strategic Policy Development and a new series on Delivering Urban Transformation. PLANET also encompasses new courses on engagement and communications strategies, understanding renewables and ESD, urban resilience and planning for town centres. We expect these new courses to be very popular, so don’t delay booking.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

BOOKINGS/STUDENTS/ CANCELLATIONS

PLANET bookings and payment can be made online. Tax Invoices will only be sent on receipt of purchase orders for bulk bookings.

For further information on our programs please go to our website: www.planning.org.au/vic.

Full-time students (with evidence) who are PIA members and wish to attend a program will be charged 50 per cent of the scheduled fee. The price of all programs includes GST.

If you cannot attend a registered session you must withdraw on-line no later than 7 days prior to the program. If you do not attend on the day a full fee will be charged. You are welcome to transfer your registration to another person at any time.

Check the website (planning.org.au/vic) for updates to venues and start times.

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PLANNING SYSTEM TECHNICALS

THE A - Z OF PLANNING
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The course covers the difference between the statutory and strategic context of the Victorian planning system, the layers of policy and the day-to-day process requirements of the planning office including statutory processes, decision making, enforcement and VCAT procedures. Practical workshops will cover a number of scenarios for the application of zones and overlays and permit requirements, with a focus on most frequently asked questions.

DESIGNED FOR:
New people entering the planning system in Victoria, allied professions, such as officers of referral authorities, new planners, planning assistants and administrative officers in local government and Councillors would benefit most from this overview of practical skills to cope with the day-to-day requirements of using Victoria’s planning system.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
• recognise the principles of the planning process
• understand the role of the council, decision making and delegations
• recognise the components of planning schemes and their application
• interpret relevant planning legislation and the role of referral authorities
• understand the differences between the application of zones and overlays
• identify the permit process including advertising, conditions, referrals and the relevance of planning scheme amendments

• understand enforcement and the VCAT process
• comprehend the use of schedules and definitions
• distinguish between the strategic and statutory elements of the planning scheme.

Note: Participants are reminded that this session is a generic guide to planning processes. Other PLANET courses are available on the detailed processes.

COURSE PRESENTERS:
Peter O’Leary from Polplan Pty Ltd. Peter was a long-serving member of the VCAT Planning and Environment List. He has a strong background in local government planning and management. The course will also be delivered by a local government planner.

DATE:
Tuesday 8 March 2016
OR
Thursday 9 June 2016
OR
Tuesday 25 October 2016
VENUE:
PIA Office
3/124 Exhibition St Melbourne
TIME:
9.30am - 5.00pm
PRICE:
$330 PIA members
$435 non-PIA members

7 PD POINTS

REFERRAL AUTHORITIES AND THE PLANNING SYSTEM
CONTENT:
Referral authorities play an important role in the operation of the Victorian planning system. The planning permit process provides referral authorities with opportunities to have their views considered and incorporated into development. This course has been designed to provide referral authority staff with a clear understanding of:
• the role of referral authorities in the planning system
• the structure and content of planning schemes
• what parts of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 are relevant
• in what circumstances planning permits are referred
• what the timelines are
• what issues a referral authority can include as a permit condition
• what a valid planning permit condition is and how to write one
• what the role of VCAT is and how referral authorities can participate.

DESIGNED FOR:
The staff of any referral authority engaged in assessing planning permit applications. This includes staff of service providers (water, power etc.), VicRoads; government departments such as Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP), VicRoads and Catchment Management Authorities. This course would be useful to new graduates and referral staff that have only recently become involved in assessing planning permit referrals.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
• understanding of the applicable legislation, including timelines
• understanding of the planning system
• ability to draft a concise response to a planning application referral, including permit conditions and letter of advice.

COURSE PRESENTERS:
John Glossop MPIA, Director, Glossop Town Planning designed and delivers this course. John appears at VCAT as an expert witness.

DATE:
Thursday 5 May 2016
VENUE:
PIA Office
3/124 Exhibition St Melbourne
TIME:
9.30am - 5.00pm
PRICE:
$330 PIA members
$435 non-PIA members

7 PD POINTS
PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS FOR PLANNERS

CONTENT:
This course responds to requests about the other side of the planning counter and the property development process. While there are several models in the property development process ranging from an ad hoc approach, to project-based and design and construct, this course will review a common approach for small scale infill development. In particular we will look at how a site is selected including planning zones, the market needs analysis, neighbourhood character and design options. What and how much can fit on a lot vs over-development are common questions which will be explored by reviewing relevant planning and building legislation and how property yield is determined, for example 4 or 6 townhouses following a feasibility study. This will also include consideration of building design issues and documentation including the contract. The feasibility study will evaluate scenarios such as the impact of adding or removing another bedroom, townhouse or apartment.

Consideration is given to selecting a project team, development of the planning and building drawings as well as financing the project and property acquisition. While the course refers to project development risks it does not cover investment strategies and how to make a quick profit.

DESIGNED FOR:
Planners, economic development officers, planning and other consultants, real estate agents, novice developers, builders and project managers.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
• develop an awareness of the process undertaken by a property developer
• review legislation approvals and what you can and cannot build within the planning zones
• analyse how sites are selected, development yield, risk management and valuations
• evaluate a feasibility study and comprehend the components
• organise and commence the process for property development and construction
• awareness of investment limitations, holding costs, project financing and cash flow.

COURSE PRESENTERS:
John Glossop MPIA, Director Glossop Town Planning; David Cooke, Managing Director, DCA Design; and Sam Polimeni, Director of SP Solutions.

DATE: Thursday 26 May 2016
VENUE: PIA Office
3/124 Exhibition St Melbourne
TIME: 9.30am – 5.00pm
PRICE: $410 PIA members
$540 non-PIA members

RESCODE PRACTICE

CONTENT:
The ‘ResCode’ residential development standards are a key aspect of the Victorian planning system and central to the assessment of residential development applications of up to four storeys. This two day intensive course provides planners with an understanding of Clauses 54 and 55. The collaborative workshop provides participants with an opportunity to assess an actual development proposal against each ResCode objective and standard and learn when and how discretion should be used to vary the ResCode standards.

The course introduces plan reading and spatial measurement skills, as well as other tools such as ShadowDraw and an analysis of VCAT case law and Practice Notes which will assist planners in assessing development applications.

DESIGNED FOR:
Planners who analyse planning applications based on ResCode (clauses 54 and 55). It is recommended that participants have a level of competence in plan reading and spatial awareness.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
• understand the residential development provisions
• apply residential development guidelines to planning assessments
• identify the parameters to make a decision.

COURSE PRESENTER: John Glossop MPIA, Director, Glossop Town Planning Pty Ltd. John is a former sessional Planning Panels Member and was a member of the ResCode Advisory Committee. He appears at VCAT as an expert witness.

DATES:
DAY 1 - FULL DAY
Tuesday 1 March 2016
9.30am – 5.00pm and
DAY 2 - HALF DAY
Tuesday 22 March 2016
9.30am – 1.30pm
OR
DAY 1 - FULL DAY
Thursday 8 September 2016
9.30am – 5.00pm and
DAY 2 - HALF DAY
Thursday 29 September 2016
9.30am – 1.30pm

Note: This two day course is not consecutive.

