We all want more liveable, walkable, sustainable communities. But can we deliver them, and how do we build the evidence and community support required to advance positive change? This conference will provide both inspiration and practical pathways for delivering smart urban futures, no matter how large or small your community. It will include a genuine conversation about the barriers that are holding us back and ways to overcome them.

THE ROYAL AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS, COLLEGE OF SURGEONS’ GARDENS, 250-290 SPRING ST, MELBOURNE

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?
Strategic and statutory planners, urban designers, place makers, transport planners, policy advisors, sustainability officers, researchers, councillors, directors, health promotion practitioners and asset managers.

KEY CONFERENCE THEMES ARE:
• Preparing for an uncertain future – what might it look like? How do we position our communities to be resilient and adaptable to whatever comes our way?
• Healthy communities and street design that works for everyone – designing for the young and the old, gender and diversity
• Building community support – how to get councillors, traders, stakeholders and the public on-side
• Development we can be proud of – building new suburbs and major infill that really work
• Integrated transport planning – transport projects that work for local communities
• Bringing economic development and urban design together – selling sustainable urban change as an economic development path.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS
• BRENT TODERIAN, founding President of the Council for Canadian Urbanism. One of the World’s leading urban planners, Brent was Chief Planner of Vancouver from 2006-2012, consolidating Vancouver’s reputation as a ‘city by design.’ He now advises cities from Brisbane to Copenhagen, Sydney to Halifax.
• DR TIM WILLIAMS, CEO, Committee for Sydney. Tim was previously CEO of the Thames Gateway London Partnership and in 2003 he was voted by his peers as the leading person in UK urban renewal. Tim wrote much of the current Mayor’s Design Guide for London.
• LUCINDA HARTLEY, Co-Founder, CoDesign Studio. Lucinda is an urban designer and social entrepreneur named as one of Melbourne’s ‘Top 100’ most influential people. As co-founder of CoDesign Studio, a placemaking social enterprise, Lucinda launched Australia’s largest tactical urbanism program: The Neighbourhood Project.
• JUSTIN MADDEN, City Strategy Executive – City Operations Leader, ARUP. A former architect, Justin held seven Ministerial portfolios across 11 years in the Victorian Parliament, including Minister for Planning from 2006-2010.
• PROFESSOR BILLIE GILES-CORTI, Director of RMIT’s Urban Futures Enabling Capability Platform. For two decades, Billie and a multi-disciplinary research team have been studying the impact of the built environment on health and wellbeing.
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| 9.10AM | Brent Toderian, Principal, TODERIAN Urban WORKS; founding President of the Council for Canadian Urbanism.  
**Building better communities for the future**  
What can we learn from the rest of the World and other cities, big and small, that are trying to build a sustainable future? Brent will outline approaches to deliver good planning – selling the message politically and publicly.  
One of the World’s leading urban planners, Brent was Chief Planner of Vancouver from 2006-2012, building innovative approaches and consolidating Vancouver’s reputation as a ‘city by design.’ His accomplishments included the EcoDensity and Greenest City initiatives, housing affordability and other inventive strategies at the downtown, city and regional levels emphasizing a “complete city”. He now advises cities from Brisbane to Copenhagen, Sydney to Halifax. *Sponsored by Heart Foundation Victoria.* |
| 10.00AM| Professor Billie Giles-Corti, Director of RMIT’s Urban Futures Enabling Capability Platform and Lead Investigator of the NHMRC Centre for Research Excellence in Healthy Liveable Communities.  
**What are the key ingredients for healthy, liveable communities?**  
What does the research tell us about urban form and its influence on our health? One of Australia’s leading researchers on health and the built environment, Billie will discuss the key characteristics that support healthy, liveable communities and outline critical metrics of walkable neighbourhoods that produce health and wellbeing. Currently Director of the McCaughey VicHealth Community Wellbeing Unit at Melbourne University, in 2017 she will take up her new role at RMIT. Billie is an Honorary Fellow of the Planning Institute of Australia and a Fulbright Scholar. |
| 10.30AM| MORNING TEA/NETWORKING                                                  |
| 11.00AM| Lisa Langley, Policy Manager, Council on the Ageing (COTA) NSW           |
**Creating liveable communities for everyone - what we can learn from how older people get around their urban, regional and rural communities**  
How do older people navigate a rapidly changing world? What does that mean for urban planning in an ageing society? Lisa will explore these questions with reference to COTA NSW’s 50+ Report, based on a survey of more than 4,000 older people. |
| 11.20AM| LAUNCH OF THE HEART FOUNDATION (VICTORIA) HEALTHY AND ACTIVE BY DESIGN INITIATIVE |
| 11.35AM| PANEL SESSION – HOW DO WE CREATE HEALTHY CITIES THAT WORK FOR EVERYONE?  |
Brent Toderian, Billie Giles-Corti, Lisa Langley |
| 12.05PM| LUNCH (INCLUDING OPTIONAL SHORT WALK)                                   |
| 12.55PM| INTEGRATED TRANSPORT PLANNING                                           |
- **Matt Shrimpton, Executive Coordinator, Infrastructure, City of Gold Coast**  
The Gold Coast City Transport Strategy 2031  
The Strategy aims to manage road space better, eliminate bottlenecks, invest in cycling and walking, extend the light rail network, improve bus services and extend the capacity of the heavy railway.  
- **Dr David Mepham, Director, DMC.**  
Building pedestrian access into stations and level crossing removals  
How do we build a symbiotic relationship between public transport and its surroundings? David will outline his recent work reviewing past and present grade-separated train stations and level crossing removal projects.  
- **Murray Erbs, Group Manager, City Infrastructure, Redland City Council (Queensland)**  
Redland Integrated Transport Plan  
The Redland Transport Plan 2016 is a 15-year integrated transport strategy encompassing public transport, cycling, walking, road network, freight, land use, environment, social constraints and travel demand management.  
20 minutes each plus 20 minutes of questions/discussion  
- **Alice Woodruff, Director, Active Cities**  
Enabling more walking for transport - behavioural insights  
Is it possible to nudge people to walk more for transport? Alice will explore the application of behavioural insights to influencing complex behaviours like walking. She will share results and practical experiences from projects including the Change to Walking program, supported by VicHealth.  
- **Nadia Combe, Project Manager, City of Darebin (Melbourne)**  
Broadway – simple design for safer streets and revitalizing your retail centre.  
This work looks at Broadway, a quiet retail precinct in Reservoir – how simple modifications have changed the conversation around pedestrian amenity. A case study in drawing from diverse funding sources to deliver inclusive design in an ageing society and reinvigorate a retail precinct.  
- **Kathleen Kemp, Sustainable Transport Planner and Thomas Mason, Traffic Engineer, City of Port Phillip (Melbourne)**  
Making it easier and safer to walk case studies – Greenlight for walkers and raised zebra crossings  
How to make inexpensive changes to increase traffic signal time and frequency for walkers. Raised zebra crossings at roundabouts result in small but significant speed reductions, encouraging walkers to use the crossing. |
2.15 PM  AFTERTHE LUNCH

