

9th Australasian Urban History Planning History Conference

Sea Change? Historical perspectives on new and renewed urban landscapes: Ninth Australasian Urban History/Planning History Conference

5–7 February

The Events Centre, 20 Minchinton Street, Caloundra



Sea Change, the demographic shift from metropolitan to coastal towns, and an associated Tree Change to rural Australia, is profoundly altering the 21st century urban pattern. Yet while the immediate significance of this shift is widely debated, there has been little attempt to consider 'Sea Change Australia' within an historical context.

This conference will address the long-term processes within which the transitions of the first decade of the 21st century can be best comprehended. Conference sessions concentrate on developments in 20th century Australia and on comparative examples drawn from the Pacific, Asia and elsewhere.

Conference session themes

- Memory and place on Queensland's Gold Coast
- Indigenous communities and urban expansion
- Heritage issues in new urban regions
- Post-industrial urban landscapes in Australia and New Zealand/Aotearoa
- The history of town planning associations in Australia
- Urban theory and the new urban region
- Tourist infrastructure and coastal urbanism
- Housing issues in ex-urban Australia
- Ethnic diversity and the per-urban

Conference keynote speaker

Professor Tony Dingle, Associate Dean, Education, Faculty of Business and Economics, Monash University

Professor Tony Dingle was formerly Head, Department of Economics at Monash University. His research interests include urban, environmental and economic history, especially of Australia. His current research projects include consumerism and domesticity in 20th century Australia, a history of miners' cottages, Melbourne and the Yarra River, history of the olive industry in Australia, and the history of urban water supplies.

He has written or edited 10 books including:

- Settling, Vol 2 of the three-volume 150th anniversary history of Victoria, (1984)
- Vital Connections: Melbourne and its Board of Works, 1891–1991, (1991) (with Carolyn Rasmussen)
- The Cream Brick Frontier: Histories Of Australian Suburbia, (1995) (with Graeme Davison and Seamus O'Hanlon).

He was Associate Editor on the recently published Encyclopaedia of Melbourne (2005). His most recent monograph is: Yan Yean: A history of Melbourne's early water supply system (Public Record Office of Victoria, Melbourne, 2003).

Conference program

Monday 4 February at The Events Centre, Caloundra

Time	Session
7pm	Pre-conference reception and registration

Tuesday 5 February at The Events Centre, Caloundra

Time	Session
8–8.25am	Registration
8.25–8.40am	Welcome and conference opening
8.40–10.20am	<p>Beausang Room History of town planning associations A Chair: Jenny Gregory</p> <p>1. Spreading the good news about town planning: The educative role of the Town Planning Association of New South Wales 1913–1928 Presented by Robert Freestone and Margaret Park, University of NSW</p> <p>2. Beautiful cities for beautiful living: The Victorian Town Planning and Parks Association 1914–1929. Presented by Andrew Brown-May and Susan Reidy, University of Melbourne</p> <p>3. 'Peddlers of new ideas': The South Australian Town Planning and Housing Association, 1915–1924 Presented by Christine Garnaut and Kerrie Round, University of South Australia</p>
10.20–10.40am	Morning tea
10.40–12.20pm	<p>Parallel sessions</p> <p>Beausang Room Round table Icon of the coastal city: The canal estate Convenor: Claudia Baldwin, University of the Sunshine Coast</p> <p>Reef Room History of town planning associations B Chair: John Stephens</p> <p>1. Southern Tasmanian Town Planning Association 1915–1939: Campaigning for urban environmental change Presented by Stefan Petrow, University of Tasmania</p> <p>2. Let our watchword be "order" and our beacon "beauty": The Town Planning Association in early 20th century Perth Presented by Jenny Gregory, University of Western Australia</p> <p>3. The Town Planning Association in Queensland 1915–1932: Socialism, regularity and property rights Presented by Chris McConville, Sean O'Keefe and Marie Lynch, University of the Sunshine Coast</p>
12.20–1pm	Lunch
1–2.40pm	<p>Beausang Room Keynote address: Professor Tony Dingle, Monash University: Miners' cottages</p>
2.40–3pm	Afternoon tea
3–4.40pm	<p>Parallel sessions</p> <p>Beausang Room Promoting places Chair: Ben Schrader</p> <p>1. "Don't By-pass Gosford": The car, the Australian Reptile Park and the promotion of tourism on the New South Wales central coast Presented by Nancy Cushing and Kevin Markwell, University of Newcastle</p> <p>2. Sunshine and Sea: Place promotion of Napier; 1900 to 1965 Presented by John Annabell, Massey University</p> <p>3. Selling Lifestyle: Marketing Melbourne's inner city apartments c1990-2005 Presented by Seamus O'Hanlon and Simone Sharp, Monash University</p> <p>Reef Room City and hinterland Chair: Chris McConville</p> <p>1. The economic impact of big cities on inland Australia and the Pacific United States: Evidence from Svdnev and San Francisco</p>