VENUE:
PIA Office
3/124 Exhibition St Melbourne
PRICE:
$510 PIA members
$670 non-PIA members

PLANNING APPLICATION ASSESSMENTS
PREPARING A BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT STATEMENT

CONTENT:
The planning system has an important role in the creation of more bushfire resilient communities. Through the Bushfire Management Overlay (Clause 44.06) and Planning for Bushfire (Clause 52.47) developments in areas that are affected by a significant bushfire hazard are assessed to ensure the risk from bushfire is reduced to an acceptable level. An application prepared under the Bushfire Management Overlay must include a Bushfire Hazard Site Assessment and a Bushfire Management Statement. In some cases, a Bushfire Hazard Landscape Assessment is also necessary to inform the assessment process and the development of the Bushfire Management Statement. The Bushfire Management Statement demonstrates the way in which the application meets the relevant objectives, standards and decision guidelines of the Bushfire Management Overlay. This program will provide an introduction to the Bushfire Management Overlay and will focus on the assessment of a Bushfire Management Statement utilising various case studies relating to dwellings and subdivisions.

DESIGNED FOR:
Local government planners and referral authorities looking to inform their planning decisions.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
• better understand the Bushfire Management Overlay and how it contributes to community resilience to bushfire
• be able to explain simple bushfire behaviour and Bushfire Attack Levels to clients
• gain an understanding of how to conduct and prepare a Bushfire Hazard Landscape Assessment and a Bushfire Hazard Site Assessment
• be able to prepare a basic Bushfire Management Statement using the template provided
• gain an understanding of some of the common solutions, and some of the common pitfalls in preparing the Bushfire Management Statement and associated documents.

COURSE PRESENTER:
Deanne Smith MPIA is the Director of Euca Planning and specialises in the consideration of bushfire risk within the planning, building and urban design realms. With over 15 years’ experience with the Country Fire Authority (CFA) in both fire safety regulation and fire operations, Deanne has gone on to work in local government and private consultancy. She has extensive experience in the development of policy at local, state and national levels. Deanne brings to the course a breadth of knowledge on the assessment and consideration of bushfire risk in regional and urban settlements.

DATES:
Thursday 21 April 2016 9.30am – 5.00pm
VENUE:
PIA Office 3/124 Exhibition St Melbourne
OR
Tuesday 16 August 2016 9.30am – 5.00pm
VENUE:
Geelong venue TBC
PRICE:
$330 PIA members
$435 non-PIA members

ASSESSING A BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT STATEMENT

CONTENT:
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DESIGNED FOR:
Building and planning practitioners looking to prepare basic Bushfire Management Statements and associated documents. Local government planners and referral authorities looking for more advanced understanding of the process.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
• understand how to assess the quality and accuracy of the bushfire assessment and ensure the Bushfire Management Statement is adequately responded to through the Planning Permit conditions.

COURSE PRESENTER:
Deanne Smith MPIA is the Director of Euca Planning and specialises in the consideration of bushfire risk within the planning, building and urban design realms. With over 15 years’ experience with the Country Fire Authority (CFA) in both fire safety regulation and fire operations, Deanne has gone on to work in local government and private consultancy. She has extensive experience in the development of policy at local, state and national levels. Deanne brings to the course a breadth of knowledge on the assessment and consideration of bushfire risk in regional and urban settlements.

DATES:
Thursday 17 March 2016 9.30am – 5.00pm
VENUE:
PIA Office 3/124 Exhibition St Melbourne
OR
Tuesday 30 August 2016 9.30am – 5.00pm
VENUE:
Geelong venue TBC
PRICE:
$330 PIA members
$435 non-PIA members
MANAGING POTENTIALLY CONTAMINATED LAND

CONTENT:
Reports on managing contaminated sites in Victoria including the Victorian Auditor-General’s report (VAGO), December 2011 and Potentially Contaminated Land Advisory Committee, March 2012 found that councils are not currently well placed to make decisions relating to contaminated land as they lack the necessary technical capacity. This was discussed more recently in Cleaner Environments - Smarter Urban Renewal, DEPI Sept 2014.

Land contamination is a major issue for planners as former industrial, mining or commercial land is redeveloped for residential or other sensitive uses. Such sites may have been contaminated by former waste disposal, industrial and similar activities, and this is often discovered during changes to land use. These sites may present an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment, without some remediation or management. In most cases, the consideration of these issues and the management of potential risks are triggered by the planning process when a rezoning or change of use is sought.

This program is designed to introduce and refresh participant knowledge of current contaminated land issues in planning. It explains how statutory and strategic planners are able to identify potentially contaminated land and the type of assessment required. It also clarifies the role and scope of site assessments and environmental audits.

DESIGNED FOR:
Statutory and strategic planners in local government, planning and environmental consultants and lawyers involved in planning scheme amendments and permit applications who need to develop a greater competency and understanding in applying a range of planning tools to manage potentially contaminated land.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
• how to identify what is potentially contaminated land
• understanding Ministry of Planning and Local Government (MPLG) and how to determine if an Environmental Audit is required
• understanding Ministry Direction No. 1 and when to apply an Environmental Audit
• how to apply the framework in the planning scheme amendment and planning permit processes
• applying appropriate permit conditions
• develop confidence in managing the more complex aspects of potentially contaminated land in scheme amendments and planning permits
• greater understanding of Environmental Audits and Site Assessment

COURSE PRESENTERS:
The course is presented by environmental consultant and contaminated land specialist Jean Meaklim and planning specialist Denise Turner MPIA (co-authors of the Practice Note: Potentially Contaminated Land).

FIVE AND MORE STOREYS – ASSESSING HIGHER DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

CONTENT:
State and local policies encourage increased provision of higher density housing. The assessment of taller apartment buildings in established urban contexts can be challenging. It requires a detailed understanding of the current and future context of the site, application of strategic policy at a local scale and an ability to interpret the operation of complex building systems.

This collaborative course provides a detailed understanding of the relevant tools for assessing higher density residential development applications within a planning scheme.

Through case studies, the course challenges participants to consider important questions in a design response such as: What is the role of a local structure plan? What is good building separation? What is an acceptable level of internal amenity? What is borrowed daylight? How do the buildings ‘work’? What is an appropriate apartment layout?

The course includes discussion of a range of built examples and a practical workshop component. This course is followed by an optional half-day site visit on Day 2 (see separate course Five and More Storeys - site visit on 27 April).

DESIGNED FOR:
This course is designed for strategic and statutory planners, urban designers and place managers, and for professionals involved in developing designs for higher density residential developments.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
• understand the Guidelines for Higher Density Residential Development (GHDRD)
• how to observe and analyse the local urban context, including constraints and opportunities
• gain insights into what informs the design of higher density development
• how to use the GHDRD effectively in planning application assessments.

COURSE PRESENTERS:
John Glossop MPIA, Director, Glossop Town Planning Pty Ltd. John is a former sessional Planning Panels Member, and was a member of the ResCode Advisory Committee. He is a former lecturer at VUT and LaTrobe University. He appears at VCAT as an expert witness.
Simon McPherson, architect and urban designer. He is Director of SJB Urban Pty Ltd, a specialist urban design practice in Melbourne and Sydney. SJB Urban is involved in both strategic plans for public sector clients, and large-scale developments in the private sector.