2.40 PM  BRINGING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND URBAN DESIGN TOGETHER

• Steven Burgess, Principal Consultant MRCagney.
  Shaping regional towns and cities
  Using a range of case study material, Steven will discuss the key design elements that need to be in place if we are to have sustainable towns and cities in the future.

• Andrew Hammonds, Place Maker, Placefocus Queensland
  Placemaking: Think like a Fool
  Are your current practices creating ‘sticky’ streets, places and centres for locals, which also attract visitors? Probably not. Most people nominate pre-WWII places when asked for their favourite streets or districts – not suburbs created in the last 50 years. Andrew will provide built examples and share tools and techniques to develop sticky streets today.

• Questions and discussion – selling sustainable urban change as an economic development path

3.40pm  PREPARING FOR AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE

• Justin Passaportis, General Manager, GoGet Car Share
  The future of road transport and driverless vehicles
  The next decade looks like changing the traditional motor vehicle-infrastructure relationship in ways that will have significant impacts on road managers, including councils. GoGet car share is at the leading edge of this revolution and a partner in the Australian Driverless Vehicle Initiative (ADV). If

• David Holmgren, co-founder of the global permaculture movement and author of numerous books including Future Scenarios. Retrosuburbia
  Long time central Victorian resident and co-originator of the globally influential permaculture concept, David Holmgren draws on his Future Scenarios work to paint a picture of how simple household and community level strategies can build resilience to the hard emerging realities of economic contraction, peak oil and climate change.

• Kate Vinot, Director City Strategy and Place, City of Melbourne
  Towards a Smart City
  A smart city aims to improve the quality of life of its visitors and residents, by using any and all manner of technological and progressive solutions.

5PM  CLOSE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

9AM  BUILDING THE EVIDENCE AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

9AM Dr Tim Williams, CEO Committee for Sydney.
  Planning for successful cities
  In an age of huge population growth, how do we build successful cities that work for everyone? And how do we get leaders and the community on board? Tim was previously CEO of the Thames Gateway London Partnership and in 2003 he was voted by his peers as the leading person in UK urban renewal. He has written key reports on affordable housing and urban design – he wrote much of the current Mayor’s Design Guide for London. At the Committee for Sydney Tim has become recognised as a leading thinker on cities into the future.

9.35AM Lucinda Hartley, Co-Founder, CoDesign Studio
  How can we create more and better public spaces, for everyone?
  What’s required to help communities take greater responsibility for shaping neighbourhoods? Using The Neighbourhood Project as a case study, Lucinda will describe the new governance partnerships and delivery mechanisms that are needed to improve urban resilience, unlock the creative potential of everyday citizens and transform places cost-effectively. A landscape architect, urban designer and Honorary Senior Fellow with the University of Melbourne, Lucinda is co-author of the Tactical Urbanism Guide to Australia and New Zealand and the Rapid Urban Revitalisation toolkit. She is a member of the Ministerial Advisory Council for Fisherman’s Bend and the global Place Leadership Council. In 2012 she was credited as one of Melbourne’s ‘Top 100’ most influential people’ by The Age.