- Presented by Lionel Frost, Monash University
2. Inside Sea Change: How dwelling prices in sea change areas are influenced by large cities
Presented by Peter Slade, University of the Sunshine Coast
3. Sea change? The impact of declining house affordability on a small coastal community. A case study of the Shire of Denmark, Western Australia
Presented by Hayley R Williams, Principal Planner, Shire of Northampton, WA

Enterprise Room**Sea/Tree change images****Chair: Stefan Petrow**

1. Imagining suburbia as the roots of sea change and tree change: A study of Sydney and Melbourne's media
Presented by Steve Harfield and Jason Prior, University of Technology Sydney
2. Media symbolism, knowledge production and image creation of Tree Changers in Australia: Tracing the historical development of a new social group and its impact on Australian landscapes
Presented by Angela T Ragusa, Charles Sturt University
3. Ashburton remembers: Uneasy celebration and commemoration in a New Zealand town
Presented by Michael Roche, Massey University

4.45–6pm

Reef Room**Business meeting**

7pm

Beausang Room**Conference dinner****Guest presentation:** Blair McNamara, photography, painting and the Sunshine Coast**Wednesday 6 February at The Events Centre, Caloundra**

Time	Session
8.40–10.20am	Parallel sessions
	Beausang Room Settlements in the city Chair: Caroline Miller 1. The architectural form of housing in the process of settlement: Italians and Chinese in Melbourne Presented by Iris Levin, University of Melbourne 2. "We live in urban streets and suburbs too": The growing number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in urban areas Presented by Bronwyn Fredericks, Monash University and Alfred Hospital 3. How quality matters: Insights into the lifetime of Auckland's typical homes Presented by Corina Buckenberger, University of Auckland
10.20–10.40am	Morning tea
10.40–12.20pm	Beausang Room Place, memory and urban change on the Gold Coast A Discussant: Professor Peter Spearritt, University of Queensland 1. From Kinkabool to Q1: The high rise experience Presented by Grahame Griffin, Griffith University Gold Coast 2. Valuing the vernacular: The decorated shed Presented by Judy Austin, Gold Coast City Council 3. Changing landscapes: Memory and ideals of homeownership Presented by Caryl Bosman, Griffith University Gold Coast
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1–2.40pm	Parallel sessions
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Enterprise Room

1. Megger, and big things: Urban memory on the Gold Coast
Presented by Donna Houston, Griffith University Gold Coast

2. Very Gold Coast? Tourism, politics and possibilities of place
Presented by Diana Dredge, Griffith University Gold Coast

3. Missing the bus to paradise: Public transport provision on Queensland's Gold Coast
Presented by Matthew Burke, Griffith University Gold Coast

Reef Room**New communities?**

Chair: Nancy Cushing

1. The Italian restaurant scene in Brisbane in the 1930s

Presented by Lynette Finch, University of the Sunshine Coast and Francesca Laura, Dante Alighieri Society

2. Wairarapa's Sea Change

Presented by Ben Schrader, Ministry for Culture and Heritage, New Zealand

3. 'Building a sense of community': Kelvin Grove urban village

Presented by Helen Klaebe, Queensland University of Technology

Enterprise Room**Metropolitan planning**

Chair: Mike Roche

1. Reading Sydney regional planning through the life of Norman Weekes

Presented by Peggy James, University of NSW

2. Puatahanui by the sea: Planning for Wellington's growth

Presented by Caroline Miller, Massey University

3. Out of bounds? Reviewing community as the foundation of urban growth management in Auckland, New Zealand

Presented by Clare Mouat, University of Auckland

2.40–3pm

Afternoon tea

3–4.40pm

Parallel sessions**Beausang Room****Coastal design**

Chair: Claudia Baldwin

1. The Hobart waterfront

Presented by Eve Gibson

2. Post industrial urban landscape: Regenerating Newcastle's city centre

Presented by Steffen Lehmann, University of Newcastle

3. Henry F Halloran's coastal town planning projects of the 1920s

Presented by David Nichols, University of Melbourne and Robert Freestone, University of NSW