DATE: Thursday 14 April 2016
VENUE: PIA Office
3/124 Exhibition St Melbourne
TIME: 9.30am - 5.00pm
PRICE: $330 PIA members
$435 non-PIA members

DATE: Tuesday 26 April 2016
VENUE: PIA Office
3/124 Exhibition St Melbourne
TIME: 9.30am - 5.00pm
PRICE: $350 PIA members
$455 non-PIA members
FIVE AND MORE STOREYS - SITE VISIT

CONTENT:
This half-day site tour builds on the Five and More Storeys course. It reviews the design outcomes of a higher density development against the relevant policy and site context. The tour will involve a recently completed development. The site visit is an opportunity to examine the theory discussed on the previous day, with reference to real-life examples. The course is led by the architect and includes an on-site presentation and discussion with the planner who assessed the development proposal.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
• experience the spatial conditions and physical qualities of various design approaches and apartment designs and types
• see the physical manifestation of the plans reviewed during the previous day
• understand the links between apartments and building form, public domain outcomes and external facade expression, as well as communal indoor and outdoor space
• review and discuss the qualities of some apartment designs and typologies, and other development aspects such as car parking, outdoor space, entrances and integration of non-residential uses.

COURSE PRESENTER:
Simon McPherson from SJB Urban will run the tour. Simon is an architect and urban designer and is Director of SJB Urban Pty Ltd, a specialist urban design practice in Melbourne and Sydney. SJB Urban is involved in both strategic plans for public sector clients, and large-scale developments in the private sector. Simon will introduce the project architect and the council assessment planner.

The site tour is in an inner/middle ring Melbourne suburb, at a location yet to be determined. The location is finalised subject to construction schedules. At least two weeks’ notice of location details will be provided. This is a street-based event; catering is your own responsibility.

DATE: Tuesday 27 April 2016
VENUE: TBC
TIME: 9.30am - 12.30pm
PRICE: $170 PIA members, $230 non-PIA members

TRAFFIC AND PARKING ASSESSMENTS

CONTENT:
Traffic and parking can seem like a different language. This interactive course ‘decodes’ the jargon, explains the concepts and provides you with real skills. On completion of the course you will feel confident in discussing concepts with consultants, traffic engineers and the community.

The course covers the essentials needed to analyse applications that involve traffic or parking considerations including the calculation of parking demand, how to read parking ratios, measuring the compliance of car parking dimensions and parking credits. The course also includes the role of traffic engineers and the application of parking surveys and analysis.

DESIGNED FOR:
Essential for planners currently working in statutory planning and assessing car parking and traffic. Also relevant to VicRoads staff, engineers, architects and building designers.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
• understand the parking provisions at clause 52.06 of the planning scheme, and when a permit is needed to waive or reduce car parking
• identify how a SIDRA model and other predictive models work and their role in development assessment
• use turning templates to understand whether access for cars and trucks ‘works’ or not
• car stackers: what do you need to know about them; how do they work; how much space do they need
• understand Clause 55 parking provisions of and the traffic and road design provisions of Clause 56
• interpret the relevance of the Australian Standards

COURSE PRESENTERS:
John Glossop MPIA, Director, Glossop Town Planning together with a senior traffic engineer from GTA Consultants.

DATE: Tuesday 31 May 2016
VENUE: PIA Office 3/124 Exhibition St Melbourne
TIME: 9.30am - 5.00pm
PRICE: $410 PIA members, $540 non-PIA members

ASSESSING NEIGHBOURHOOD CHARACTER

CONTENT:
Neighbourhood character is arguably the most contentious aspect of residential development planning. This course clarifies the concept of neighbourhood character and provides a simple framework by which planners can begin to understand this concept.

The course focuses on defining what neighbourhood character means, using photographs to show different neighbourhood character typologies, using photographic examples to discuss...
whether these developments ‘respect’
neighbourhood character, and exploring
critical VCAT decisions on the topic.

Participants also take a short walk, where
the principles of neighbourhood character
are further illustrated and discussed. The
session concludes with a class discussion,
aided by images of new developments and
streetscapes. The class discussion is joined
by a local architect. It is an interactive and
thought provoking session.

DESIGNED FOR:
Planners responsible for assessing
applications and needing to clarify/
understand the concept of “neighbourhood
character”, architects and building
designers, developers, solicitors and
anyone engaged in the design or
assessment of residential development.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
• appreciate what neighbourhood
  character means in a planning context
• develop an understanding of the basic
  neighbourhood character typologies
• discuss the role of neighbourhood
  character studies and local policies in
  the assessment process
• learn how to ‘respect’
  neighbourhood character and how to
  ‘respond’ to a specific context.

COURSE PRESENTERS:
John Glossop MPIA, Director, Glossop Town
Planning Pty Ltd. A special guest speaker
will complete the day.

DATE:
Thursday 16 June 2016
OR
Thursday 27 October 2016

VENUE:
Metropole Conference Centre,
44 Brunswick St, Fitzroy,
Charles Marshall Room

TIME:
9.30am - 5.00pm

PRICE:
$350 PIA members
$455 non-PIA members

LANDSCAPE DESIGN
AND ASSESSMENT

CONTENT:
Green floors, green walls and green roofs.
The provision of suitable and effective
landscaping is a major consideration in
all urban development. The incorporation
of vegetative systems both internally and
externally is an effective way to improve
the negative impacts of densely populated
areas and contribute towards managing
climate change. From their aesthetic
benefits to integration in ecologically
sustainable design (ESD), green roofs
and green walls are changing our urban
fabric with many social and environmental
benefits. Providing green roofs and green
walls within developments raises important
considerations for the design and selection
of rooftop plants.

This course focuses on successfully
providing and assessing landscaping within
developments. We discuss appropriate
plant placement and selection, the growing
demand for green roofs and green walls
and examine case studies to review how
effectively a landscape concept transforms
into reality. Planners gain an understanding
of the role of landscape architecture in
design as well as the benefits of landscape
as an ESD device.

DESIGNED FOR:
Planners, planning lawyers, landscape
assessment officers and urban designers.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
• appreciate the policy context
  surrounding landscaping in
development, including the role
  of landscaping in concepts such as
  neighbourhood character
• develop an understanding of
  appropriate landscaping responses
  to individual site contexts
• recognise emerging trends for
  landscaping in development design,
such as green walls and green roofs
• understand what works and what
  doesn’t in landscaping, using real life
  case studies.

COURSE PRESENTERS:
John Glossop MPIA, Director, Glossop
Town Planning and John Patrick, a
landscape architect and Director of John
Patrick Landscape Architects. John Patrick
attends VCAT as an expert witness and is
a presenter on ABC’s Gardening Australia
program. He was a senior lecturer at
Burnley College and currently lectures and
travels widely.

DATE:
Thursday 14 July 2016

VENUE:
PIA Office
3/124 Exhibition St Melbourne

TIME:
9.30am - 1.30pm

PRICE:
$225 PIA members
$300 non-PIA members

THE SUBDIVISION PROCESS

CONTENT:
This course is an introduction to the
management and assessment of a
subdivision application. It covers the
planner’s role in the process, and the
knowledge required to understand a title
plan, a plan of subdivision and the various
legislative frameworks. These include the
Victoria Planning Provisions, zones and
overlays, particular and general provisions,
covenants and public open space
contributions. The course includes practical
hands-on exercises.

DESIGNED FOR:
Planners, subdivision officers and planning
assistants who need to understand
the basic subdivision process in local
government.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
• apply the principles to assess a
  subdivision certification and subdivision
  planning application
• interpret development and subdivision
  plans and Certificates of Title, including
  covenants and section 173 agreements
• interpret relevant legislation
**3.5 PD POINTS**

**PLANNING APPLICATION ASSESSMENTS**

**DATE:**
Tuesday 4 October 2016

**VENUE:**
PIA Office
3/124 Exhibition St Melbourne

**TIME:**
9.30am - 1.30pm

**PRICE:**
$225 PIA members
$300 non-PIA members

**COURSE PRESENTER:**
Matt Rogers MPIA, Urban Planning Manager in the MPA’s Statutory Planning Team has worked with and developed the PSP implementation system throughout the past seven years. Matt has over 15 years’ experience in Victorian town planning. His focus is the development and application of structure plans, development plans, planning scheme amendments and their implementation through permit applications. Matt’s work has spanned metropolitan, growth area and regional area including newly developing and regenerating communities.

