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HEALTHY BUILT ENVIRONMENTS PROGRAM

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A word from the Co-Directors

It has been a busy second half of 2010. The HBEP has visited all the NSW Area Health Services, completed the final draft of the Literature Review and made presentations at various forums. These include the Utzon Lecture hosted by the Faculty of Built Environment, University of New South Wales. We expect 2011 to be equally eventful in healthy built environments. The HBEP will focus on disseminating the results of our Literature Review and the development of our Strategic Research and Workforce Development Plans. Thank you for your continued support during 2010 and we look forward to working with you in the New Year.

Introducing new members of the HBEP team

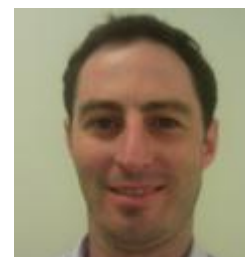
Dr Lisa Mu

Lisa is on a six month student placement with the Healthy Built Environments Program. She is a medical graduate from the University of Western Ontario and is currently undertaking a post graduate internship in public health at the University of British Columbia. During her time with the HBEP, Lisa is working on different research and education/capacity building projects with HBEP Co-Directors Thompson and Capon. She is very excited to be joining the Healthy Built Environments Program and to learn more about healthy built environments efforts here in Sydney.



Mr Evan Freeman

Evan Freeman commenced in September as the first Public Health Officer (PHO) Trainee with the HBEP. Evan is being co-supervised by HBEP partner, Professor Bin Jalaludin (SSWAHS) and Co-Director Thompson. He is undertaking a research project for the HBEP assessing healthy built environment stakeholders' needs for research evidence in their practice and policy making. The findings of his project will directly feed into the HBEP Research Strategy.



Event: The Utzon Lecture

On 13th October the HBEP Co-Directors A/Professor Susan Thompson and Professor Tony Capon delivered a lecture entitled "Healthy Built Environments = Healthy Cities" at the University of New South Wales. This formed a part of the 2010 Utzon Lecture Series which has consisted of a series of presentations, lectures and debates on topics that address local and global built environment concerns, issues and perspectives. The lecture, which was attended by a wide range of academic, industry and community representatives, was well received and generated positive interest in the HBEP's work. If you would like to view the lecture please click on the following link: <http://tv.unsw.edu.au/video/utzon-lecture-series-healthy-built-environments-healthy-cities>

Area Health Service (AHS) Tour

From August to December the HBEP has been touring all the AHSs across NSW. There have been two elements to each visit:

1. Listening Tour – a face-to-face discussion with AHS staff about their involvement in urban development processes, their capacity building needs in this area, and how the Healthy Built Environments Program can help.

2. Capacity Building Workshop - this has involved AHS staff capacity building in healthy built environments, including how to apply the Healthy Urban Development Checklist. This resource can be accessed at <http://www.fbe.unsw.edu.au/cf/hbep/publications/>, under "Practice Guides".

These visits have highlighted important issues where the HBEP can focus its advocacy, education and workforce development in future years. A draft report on recommendations from the AHS Listening Tour will be submitted to NSW Health in 2011.

Revised Sydney Metropolitan Strategy

The NSW Government has just released its Metropolitan Plan for Sydney 2036. The Plan incorporates healthy planning issues in its Strategic Direction H - 'Achieving Equity, Liveability and Social Inclusion'. Click on the following link to read more: <http://www.fbe.unsw.edu.au/cf/hbep/hbepnews/>. On this web page you can also read the HBEP submission which advocated for the inclusion of healthy planning.

What's New on the HBEP Website?

Presentations: <http://www.fbe.unsw.edu.au/cf/hbep/publications/> (under 'Presentations')

Utzon Lecture Slides: the Co-Directors' lecture entitled "Healthy Built Environments = Healthy Cities".

The Walking Experience: Co-Director Thompson's presentation on the experience of walking as a connecting force to the self, others and the environment.

New Planner December Column: <http://www.fbe.unsw.edu.au/cf/hbep/publications/> (under 'New Planner')

The Co-Directors latest column is titled **A Healthy Built Environments Year** and outlines major achievements in healthy planning for 2010.

Events: <http://www.fbe.unsw.edu.au/cf/hbep/hbepnews/>

A highlight is the **Contested Landscapes Exhibition** which will be showing throughout Summer 2010/11.

NSW Planning – Position Statement on Planning for Active Living: this statement establishes the NSW Department of Planning's commitment to active living principles. It can be accessed at <http://www.fbe.unsw.edu.au/cf/hbep/resources/> (under 'NSW').

Website Links: <http://www.fbe.unsw.edu.au/cf/hbep/resources/> (under 'International')

Healthy Planning (US): has useful resources on healthy built environment research, policy and action.

Planet Health Cymru (Wales, UK): an information portal for professionals working in a range of sectors on cross-cutting issues associated with the environment and health.

The HBEP website (<http://www.fbe.unsw.edu.au/cf/hbep/>) provides information on a range of local and international Healthy Built Environment initiatives. We welcome suggestions for inclusions on the web site.



Season's Greetings

We wish all our readers a safe, relaxing and healthy festive season, and a successful and rewarding 2011.

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