

Building Liveable, Walkable, Sustainable Communities

SMART URBAN FUTURES

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

MARCH 28 & 29 2017

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



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.

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.

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.



TUESDAY, MARCH 28



8.30AM REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

9AM WELCOME FROM MAV PRESIDENT AND VICTORIA WALKS CHAIR

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. In addition to leading RMIT University's Urban Futures Enabling Capability Platform, Billie is Co-Director of its Healthy Liveable Cities Group in the Centre for Urban Research. She 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)

12.55 PM **INTEGRATED TRANSPORT PLANNING**

- **Jessica Coats, Transport Planner, City of Ipswich**
City of Ipswich Transport Plan: iGO – doing the right mix

The iGO plan highlights:

- o Facilitating travel mode choices and reducing car dependency
- o Transport and mixed land use
- o Culture shift including non-traditional attitudes

- **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.

- **Alton Twine, Director Infrastructure, Gold Coast City Council**
Gold Coast Transport Strategy 2031

The transport strategy is a city-changing initiative that will create a world-class transport system. The aim is to manage road space better, eliminate bottle necks, invest in cycling and walking, extend the light rail network, improve bus services and extend the capacity of the heavy railway.

20 minutes each plus 20 minutes of questions/discussion

GETTING PEOPLE ON THEIR FEET

- **Alice Woodruff, Director, Active City**
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 John Bartels, Coordinator Sustainable Transport, 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 AFTERNOON TEA

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 (ADVI).

- **Antony Sprigg, CEO, Infrastructure Sustainability Council of Australia (ISCA)**

Increased sustainability delivers a better future

The ISCA framework aims to improve the productivity & liveability of industry & communities through increased sustainability in infrastructure. ISCA developed and administers the Infrastructure Sustainability (IS) rating scheme, which is Australia's only comprehensive rating system for evaluating sustainability across design, construction and operation of infrastructure. A simplified version of IS has been developed for smaller Council projects.

- **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 at 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 MORNING TEA

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 Burt, 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 Burt, 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.

WALKSHOP

Get out and explore innovative approaches to encouraging walkable neighbourhoods that change the way cars and people interact on streets and in public spaces. See a diverse range of examples in the suburb of Prahran
Hosted by Rick Kwasek, Manager Urban & Infrastructure Projects and Simon McKenzie-McHarg, Landscape Coordinator from the City of Stonnington

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

Ben McHugh, Director Capital Works, Transport Canberra and City Services, ACT

Priority to the People: The Bunda Street Shared Zone

Ben leads a team of architects and engineers who plan, design and deliver Canberra's urban infrastructure. Bunda Street is at the core of Canberra's main commercial hub, lined with shop fronts and previously full of cars. Tasked with changing the street to prioritise people, both walking and on bicycles, convincing the community of the benefits was the biggest challenge, designing and delivering a self-explaining urban environment would turn out to be the easy part.

Kieran Wong RAIA, Design Director, CODA Architecture + Urban Design

White Gum Valley: Innovation through Demonstration

Kieran is a co-founder of Fremantle based CODA, one of Australia's most innovative design practices, and WA President of the Association of Consulting Architects. White Gum Valley (WGV) by LandCorp creates a best practice blueprint for the planning and development of small infill sites within middle suburbs. The project features renewable energy, energy storage and sustainable water systems integrated into both the design and the governance of the development.

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: To register for the conference please click here>>>

For further details about the conference go to www.mav.asn.au/events (click on 'upcoming events' and scroll down to March 28).

QUERIES: jhennessy@mav.asn.au or dburt@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

Date: Monday March 27, 2017 from 1.00pm to 4.30pm

Location: MAV Office, Level 11, 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 City 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.

Note: places are limited to 40 people and allocated on a first-come first-served basis.