**STATUTORY PLANNING – ASSESSING APPLICATIONS SUBJECT TO STRUCTURE PLANS IN GROWTH AREAS**

**CONTENT:**
Key to implementing Precinct Structure Plans in growth area precincts is the planning and assessment of residential, town centre, commercial and industrial applications. This course will explore the means for enhancing the implementation phase of a PSP through the subsequent planning permit process.

**DESIGNED FOR:**
Local government planners, referral authority staff, and planning consultants working in greenfields precincts.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES:**
- understand the nature of design from an architectural viewpoint
- demonstrate basic literacy through holistic interpretation of drawings
- gain insights into key generators of built form and how this should influence the design outcome
- identify differences between a well-designed site responsive project and a poorly designed project
- develop more informed design assessment skills, to effectively review designs in planning application assessments
- critically assess a design response.

**BUILDING DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURE**

**CONTENT:**
Planning application assessments are carried out using the suite of planning tools in all planning schemes. While useful, the tools are generally not holistic and may not produce good design outcomes if followed rigidly. This course provides some understanding of building design and architecture. The site context forms the first major step in establishing key issues associated with any design.

Key areas of discussion focus on design features; visual interest; visual bulk; articulation; layout; materials; environmental sustainability; amenity; attention to detail; and style mentality. These principles are examined from an architectural viewpoint using examples to demonstrate that intelligent design can provide unique ways of achieving good planning outcomes.

**DESIGNED FOR:**
Planners who assess planning applications.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES:**
- understand the nature of design from an architectural viewpoint
- demonstrate basic literacy through holistic interpretation of drawings
- gain insights into key generators of built form and how this should influence the design outcome
- identify differences between a well-designed site responsive project and a poorly designed project
- develop more informed design assessment skills, to effectively review designs in planning application assessments
- critically assess a design response.

**COURSE PRESENTER:**
George Metaxas is a registered architect and director of Metaxas Architects. The practice has a wide portfolio in residential, commercial and industrial projects.

**DATE:**
Thursday 22 September 2016

**VENUE:**
PIA Office
3/124 Exhibition St Melbourne

**TIME:**
9.30am - 5.00pm

**PRICE:**
$410 PIA members
$540 non-PIA members

**BUILDING DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURE**

**CONTENT:**
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**DESIGNED FOR:**
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- critically assess a design response.

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WRITING FOR VCAT - A SKILLS-BASED APPROACH TO ADVOCATING AT THE TRIBUNAL

CONTENT:
The written submission is an important component of a party's case in VCAT proceedings. It is the permanent record of the party's contentions and argument. The written submission ought to be concise, accurate and, importantly, persuasive.

In this workshop, the presenter will outline the principles of good drafting and the 'golden rules' of writing for VCAT. It will not only cover the written submission but other important documents which precede and follow a Tribunal hearing including the officer's report to Council, correspondence with applicants, permit conditions and letters to the Tribunal. If poorly drafted, these documents can negatively impact on a party's case.

DESIGNED FOR:
Planners, lawyers and consultants who would like to develop and improve their advocacy skills at the Tribunal.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
Participants will gain a good understanding as to how to:
- structure a written submission to improve its persuasiveness and comprehension and comply with the advocate's duties to the Tribunal
- avoid writing pitfalls that may prejudice the party's case
- increase efficiency in preparing the written submissions
- use a written submission and other written materials to supplement the oral presentation
- draft permit conditions that are valid, understandable and enforceable.

COURSE PRESENTER:
This course is designed and presented by legal representatives from Maddocks Lawyers.

ENFORCEMENT LAW FOR PLANNERS

CONTENT:
The planning permit is an enforceable document and a detailed legal process can follow if the permit and conditions have not been complied with or the works occur without approval. This course prepares the planner to understand and apply the enforcement process. It covers different enforcement techniques for different situations and the role of the statutory planner in assisting the enforcement officer to perform this function.

TOPICS INCLUDE:
- planning enforcement at VCAT
- dealing with enforcement hearings
- the process of compliance and enforcement (includes workshop sessions)
- enforcement under the Planning and Environment Act 1987
- different methods of enforcement - understanding the planning legislative framework
- collecting evidence (record of interviews), entry onto property (who can do it), seeking admissions (obtaining relevant material) and providing a standard of proof
- court or tribunal?

DESIGNED FOR:
Planners, enforcement officers or planning assistants involved in planning enforcement and who need to understand the process.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
- the importance of drafting clear permit conditions
- recognising the different methods of enforcement
- identifying the nature of the alleged offence
- rights of entry onto property
- how evidence is collected and establishing the strength of the evidence
- the role of enforcement at VCAT.

COURSE PRESENTER:
This course is designed and presented by legal representatives from Maddocks Lawyers.

DATE: Tuesday 12 July 2016
VENUE: PIA Office
3/124 Exhibition St Melbourne
TIME: 9.30am - 1.30pm
PRICE: $225 PIA members
$300 non-PIA members
PLANNING LAW ESSENTIALS

CONTENT:
There are a number of key legal principles that planners need to know to do their job. Familiarity with the Planning and Environment Act 1987, planning schemes made under the Act, and the relationship with other legislation is a focus in this half-day presentation. This course provides a broad overview of the essential components of planning ‘law’, how to interpret a scheme, the difference between use and development, existing use rights, the roles of various authorities, and amending a planning scheme.

DESIGNED FOR:
Planners and planning assistants in the public and private sectors seeking an understanding of the workings of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 and the planning schemes.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
• understand the structure, key elements and relationship of planning schemes and the Planning and Environment Act 1987
• basic understanding of statutory interpretation principles
• ability to better enforce and administer a planning scheme and identify the limits of a planner’s power.

COURSE PRESENTERS:
This course is designed and presented by legal representatives from Maddocks Lawyers.

DATE: Tuesday 7 June 2016 OR Tuesday 13 September 2016
VENUE: PIA Office 3/124 Exhibition St Melbourne
TIME: 9.30am – 1.30pm
PRICE: $225 PIA members $300 non-PIA members

EXISTING USE RIGHTS

CONTENT:
Existing use rights are an integral component of planning law. Once someone has them, they are protected by the Planning and Environment Act 1987 and planning schemes. This session examines the nature of these rights - how they are established, what rights are protected, how they are regulated, and how they are lost.

DESIGNED FOR:
Every statutory and strategic planner requires knowledge of the principles governing these rights.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
• understand what is an existing use right
• identify the establishment of existing use rights
• understand the nature of these rights
• what mechanisms councils use to regulate an existing use right
• recognise how an existing use right is lost.

COURSE PRESENTERS:
This course is designed and presented by legal representatives from Maddocks Lawyers.

DATE: Thursday 13 October 2016
VENUE: PIA Office 3/124 Exhibition St Melbourne
TIME: 9.30am – 1.30pm
PRICE: $225 PIA members $300 non-PIA members
INTRODUCTION TO VCAT - THE HEARING

CONTENT:
This long-standing course ‘breaks the ice’ for planners about entering a VCAT hearing and making a presentation. The course covers the role of VCAT’s Planning and Environment List in hearing planning submissions. This is a half-day session including a brief introduction to VCAT, guided attendance at a hearing and a session on preparing and presenting your submission. It includes discussion with VCAT members about various procedural issues. It is recommended that participants try to attend a VCAT hearing before this session.