10.05AM Patricia Fitzsimons, Coordinator Sustainability, Hobsons Bay City Council (Melbourne).
  Connecting the Bay – Building community support in Hobsons Bay to implement integrated transport outcomes
  Hobsons Bay City Council engaged with its community and key stakeholders to build consensus around the design of an integrated transport network. To complement this work, school principals, teachers and junior Council members were engaged in the development of a best practice model for walking and cycling to school.

10.25AM PANEL DISCUSSION - BUILDING THE EVIDENCE AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT
  Brent Toderian, Tim Williams, Lucinda Hartley, Patricia Fitzsimons
10.50AM MORNINGtea

11.15AM  STREETS FOR PEOPLE – STREET DESIGN THAT CREATES LIVEABLE, EQUITABLE COMMUNITIES

• Skye Duncan, Director of the Global Designing Cities Initiative, National Association of City Transport Officials (US).
  An international perspective – Global Street Design
  Skye will outline the new Global Street Design Guide, which seeks to redefine the role of streets in a rapidly urbanising World (video presentation).

• Natalya Boujenko, Strategic Consultant / Director, Intermethod
  Streets for People: from page to pavement
  Natalya is a transport planning and engagement consultant and author of a number of street design publications, including the award winning Streets for People: Compendium for South Australian Practice. She will describe how the Compendium changed decision-making and outcomes on the ground, with examples of transformational street design.

• Amy Child, Strategic Transport Planner, Arup
  Cities Alive: Towards a Walking World
  Amy will outline lessons for successful streets from her work as a transport planner specialising in strategy development and active transport in Victoria, WA and the UK. In particular, she will draw on Arup’s Active Cities: Towards a Walking World and her own leadership of the City of Perth Walkability Study.

• Duane Burtt, Senior Advisor, Victoria Walks
  How to improve safety for pedestrians (without pushing them into their cars)
  Duane will make the case for investment that not only makes pedestrians safer, but actually encourages people to walk, with reference to Victoria Walks’ research including Safer Road Design for Older Pedestrians.

Questions and panel discussion - Natalya Boujenko, Duane Burtt, Amy Child, Andrew Hammonds

12.55PM LUNCH (INCLUDING OPTIONAL SHORT WALK)

1.45PM SESSION OPTIONS – CHOOSE CONTINUING CONFERENCE OR WALKSHOPS

Justin Madden, City Strategy Executive – City Operations Leader, Arup
  Are we there yet?
  Having held seven Victorian Ministerial portfolios across 11 years, including Minister for Planning from 2006-2010, Justin Madden is uniquely placed to assess our progress towards Smart Urban Futures. Are we getting the planning of our streets and communities right? Are we even improving?
  Workshop session
  What do you think? Is the planning for our streets and communities taking us in the right direction? What are the obstacles and how do we tackle them?
  Following Justin’s presentation, we will break into small group discussion of these critical questions.

3PM DEVELOPMENT WE CAN BE PROUD OF – CASE STUDIES OF POSITIVE DESIGN

Lightsview, Adelaide
  Lightsview is a 91 hectare medium density residential project in the northern suburbs of Adelaide. It was the winner of the Planning Institute of Australia SA President’s Award 2013.

Whitegum Valley, Fremantle
  White Gum Valley is the first One Planet Living residential community in WA. Currently under construction, it will feature initiatives expected to slash household bills by $1200 a year, cut grid energy use by 60% and mains water use by 70%.

3.50PM CONFERENCE CLOSE

COST: $594 (INCLUDING GST)

NOTE: Staff or councillors from Victoria Walks supporter organisations are eligible for a 20% discount – unbeatable value at just $475! (maximum two per organisation)

TO REGISTER: For online registration and conference details go to www.mav.asn.au/events (click on ‘upcoming events’ and scroll down to March 28).

QUERIES: jhennessy@mav.asn.au or dburtt@victoriawalks.org.au

NOTE: Program subject to change.

AND THERE’S MORE….FREE PRE-CONFERENCE MASTERCLASS (FOR CONFERENCE ATTENDEES)

Behavioural interventions to encourage walking for transport

Monday March 27, 2017 - MAV, 60 Collins Street, Melbourne

How do we encourage people to walk to work, school and other everyday destinations?

This masterclass will bring together leading Australian behaviour change experts to share their experience and explore in detail the methods, tools and lessons from the Change to Walking Program, supported by VicHealth and managed by Victoria Walks in collaboration with five Victorian councils. Hear from both the program leaders and the councils themselves (council speakers to be advised).

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:
• David Engwicht, Director of Creative Communities International (Brisbane).
• Alice Woodruff, Director, Active Cities and manager of Change to Walking.
• Jonathan Daly, Director, The Change Collective, who led the evaluation of Change to Walking.

Register for Smart Urban Futures and get free, exclusive first access to the Masterclass.

WALKSHOPS
An opportunity to see innovative council projects in action on the ground

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