Reef Room**The coast, the city, the apartment block**

Chair: Caroline Butler-Bowdon

1. Towers by the sea: from holiday flats to high-rise

Presented by Caroline Butler-Bowdon, Museum of Sydney and Historic Houses Trust and Charles Pickett, Powerhouse Museum

2. An interwar 'sea change': The impact of the modern Brisbane flats on the urban environment

Presented by Helen Bennett, EPA, Queensland

3. Refabricating the towers: Overseas influences on Melbourne's high-rise public housing

Presented by Peter Mills, Monash University

Enterprise Room**Round table**

Vital connections: Economics, housing and environmental history in the work of Tony

Dingle

Convenor: Seamus O'Hanlon

4.45–6.15

Reef Room

Business meeting (if required)

5.15–6.45pm

Evening walking tour

Caloundra history: holiday makers, diggers and seachangers

Meet at Happy Valley Boardwalk entrance (refer to map in conference pack)

Thursday 7 February at The Events Centre, Caloundra

Time

Session

8.40–10.20am

Parallel sessions

Beausang Room

Post-war Melbourne**Chair: Andrew Brown May**

1. Walking the baby back home: Victoria's baby health centres and post-war urban boom
Presented by Heather Sheard, University of Melbourne
2. Mapping Koonung Creek: Urban planning and the child in 1950s North Balwyn
Presented by Carla Pascoe, University of Melbourne and Museum Victoria
3. Lifting and enlightening: The civic centre ideal and its application in Australian suburbs
Presented by David Nichols, University of Melbourne

Enterprise Room**Urban planning and sustainability****Chair: Tony Dingle**

1. Understanding capacity to respond to environmental change within sea change communities
Presented by Tim Smith, University of the Sunshine Coast
2. From MFP to Mawson Lakes, the suburb making a contribution to Australia's water future
Presented by Anna Hurlimann, University of Melbourne
3. The art of influence: Strategies of change agents for sustainability; Noosa 1960 to the late 1990s
Presented by Dana C Thomsen, University of the Sunshine Coast

10.20–10.40am **Morning tea**

10.40–12.20pm **Parallel sessions**

Beausang Room**Water and cities****Chair: Anna Hurlimann**

1. Down the gurgler: Historical influences on domestic water consumption since 1850
Presented by Graeme Davison, Monash University
2. Mismanagement and conflict: Supplying greater Hobart with water 1890-1917
Presented by Stefan Petrow, University of Tasmania
3. Water use in South-East Queensland
Presented by Peter Spearritt, University of Queensland

Enterprise Room**Changing urban identities**

1. Gentrifying Geelong West: Social change and the re-invigoration of a working-class area 1973-2000
Presented by Adrian Regan, Monash University
2. Victoria Square, Christchurch, New Zealand: A microcosm of urban change
Presented by Geoff Rice, University of Canterbury
2. 'Well and truly planted': Honour avenues in Western Australia
Presented by John R Stephens, Curtin University of Technology

12.20–1pm **Lunch**

Beausang Room**Landscape and memory**

- 1–2.40pm
1. Streets of gold: Finding the past in a changing city
Presented by Virginia Rigney, City of the Gold Coast City Art Gallery
 2. A photographer's perspective: An exploration of coastal urban sites
Presented by Debra Livingston, University of the Sunshine Coast

3–4pm **Beausang Room**
Conference closing panel: Historical contexts, public policy and the new urban landscape

Friday 8 February

Time	Session
8am–3pm	Post-conference tour: Shire of Noosa and Sunshine Coast hinterland Meet at entrance to Events Centre

Call for abstracts

The call for abstracts (PDF 622KB) closed on 1 June 2007.

Conference registration

To register for this event please complete the Registration Form (PDF 57KB) / Registration Form (Word 126KB). Early bird registration closed on 22 September 2007, however registrations are still open.

More information

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