DESIGNED FOR:
Any person who needs to attend a VCAT hearing including new planners or planners who are presenting their first appeal. It is applicable to consultants, referral authorities and local government.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
• appreciate VCAT’s role in decision making
• understand the role and function of the parties
• know what to include in your presentation to VCAT and how to prepare your case
• analysis of the hearing process.

COURSE PRESENTERS:
This course is supported by the VCAT Planning and Environment List and presented by senior VCAT members.

DATE:
Thursday 24 March 2016

VENUE:
Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT)
55 King St Melbourne

TIME:
9.00am - 1.00pm

PRICE:
$225 PIA members
$300 non-PIA members

3.5 PD POINTS

STRATEGIC POLICY DEVELOPMENT SERIES

NEW

SERIES OVERVIEW:
The Strategic Policy Development series will take participants from the 'big picture' of why we do strategic planning, and the principles behind preparing a strategic plan down to the detail of drafting specific planning scheme policy contained in Clauses 20, 30, 40 and 50.

The series has a focus on developing and drafting relevant and usable policy, and appropriate stakeholder engagement through the policy development process.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
By the end of the series a participant who has completed all modules will be equipped with the skills to confidently, clearly, concisely and efficiently draft planning policy for Victorian planning schemes.

APPROACH:
The approach used by the team is to provide theory backed by real life case studies and hands on projects to be completed as part of the module. As the series progresses, modules become less theoretical and more practical.

Each module is based upon a flexible learning model and will include:
• Theory and case study delivery by course presenters;
• Brief video presentations with specialists (VCAT members, Panel members, lawyers, architects, builders, applicants, Councillors);
• Small group work to analyse and discuss case studies provided;
• Small group work to develop project plans for strategic planning, and local policy for inclusion in schemes.

DELIVERY:
Days are run as individual, self-contained modules, but are designed as a progressive series where each module builds on the skills learnt in the previous module. Participants can choose one, two, three or four of the modules in the series.

MODULE 1: EFFECTIVE STRATEGIC PLANNING

This module provides a straightforward outline of the steps and skills needed for effective strategic planning. It identifies the keys to success and the common failings of strategic plans. The course builds on the experience and knowledge of participants, with opportunities to discuss common strategic planning issues. Consideration is given to taking forward the outputs of a strategic plan and preparing these outputs for translation into a planning scheme.

DATE:
Tuesday 5 April 2016, OR
Tuesday 9 August 2016

VENUE:
PIA Office
3/124 Exhibition St Melbourne

OR

DATE:
Tuesday 21 June 2016

VENUE:
Wangaratta Venue TBC

TIME:
9.00am - 5.00pm

PRICE:
$330 PIA members
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7 PD POINTS
MODULE 2: DEVELOPING POLICY AND CONTROLS

This module presents clear guidance for the development of effective planning policy and controls. It identifies the dos and don’ts of implementing strategic planning documents into the planning scheme. The emphasis is on practical tips for drafting and the drafting process and addresses the development of both ordinance and maps. The course refreshes the concept and purpose of policy under the layers of the planning scheme and examines the interrelationship between State and Local Policy and other policy that sits externally to the planning scheme (for example, SEPPs). The course improves clarity in the application of policy and the balancing of competing objectives. Case studies are used to draw examples including strengths and weaknesses of policy development.

DATE: Wednesday 6 April 2016, OR Wednesday 10 August 2016
VENUE: PIA Office 3/124 Exhibition St Melbourne OR
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TIME: 9.30am - 5.00pm
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MODULE 3: DRAFTING ZONES, OVERLAYS AND SCHEDULES

This is a practical module to build skills in the drafting of zones and schedules to zones, overlays and particular provisions. The module will include drafting zone controls from scratch, such as the Activity Centre Zone and Special Use Zone, understanding the scope of what overlay controls can achieve in line with the purpose of the head control, and identifying and addressing potential overlaps and conflicts in controls within the scheme as a whole. Participants will work on actual examples including a zone control, the Design and Development Overlay, and the Environment Significance Overlay.

DATE: Tuesday 3 May 2016, OR Tuesday 18 October 2016
VENUE: PIA Office 3/124 Exhibition St Melbourne OR
DATE: Tuesday 19 July 2016
VENUE: Wangaratta Venue TBC
TIME: 9.30am - 5.00pm
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MODULE 4: DRAFTING THE LPPF

This is a practical module to build skills in the drafting of the MSS and Local Policy. The module will include the role of the MSS and Local Policies and emphasise that these clauses only come into effect if a permit is triggered through another control in the scheme. Attention will be paid to streamlining Clause 21 and Clause 22 policy to avoid repetition with other parts of the scheme, therefore making the scheme easier to interpret for applicants, statutory planners and VCAT. Participants will work on an example of a policy from their local scheme, with the aim of taking a reviewed and redrafted document for inclusion in the planning scheme.

DATE: Wednesday 4 May 2016, OR Wednesday 19 October 2016
VENUE: PIA Office 3/124 Exhibition St Melbourne OR
DATE: Wednesday 20 July 2016
VENUE: Wangaratta Venue TBC
TIME: 9.30am - 5.00pm
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COURSE PRESENTERS:
Lester Townsend, Planning Panels Victoria
David Klingberg, David Lock Associates
John Rantino, Maddocks
Cazz Redding MPIA, Red Ink Planning (course coordinator)
ECONOMICS FOR PLANNERS

CONTENT:
This course explains the importance of having an appreciation of urban economics and the ways in which economics underpin good urban and regional planning and development. The course introduces participants to economic fundamentals that influence the planning and development of our cities, towns, and rural areas. It shows what goes into the preparation of market assessments, economic impact assessments and net community benefit assessments. The course is presented in non-technical language and contains numerous real-life project examples in retailing, tourism, activity centre planning, and growth area planning.

The course demonstrates the importance of economics in the preparation of strategic land use and development plans, structure plans, and growth area plans, and explains how to assess economics-related aspects of planning permit applications. In particular, the course shows how to assess land supply and demand for activity centres and growth areas, and land to accommodate commercial, employment and residential activities. The course acquaints participants with, for example, the assessment of retail floorspace potential, how to identify and assess tourism development opportunities, and how to identify new uses for heritage buildings.

The course includes case studies to illustrate these key economic aspects. Workshops are also conducted, focusing on ‘real life’ planning examples that arise in Council offices and consultancies.

DESIGNED FOR:
All planners and other professionals involved in preparing municipal strategic plans, structure plans, growth area plans, activity centre plans, and those involved in development applications for major retail, commercial, industrial, infrastructure and residential projects.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
• Understanding key fundamentals associated with economics in the planning and development of our urban and regional localities
• Familiarity with the techniques used by economists in assessing development applications and structure planning
• Understanding the need for economic research in planning and development projects and recognising when to obtain specialist assistance in economics
• Learning the necessary skills to enable the preparation of economics-related consultancy briefs.

COURSE PRESENTERS:
John Henshall LFPIA, Founding Partner and Sean Stephens, Managing Partner, Essential Economics Pty Ltd.

DATE: Thursday 28 July 2016
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TIME: 9.30am - 5.00pm
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URBAN RESILIENCE

CONTENT:
Resilience is emerging as a useful framework to advance sustainability, liveability and disaster risk management. Understand the major factors impacting on urban resilience and how land use planning, strategic asset management and emergency management can improve resilience outcomes.

Planning for urban resilience, and more specifically adaptation, is well under way in a number of cities around the world. Learn about current programs supporting urban resilience in Australia and overseas and how they can be applied at a more local level, emerging policy issues and implications for urban governance. Explore the alignment with place-making and community development objectives and learn about initiatives and projects currently underway.

DESIGNED FOR:
Strategic planners, urban, and sustainability professionals.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
An understanding of the theory and approaches to embedding resilience in urban planning and decision making processes at the local, city and global scale. Becoming more prominent in recent years, understand how resilience brings liveability and sustainability and disaster risk reduction principles together.

PRESENTER:
Liz Johnstone (PIA) Hon Fellow, has over 20 years local government and public policy background, and is currently Associate Director – Sustainability with AECOM. AECOM have been the strategy partner supporting the development of Melbourne’s first Resilience Strategy. Prior to AECOM Liz was with the Planning Institute of Australia and the Municipal Association of Victoria where she managed the planning and building policy areas.

DATE: Tuesday 5 July 2016
VENUE: PIA Office 3/124 Exhibition St Melbourne
TIME: 9.30am - 1.30pm
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PREPARING A PRECINCT STRUCTURE PLAN FOR A GREENFIELDS PRECINCT

CONTENT:
The preparation of a Precinct Structure Plan (PSP) is a key step in the development of land in Melbourne’s Growth Corridors, and in major regional centres. The PSP sets the framework for subsequent planning permit applications for residential areas, town centres, commercial and industrial development in greenfields precincts. This course will provide an overview of preparing and applying a PSP to a greenfields precinct.

DESIGNED FOR:
Local and state government planners, referral authority staff, and planning consultants working in greenfields precincts.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
The course will provide an understanding of:
• the structure of greenfields PSPs and an overview of the PSP guidelines.
• the form and content of greenfields PSPs.
• background studies and information required to prepare a greenfields PSP.
• the process of preparing a greenfields PSP.
• determining infrastructure requirements for a greenfields precinct and how this informs both the PSP and the Development Contributions Plan for the precinct.

URBAN DESIGN – REALISING A COMPACT CITY

CONTENT:
Realising a more compact city requires both an inspirational vision of the future and persistent incremental action. Creating the systems and infrastructure that support people living and working in cities is fundamental. What can we do now to contribute to the compact city we all aspire to inhabit? This one-day course, using local examples, provides an overview of the current research into what defines a compact city and how this has been successfully realised.

Higher density housing is the most visible and obvious first sign of change towards realising a compact city model. For a successful compact city it is critical to provide the systems and infrastructure required to support an increased number of people: jobs, schools, shopping, community and recreation facilities. Each development needs to contribute to the systems that make a place function well and to the amenity that first attracted development.

Topics covered will include: re-purposing under-utilised space; better utilising existing community facilities, living in the public realm; increasing density and diversity, modified modes of transport; physical form of a compact city; and managing change.

DESIGNED FOR:
Anyone looking for an advanced understanding of urban systems and the infrastructure required to support a more compact city, and those dealing with major projects, higher density housing and mixed use development.

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LEARNING OUTCOMES:
• understand urban systems and infrastructure required to support increased housing density
• learn strategies to enable each development to contribute to a vision
• familiarity with recent local precedents to support negotiations
• increased creativity and lateral thinking
• passion for the role that we all play in creating the future of our cities (every decision contributes to the shape of our city).

COURSE PRESENTER:
Robyn Pollock, is an architect and urban designer with a passionate commitment to the quality of the built environment and to design education. Robyn is in private practice (VAST Environments) and lectures at the University of Melbourne. Guests from local practice, the Office of the Victorian Government Architect, State Government or Melbourne City Council will share recent project experience to provide contemporary precedents.

DATE: Thursday 2 June 2016
VENUE: University of Melbourne
Parkville Campus Room TBC
TIME: 9.30am to 5.00pm
PRICE: $330 PIA members
$435 non-PIA members
DELIVERING URBAN TRANSFORMATION SERIES

Since 2012 the Delivering Urban Transformation series has been a popular component of the PLANET program with units addressing the growing imperative of transitioning our cities to meet impending challenges of a low carbon future and its consequences. The series introduces practical techniques, innovative approaches and tactical tips for the effective delivery of strategic urban transformation. The units draw on real life precedents and examples from near and far and include inputs from leading practitioners.

DUT units are customised (not repeated annually) and incorporate contributions by specialists from private and public sectors. Each unit is free-standing, so can be taken either individually or as a sequence with other DUT units. In 2016 three DUT units will be offered.

UNIT 1: TRANSFORMATION LESSONS FROM CITIES AROUND THE WESTERN WORLD NEW

Australian cities reflect a synthesis of influences from across the Western world, so planning for their future evolution and transformation can be usefully informed by recent experiences among comparable international cities undergoing structural change due to a variety of causes.

Using recent direct research in Europe and North America, this unit draws on site visits and personal interviews with practitioners, policy-makers, decision-takers and informed observers to identify techniques and factors that have influenced the quality and effectiveness of outcomes relative to each city’s circumstances. It provides detailed insight of the best pickings identified in fresh thinking, innovation and exemplar projects relevant to the choices and options facing Australian cities.

Illustrated with practical case studies, the unit identifies success factors, innovative models, enviable precedents and cautionary lessons that can inform choices when addressing local challenges and opportunities. Experiences are drawn from cities across a range of sizes and types: from London to regional UK cities, diverse cities across the USA and Canada, innovators leaders in Scandinavia and continental Europe, along with noteworthy examples around Australian and New Zealand.

DESIGNED FOR:

Senior professionals and emerging leaders and practitioners from a range of professional roles and backgrounds across local government, consulting and specialist agencies.

Those wanting a succinct update on global practice in urban change management.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

• familiarity with current global practice in guiding and managing urban change in Western cities.

• awareness of emerging trends, threats and notable examples relevant to Australian cities.

• understanding of emerging trends and success factors in urban change management:

• recognition of factors that can influence (enhance or inhibit) delivery of intended outcomes.

• awareness of examples and projects for further information, including references and links.

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UNIT 2: RESPONDING TO THE CHALLENGE OF URBAN TRANSFORMATION:

Recognising the impending demands of adapting to a low carbon future, rapid population growth, demographic shifts, climate change and economic restructuring, Australian cities need to nimbly transform to address imminent pressures and current vulnerabilities (such as high levels of private vehicle dependency). It is questionable whether many current planning practices and plans are ‘fit for purpose’ in effectively coping or delivering change of the required scale, or able to adequately guide market forces to ensure outcomes are consistent with the public interest.

This unit will set out the key challenges confronting Victorian cities in particular (metropolitan Melbourne and regional capitals), review shortfalls and constraints in current structures, processes and governance in responding to these, then explore emerging and innovative practices that could be more effective in leading the transformation process.

The unit will include inputs from innovative practitioners & inspiring examples of initiatives that show potential in contributing to positive urban transformation.

DESIGNED FOR:

Established and emerging planning professionals, planners and managers with strategic responsibilities or interests, and others who recognise the need to proactively address urban change pressures to effectively influence outcomes consistent with a ‘preferred’ future.

Suitable also for early career practitioners interested in pursuing this important segment of planning and developing familiarity with emerging alternative techniques, processes, structures and skills.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

• familiarity with the known and likely challenges facing Australian cities in coming decades.

• enhanced understanding of the mismatch between current practice and necessary action.

• recognition of opportunities to leverage positive change from growth.

CONTINUED
UNIT 3: TOOLS FOR TRANSFORMATION

Recognising the impending challenges of transformation facing cities, particularly Australian cities, this unit articulates a suite of new and refined approaches, tools and techniques for effectively providing planning leadership in the management of rapid urban change.

The unit will build a ‘tool kit’ of potential innovative approaches, models and techniques, drawing from both practice and theory. This will include approaches such as ‘whole of place’ integration of land use change and infrastructure, design-led transformation, techniques for value uplift capture, ‘place brokering’ and ‘place-making’ approaches, and techniques for aligning market forces to assist delivery of public policy goals.

Examples will be illustrated with case studies drawn from near and far. The success or otherwise of innovative initiatives will be examined, including how successes were achieved, whether these were then replicated or diffused to other places, and exploring possible reasons why unsuccessful examples did not achieve their apparent potential.

Experienced practitioners from public and private sectors will be sought to contribute to this unit.

DESIGNED FOR:
Senior professionals and emerging leaders and practitioners from a range of professional roles and backgrounds across local government, consulting and specialist agencies.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
- awareness of a suite of innovative techniques and methods for influencing urban change.
- an understanding of new models, their application, context and performance.
- a critical understanding of the effectiveness of techniques under given conditions or context.
- understanding of structural and procedural constraints in current structures and processes.
- familiarity with case study examples and their potential relevance to participants’ current or potential work objectives.

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PRESENTER:
Each unit is designed and led by Rod Duncan FPIA, an innovative planning and urban design practitioner and educator with specialist international training and extensive experience across the public sector, consultancy, academia, and direct global research of best practice among ‘western’ cities in the effective delivery of strategic change. He designed and led Bendigo’s award-winning City Centre Program, was inaugural Associate Professor for Deakin University’s planning program, and as Director of the Good City consultancy advises locally and internationally on urban transformation.

PRACTITIONERS SEEKING:
Practitioners seeking more effective techniques for contributing to transformative planning.
URBAN DESIGN IN PRACTICE

CONTENT:
This course demystifies the language of urban design to improve planners’ confidence in dealing both with urban design issues and designers. Urban design is about creating rather than regulating. To assist the creative process, various tools are available including urban design frameworks and urban context reports. There are also good design principles with a long history of application in successful urban form.

The course covers what urban designers do, provides an urban design vocabulary, presents urban design as an inclusive and collaborative process and provides a practical hands-on exercise. The afternoon session is a practical workshop in small groups, involving a nearby site visit and the application of site analysis/design response principles for an infill development. This group work is then analysed and discussed before a local architect provides a view on how the site can work.

DESIGNED FOR:
Anyone looking for an enhanced understanding of urban design and those dealing with the design aspects of planning scheme applications and amendments.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
• recognise appropriate and responsible urban design outcomes and contribute to design discussions based on a rational and replicable design methodology
• understand the critical role of context and precedent in urban design

PLANNING AND URBAN DESIGN FOR TOWN CENTRES

CONTENT:
Town Centres are often the heart of a new or established community. The early provision of not only retail but also anchoring community facilities, is a key factor in establishing a sense of place in an area which goes beyond providing a “shopping centre” to create a vibrant urban and civic setting. A network of accessible and viable town centres is a key component of greenfields PSPs and in established and urban renewal areas. These centres will create the framework for future 20 minute neighbourhoods throughout Melbourne and even in regional areas of Victoria.

This course examines the thinking behind the detailed design of these centres, and explores real life examples of delivery of town centres over the last decade in greenfields and infill precincts.

DESIGNED FOR:
Local government planners and urban designers, referral authority staff, and planning and urban design consultants working on Town Centre projects.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
The course will provide an understanding of:
• theory behind Town Centre evolution.
• how major, local and neighbourhood town centres are planned in greenfields precinct.
• current best practice in the design of town centres.
• evaluation of the last decade of design and delivery of town centres – what works and what is less successful.

CRUCIAL ROLE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Statutory Planners in the approval of planning permits for town centres in greenfields precincts and maintaining the design intent.

COURSE PRESENTER:
Frank Hanson is the Manager Urban Design – Commercial and Retail at the MPA. Frank holds a Master of Planning and Design (Urban Design) and Master of Landscape Architecture from the University of Melbourne, and a Bachelor of Fine Arts (Art) from the University of Calgary, Canada. He was the Adjunct Professor RMIT University School of Global Studies, Social Science and Planning 2011- 2014 and an Honorary Senior Fellow – Faculty of Architecture Building and Planning at the University of Melbourne 2004-2009.

DATE: Thursday 17 November 2016
VENUE: University of Melbourne Parkville Campus Room TBC
TIME: 9.30am - 5.00pm
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3.5 PD POINTS

NEW
UNDERSTANDING ESD – ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

CONTENT:
This course provides an introduction to Ecologically Sustainable Development at a policy, precinct, infrastructure and building scale. Targeted to respond to sustainability policy settings at a state and local level and market demand, ESD provides a tangible way to reduce the construction and ongoing environmental impacts of the built environment. This course will explain the various approaches used for assessing ESD and use case studies ranging from large, high performing buildings to interventions at a domestic scale. An introduction to the range of assessment tools, including LEED, WELL Rating tool, Green Star Design and as Built and Communities, BESS will also be made.

DESIGNED FOR:
Government and private sector planners and strategic planners wanting to know more about ESD, as well as building owners and managers.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
• understand key ESD policy drivers and elements
• understand different assessment methods and requirements
• improve ability to identify and realise ESD opportunities

DATE:
Thursday 31 March 2016

VENUE:
PIA Office
3/124 Exhibition St Melbourne

TIME:
9.30am - 5.00pm

PRICE:
$330 PIA members
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PRESENTER:
David Jarrett is a leading ESD practitioner and GBCA Green Star and LEED Accredited Professional. He is a member of the Property Council’s Sustainability Round Table and Associate Director – ESD with AECOM. He has contributed to innovative public and private ESD outcomes in Australia and overseas.

UNDERSTANDING RENEWABLES – THE DOS AND DON'TS IN THE INTEGRATION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY

CONTENT:
This course explores the dos and don’ts in the integration of renewable energy into communities, developments and businesses. Using real time case studies, the course covers the range of issues to be considered when looking to develop commercial and larger scale renewable energies, and provides an overview on key success factors, drivers, risks and feasibility of integrating renewables into various sites and projects.

The course uses case studies to explain methodologies used to assess potential renewable energies and explores some of the regulatory and implementation challenges. Leading technologies such as Solar PV, Wind, Battery Storage will be explored in depth and other renewables such as Geothermal, Biomass, Biogas will be touched on.

DESIGNED FOR:
Councils, sustainability officers, developers, investors, community

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
• understand the factors, drivers, risks and feasibility affecting the success of integrating renewables
• understand how renewable energies are assessed
• learn about different technologies, their relative strengths and weaknesses and how they are used
• recognise the challenges facing implementation

DATE:
Thursday 25 August 2016

VENUE:
PIA Office
3/124 Exhibition St Melbourne

TIME:
9.30am - 5.00pm

PRICE:
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PRESENTER:
Joep Vaessen. Joep has over 10 years’ experience within the renewable energy industry across Australia, Europe, Canada and the USA. He has provided strategic input and design advice on a wide range of renewable energy projects, including solar PV, wind and combinations with energy storage or other generation (e.g. diesel). Joep has a specific focus and knowledge in solar PV projects and is a key member of AECOM’s generation team. Joep holds a Bachelor in Engineering and a Master in Business Administration.
**HERITAGE PLANNING**

**CONTENT:**
Local government planners are regularly faced with challenges in respect to heritage matters and community concerns. This course explores the fundamental components of the heritage planning process. The course includes the history of heritage legislation in Victoria and the current heritage structure.

Terminology and concepts include the Burra Charter, heritage values, criteria and thresholds, citations and statements of significance, heritage studies and thematic histories. The Heritage Overlay and other planning tools are explored and the process of preparing and processing planning scheme amendments and the role of planning panels will be explained.

**DESIGNED FOR:**
Local government planners and consultants involved in managing heritage places.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES:**
- understand the heritage protection system in Victoria
- understand the process of identifying, assessing and documenting heritage places
- identify when to apply the different heritage tools and the process of a heritage amendment
- ability to confidently discuss proposals with the ‘heritage experts’
- interpret heritage studies and the process for implementation
- ability to explain the heritage process to property owners and managers.

**COURSE PRESENTERS:**
Tim Smith, Executive Director, Heritage Victoria; Jenny Moles, Senior Panel Member, Planning Panels Victoria; Ray Tonkin, Sessional Panel Member and Geoff Austin, Senior Heritage Planner DELWP.

**DATE:**
Friday 22 April 2016

**VENUE:**
PIA Office
3/124 Exhibition St Melbourne

**TIME:**
9.30am - 5.00pm

**PRICE:**
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**RECOGNISING ARCHITECTURAL STYLES**

**CONTENT:**
This program provides information about the various common architectural styles of the 19th and 20th century in Victoria. The key characteristics of Victorian, Federation/Edwardian, interwar and postwar house styled are explored through numerous illustrations, and helpful hints are outlined in recognising the different stylistic types. Illustrated notes are provided that will become an important practical reference in the office. A short walking tour covering the different styles is included in the program, giving real life examples of the styles discussed.

**WHO DESIGNED FOR:**
Planners requiring knowledge of the different architectural styles in Victoria.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES:**
- appreciate of the different house styles in the 19th and early 20th century in Victoria.
- identify of the key characteristics and terms used in defining heritage houses.
- recognise of the role of the heritage advisor in the planning process.
- comprehend of the design parameters in assessing planning permit applications relating to alterations & additions to heritage dwellings, new dwellings in heritage areas, new fences, garaging and external paint colours.

**PRESENTER:**
Dr David Rowe is a heritage consultant in private practice and is the Director of Authentic Heritage Services. He is also a heritage advisor in local government and has considerable experience in the application of the Heritage Overlay.

**DATE:**
Tuesday 12 April 2016

**VENUE:**
PIA Office
3/124 Exhibition St Melbourne

**TIME:**
9.30am - 5.00pm

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HERITAGE

INFILL DEVELOPMENT IN HERITAGE AREAS

CONTENT:
Infill development in heritage areas can be contentious, with polarised views between the local community, designer, developer and planning authority. This program aims to give a brief background about diverging views on architectural design in heritage areas. More particularly, it aims to give a context for interpreting what might and might not constitute appropriate design outcomes through the parameters of: the significance of the heritage place; integrity of heritage neighbourhoods; and State and Local Planning policies. Specific infill development types are outlined and explored through a range of illustrated case studies.

DESIGNED FOR:
Planners needing guidance on making decisions about new developments in heritage areas.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
• appreciate of the history of diverging attitudes in architectural design.
• acknowledge the importance of heritage significance in heritage areas.
• understand the meaning of contemporary interpretation.
• comprehend design parameters about planning policies, guidelines and streetscape context, and where discretion may be applied in determining planning applications in heritage areas.
• recognise the different types of infill development through a range of illustrated case studies.

PRESENTER:
Dr David Rowe is a heritage consultant in private practice and is the Director of Authentic Heritage Services. He is also a heritage advisor in local government and has considerable experience in the application of the Heritage Overlay.

DATE: Tuesday 8 November 2016
VENUE: PIA Office 3/124 Exhibition St Melbourne
TIME: 9.30am - 1.30pm
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COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

HOW TO DESIGN AN ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

CONTENT:
A full day workshop that explains how to construct a communication and engagement program for a strategic planning project. Participants will learn how to generate stages and objectives for the program, and how these are underpinned by the needs of the different stakeholder interest groups. Case studies, and frequent reference to actual engagement experiences, will be workshoped to provide practical learning experience.

The course explains how to ask the right questions at the right time, and thereby how to avoid tokenistic consultation, and the difference between consultation and research. Choice of appropriate engagement tools will be workshoped at the end of the day, with reference to the objectives and stakeholder characteristics.

DESIGNED FOR:
Planners who design and deliver communication and engagement programs for planning projects.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
• structure an engagement program into a planning process
• understand how to segment the stakeholders
• generate clear engagement objectives
• seek useful information and avoid tokenistic consultation
• craft the questions that will drive the engagement
• choose the right engagement tools

COURSE PRESENTER:
Mike Scott PIA Fellow CPP, founding Director, Planisphere, has designed and facilitated hundreds of successful strategic planning engagement processes.

DATE: Friday 29 April 2016
VENUE: PIA Office 3/124 Exhibition St Melbourne
TIME: 9.30am - 5.00pm
PRICE: $330 PIA members $435 non-PIA members
HOW TO RUN MEETINGS

CONTENT:
A full day workshop that introduces participants to the range of techniques needed to master the art of effective chairing and facilitation. The course will consider the various types of forum and their appropriateness in different circumstances. It will cover preparation (e.g. agenda, room layout, different meeting styles and sizes, logistics), and basic techniques of facilitation and chairing, formal and informal. It will emphasise a light, relaxed style that generates trust and openness, yet drives the agenda effectively and efficiently.

Particular attention will be focused on setting an appropriate tone of communication, getting everyone to participate, and on dealing with conflict. Case studies, and frequent reference to actual facilitation experiences, will be worked through to provide a practical learning experience.

DESIGNED FOR:
Planners who need to facilitate or chair meetings, workshops etc.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
• understand the role of the facilitator/chair
• know what to prepare beforehand
• learn basic techniques of facilitation and chairing (formal and informal)
• create an atmosphere of collaboration
• deal with conflict and difficult or shy people
• hot tips on successful and efficient meeting facilitation

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Thursday 19 May 2016

VENUE:
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TIME:
9.30am - 5.00pm

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COMMUNICATING WITH COMMUNITIES

CONTENT:
This full day course reveals techniques and insights that can transform the quality and effectiveness of your written and verbal communication. A good deal of communication about planning is dense, turgid and ineffective, and this course will answer questions like: How should a letter, a bulletin or a report be structured and designed? What’s different about presenting to Councillors, compared to a community or a seminar? Are facts alone an effective response to emotion and anger? How do you handle ‘squeaky wheel’ individuals? How can you improve your presentation skills?

Case studies, and frequent reference to actual engagement experiences, will be workshoped to provide practical learning experience.

DESIGNED FOR:
Planners who design and deliver communication and engagement programs for planning projects.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
• understand your communities of interest
• use the language of the people
• set the right communication ‘tone’
• choose the right media/role of e-communication
• deal with emotion and anger
• how to communicate with Councillors

DATE:
Thursday 10 November 2016

VENUE:
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TIME:
9.30am - 5.00pm

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